

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
New Lenox Township Board
1100 S. Cedar Rd., New Lenox IL, 60451
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

I. Call to Order

Supervisor Hickey asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund, Trustee Hilton, and Supervisor Hickey. Clerk Smith was absent.

Elected and appointed officials present: Attorney Wennlund, Highway Commissioner Sly, Tax Assessor Hernandez.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Boban; seconded by Trustee Kaupas to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018 as presented; no further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. Special Guest/Public Comments

Supervisor Hickey asked if there were any comments from the public, there were none.

V. Board Issues

- a. Supervisor Hickey presented the Professional Service Contract: FY 2017-2018 Audit. Trustee Hilton suggested that we consider getting other bids ahead of time. Supervisor Hickey reported that the Contract went from \$10,500 to \$10,900 and it usually only goes up \$250 a year. Supervisor Hickey advised that Trustee Boban had also suggested that and next year we will get other bids on the Audit. Motion by Trustee Wennlund; seconded by Trustee Boban, to approve the Professional Service Contract for the FY 2017-2018 Audit; no other discussion; on a roll call vote; Trustee Boban aye, Trustee Kaupas aye, Trustee Wennlund aye, Trustee Hilton aye and Supervisor Hickey aye, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.
- b. Supervisor Hickey presented the Authorization to execute TOIRMA Release. Attorney Wennlund advised that the board to move this item down the Agenda until after the Executive Session and we can re open the meeting. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to amend the Agenda and move this item until after the executive session; no further discussion, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.
- c. Supervisor Hickey discussed the Purchase of a new Wheel Chair Van, stating that we will have all the specifications for the Van in the Bid Announcement. He and Debbie, the Transportation Manager have looked at both types of Vans and the Rear loading van would let us load larger wheel chairs and that they all need to face forward, also it would be approximately \$4,000 less than a side loading Van. Motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to go out to bid on a new Wheel Chair Van for Transportation; no further discussion; on a roll call vote; Trustee Boban aye, Trustee Kaupas aye, Trustee

Wennlund aye, Trustee Hilton aye and Supervisor Hickey aye, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. Report from Township Officials

A. Supervisor

1. Building Improvements and Repairs

Supervisor Hickey reported that Middleton Overhead Doors has replaced all three garage door openers at a cost of \$2,002 for all three door openers. Doors are very quiet now and work great.

Supervisor Hickey reported that on the Economic Interest statement one person filed on May 1st and we are in compliance.

Supervisor Hickey reported that the plans for the remodeling of the Township are now at the Fire Department and the Village of New Lenox for approval.

B. Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Boban reported; On May 5th, Recycle Day that Lincoln Way West Athletic Football Team did a great job, but next year we should have them come at 8 am as the people arrived earlier than scheduled. Everything went very smooth and at the end of the day it only took a half hour to clean up everything after gate closed.
2. Trustee Kaupas reported that she wasn't able to go to TRIAD this month or the opening of the New Northern Food Bank.
3. Trustee Wennlund reported the cemeteries are going well.
Trustee Wennlund. He pointed to what the Constitution says about Township Government. Trustee Wennlund mentioned a HB that is on the 2nd read in the House which he believes the bill will get out and go to the Senate and get wings. He is concerned about all the amendments that could happen. Trustee Wennlund warns that we need to pay close attention to this issue and be vocal on the value of Township Government, also he stressed the need to reach out to our local Legislatures and voice your opinion. He also stressed that we need to show what services are being performed by the Township. The Village of New Lenox has a Facebook page, which is run by Maureen Carrigan, called "What's Happening in New Lenox". He encourages everyone to sign in and join the group and also the Township should consider developing a page Facebook Group so people can join and state the services that they have received from the Township.
4. Trustee Hilton reported that we had a total of 766 rides this month and we are up 50 rides from last month. She also reported she was able to visit the "Southern" Northern Illinois Food Bank. It is a beautiful facility.

C. Clerk Smith was absent

D. Highway Commissioner reported that it quit snowing and that the ditches are in full swing.

E. Assessor reported that she attended a Will County Luncheon. At the luncheon, TOI was there and they reported about the Legislative Bill and they were not clear about it, but they do have a Legislative Committee. She also thanked Velocita Technology for providing lunch to the employees the other day. We also enjoy the new phone system; phone bill went from \$315 to \$193 a month and Comcast internet is working out great.

She also reported that we will be losing our Chief Deputy on June 22, 2018. She has hired a replacement who works downtown and has been doing appeals in Lake and Cook County. She will be able to help with the Appeals. She will start on June 4th. We also did more Senior Freeze's the first month than we did all of last year

VII. Report from Attorney Nothing to report

VII. Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept and pay all bills and late bills as presented. on a roll call vote; Trustee Boban aye, Trustee Kaupas aye, Trustee Wennlund aye, Trustee Hilton aye and Supervisor Hickey aye, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VIII. Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

IX. Executive Session: Pending Litigation

Motion was made by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hilton to go into Executive Session, all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hilton to return to the regular board meeting, all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

V. Authorization to execute TOIRMA Release – Motion was made by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to Execute the TOIRMA Release, no further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Hickey asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Kaupas. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Sue L. Smith