

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES
New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway
Monday, July 18, 2011

#11-19

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the New Lenox Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Timothy Baldermann in the Council Chambers of the New Lenox Village Hall for the purpose of conducting a study session as per the provisions of Resolution #08-28.

ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call by the Deputy Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

Trustees Smith, Bowden, Butterfield, Dye, Madsen, Tuminello, and Mayor Baldermann

The following were absent: None

QUORUM

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

OTHER OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Kurt Carroll, Finance Director Kim Auchstetter, Village Clerk Laura Ruhl, Police Chief Bob Sterba, Planning & Development Administrator Robin Ellis, Village Engineer Will Nash, Building & Zoning Administrator Warren Rendleman, Public Works Superintendent Ron Sly, Economic Development Director Randall Lowman, Assistant to the Administrator Carol Hennessy, Attorney Chris Spesia, and Deputy Clerk Bonnie Motyka.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General – Mayor Baldermann

Mayor Baldermann reported on the upcoming blood drive by Heartland Blood Center. He stated this event would be held on Saturday, July 30th in the Village Hall Community Room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He discussed the importance of donating blood and listed the incentives Heartland offered for those who donated.

Mayor Baldermann reported that the sales for the concerts were still ongoing noting that 4,865 tickets had been sold to date. He encouraged people to purchase the remaining tickets adding

that individual tickets would not be available if the event sold out. He announced the opening acts: The Avatars and Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts in August and Redstone and Heartsfield in September.

Mayor Baldermann discussed the electrical aggregation letters received by residents in the mail. He explained that electrical aggregation was passed by referendum on the April 5th ballot. He reported that through Direct Energy the savings should be 25% of the energy portion of electric bills with the anticipation of an average savings of \$175 per year. He stated that once the State of Illinois allowed deregulation there had been many companies soliciting individual residents to sign up for their services and residents had the right to do that. He noted that by doing this together the savings was higher. He reported this was a 2-year rate. He stated residents did not have to do anything to enjoy this rate but if they wished to opt out of the program they needed to fill out the back of the letter (letter has Village seal) and return it by July 27th. He explained that ComEd would still deliver the service and was in favor of this program. He noted that senior citizens would receive an even lower rate by calling the number on the letter. He discussed how the Village could have received a benefit from this program but opted to pass all of the savings on to the residents. He added personally he would not opt out of the program and looked forward to the savings. He stated that ComEd would still continue to work on the lines when the power went out. He suggested residents call the Village Hall with any questions. He credited Mr. Sly for bringing this to the Board's attention and thanked the Board for taking action on this 100% benefit for the community.

Trustee Butterfield stated he heard Mayor Baldermann on the radio earlier today discussing this issue. He stated that this was a case of "buying in bulk" and suggested residents take advantage of this. Mayor Baldermann stated that this would not be a change because ComEd had not supplied the energy for the past few years noting they were just the delivery source.

Trustee Bowden talked about receiving letters from other sources and explained that residents did not have to sign anything unless they did not want to be part of the program. She stated the Direct Energy letter included the Village logo. Mayor Baldermann stated that other companies are still sending and calling regarding their services. He stated that the reason the Village received a lower rate was that it was a bulk purchase versus individual purchase.

Mayor Baldermann explained that Ms. Motyka would be retiring on August 12th and tonight would be her last Board meeting. He talked about her role as his secretary and as part of staff that works on the concerts. He stated she would be missed. Ms. Motyka stated that she enjoyed working at the Village with the Board, staff and Mayor Baldermann.

Finance – Trustee Butterfield

Mr. Carroll reported on committee discussion of resurrecting a budget mechanism used previously. He stated it was the rolling stock program (major equipment and vehicle fund). He discussed creating a level of funding based upon the life expectancy of the vehicles and the equipment. He added this was a way of eventually getting away from paying interest on any leases noting there would be cash-on-hand to pay for the equipment. He stated the goal was to reduce maintenance costs which would also optimize the resale of the equipment and vehicles. He stated he hoped to have this as part of next year's budget.

Trustee Dye asked if this would have any effect on the depreciation of the vehicles. Ms. Auchstetter stated they depreciated on the financial accrual records but it did not have a tax effect.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Dye

Trustee Dye reported the committee met earlier in the evening and discussed the Oak Street Sewer. She noted costs were still being estimated as well as options on how to rectify.

Trustee Dye reported the water main for the north extension of the hospital had easements still under negotiation.

Trustee Dye reported the Oak Lawn Water contract was still being negotiated.

