

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of New Lenox, 1 Veterans Parkway
Thursday, September 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the New Lenox Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:510 p.m. by Mayor Timothy Baldermann in the Council Chambers of the New Lenox Village Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The following were absent: Trustee Butterfield

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, Building & Zoning Administrator Warren Rendleman, Police Chief Bob Sterba, Public Works Superintendent Ron Sly, Village Engineer Will Nash, and Assistant to the Administrator Carol Hennessy

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

Mayor Baldermann introduced the topics for the evening's discussion. He stated that the community is generally supportive of the actions of the Village as indicated by approval of our past referendums. Mayor Baldermann stated that he would like to see the Board take the next step and develop a vision for the long term future which is the general purpose of tonight's meeting.

Mayor Baldermann noted that the Village's Finance Director Kim Auchstetter and Village Administrator Kurt Carroll are both fiscally conservative as is the Board. The Board discussed four general capital projects, they being Nelson Road extension, a new Police Station, a new Public Works building and land/ design/ improvements. Mayor

Baldermann and the Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the Nelson Road extension and the new Police Station. Mayor Baldermann stated the \$4 million dollar cost estimate for Nelson Road is on the high end and that off site detention and traffic signals are both included in the estimated price. He continued to say if the dirt can be stored on-site this can lower the cost estimate. He added this project has been discussed by Boards for many years. Mayor Baldermann continued, in regards to the Police Station the Village has reviewed many different sites but the Haven Avenue location is the best option. The Board discussed the timing of both projects, the width of the roadway, and the right-of-way needed. Mayor Baldermann noted that this is just the initial discussion of the concept therefore we do not have all the details of these projects. He stated that another purpose of tonight's discussion is to get input regarding the concept of installing Nelson Road in return for 10 acres of land for the new Police Station. He stated this needs to be done in a timely manner in order to bond for these proposed projects. The Board noted that the proposed Police Station site does have ample room for buffering from the surrounding neighborhoods and for future add-ons.

The Board next discussed the concept of the land/design improvements which includes control and development of the western half of the commons as well as other potential projects.

Mayor Baldermann and the Board discussed a site for a future Public Works building located along Gougar Road in the Northern Builders development area.

Mayor Baldermann and the Board discussed a projected bond and sources of revenue for the annual bond payment. A \$24.0 loan would be payable over 20yrs with an estimated 4% interest on the loan. The annual cost of principal and interest would be \$1.72.

It was proposed that the Village could institute a utility tax and add an additional ½ cent to its home rule sales tax adding that home rule sales tax is not applied to groceries, prescription drugs and licensed vehicles. Mayor Baldermann and the Board discussed the annual cost versus annual savings for a typical New Lenox household. The additional costs would total \$140.00 annually for the typical household however the recent savings for residents more than offsets these costs. The proposed savings which includes the electrical aggregation and the proposed elimination of the vehicle stickers, is estimated at \$204.00. The projected total annual net savings, for a typical New Lenox household would be \$64.00.

The Board discussed the plan to optimize road improvements. The Board discussed the plan to repave all of the roads in the Village once every 20 years beginning in 2013. This road plan would be updated every 5 years but tweaked annually.

Mayor Baldermann discussed another conceptual land development that he will be bringing to future Board meetings for discussion.

The Board concluded that the community would see the benefits of Nelson Road being completed, road repairs being increased by 360% of the current annual repairs, a new

Public Works building and Police Station, and securing land for future downtown development.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to bring the funding ordinances to the September 12th Board meeting.

Mayor Baldermann informed the Village Board that he will be working with Channel 6 to develop public information programs on these proposed projects. These public information pieces will also be linked to our You-Tube and web page. The Village Board briefly discussed possibly holding a town hall meeting in September to inform the public of these projects, and the means to pay for them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Dye. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Special Meeting