Public Safety – Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith reported the committee met on June 27th and discussed truck weight enforcement due to I-80 construction. He noted that every road was set up as an 80,000 pound road.

Trustee Smith reported on receipt of a \$9,600 grant for rail safety.

Trustee Smith stated in May there was over 170 hours of training for Police Department staff including Chief Sterba.

Development & Land Use – Trustee Bowden – No comments

Streets & Drainage – Trustee Tuminello – No comments

Public Improvements – Trustee Madsen

Trustee Madsen reported the committee met on June 27th and discussed a possible change in Special Events Banners through creation of a category which would allow businesses to display vertical banners. He noted current banners did not meet existing code height requirements of 10' maximum. He stated the committee recommendation was to amend current ordinance to allow three vertical banners for a stand-alone business and one for business located in strip mall not to exceed 15' in height or 30 square feet in area. He added that special consideration needed to be given to businesses along Route 30 during the road construction project.

Trustee Madsen reported that the building report for May was for 20 single-family permits and to date there was 27 permits. He noted the committee felt this increase was due to the action taken by the Board to reduce fees.

Trustee Madsen reported the committee looked at a short list of unfinished homes in the Village as well as the seasonal weed cutting report.

Trustee Bowden asked about foreclosed home maintenance noting that grass was being cut at these residences but the shrubbery was overgrown. Mr. Rendleman reported that the main

emphasis was on getting the weeds cut. He stated that the weed cutting budget was at a maximum due to the number of homes that required grass cutting adding he could contact the bank who owned the property about the landscape maintenance. Mayor Baldermann suggested this be communicated to the banks. He reported he received phone calls from residents who were upset over a vacant property and asked Mr. Rendleman to explain the process. Mr. Rendleman reported the weed violation rules are posted in the newspaper every year. He added these issues were complaint driven or by the inspectors finding violating properties. He explained that a letter is sent to the homeowner/bank allowing for 10 days to cut the grass after which time a work order is sent to contract out the grass cutting which allows them 7 days to cut the grass.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Request for Temporary Signs – Proud American Days Fun Run – New Lenox Community Park District

Mayor Baldermann reported this was a request for signs for the New Lenox Community Park District's Proud American Days Fun Run. There were no Board comments.

Motion to approve the request for temporary signs for New Lenox Community Park District for Proud American Days Fun Run made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Tuminello. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM OTHER TAXING BODIES – None

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM CIVIC GROUPS & PUBLIC - None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Tuminello

Trustee Tuminello wished Ms. Motyka well in her retirement.

Trustee Madsen

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Trustee Butterfield

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Trustee Smith reported on the upcoming golf outing fundraiser for Papa Schaper on July 29th at the Sanctuary Golf Course with money raised going towards college scholarships. He stated further information was available on the Cable bulletin board. He listed contact numbers of Lynn Pilarski at 815-370-9036 or Bob Schaper at 815-212-4673.

Trustee Dye

Trustee Dye wished Ms. Motyka well in her retirement.

Trustee Dye reported that the blood drive was the same weekend as Proud American Days.

Trustee Dye reported on her attendance as well as Mayor and Mrs. Baldermann at the Relay for Life event. She noted they had the honor to serve dinner to the cancer survivors. She added she did the prayer at the dinner and was truly honored to be able to do that. She stated that April and Nick DiSandro and their committees helped make this a wonderful event. Mayor Baldermann agreed noting how touching the Luminaria event was and how inspiring it was to see the survivors. He agreed on how much the DiSandros had given to this event.

Trustee Bowden

Trustee Bowden reported that *Karate Kid* would be the next movie on July 20th and 4-Cast would be the Sunday night concert on July 24th.

Trustee Bowden stated there would be new vendors at the French Market including fresh corn-on-the-cob.

Trustee Bowden wished Ms. Motyka well in her retirement.

Trustee Smith

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Section 2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Dye.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYE:	<u>7</u>	Trustees Smith, Butterfield, Madsen, Tuminello, Bowden, Dye, and Mayor Baldermann
NAY:	<u>0</u>	
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>	
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>	

Motion carried. The meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m.

RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene to regular session made by Trustee Bowden and seconded by Trustee Dye. Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYE: 7 Trustees Bowden, Madsen, Tuminello, Butterfield, Smith, Dye, and Mayor Baldermann

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Tuminello. Upon voice call vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the Village of New Lenox Board of Trustees held on July 18, 2011 was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Bonnie Motyka, Deputy Clerk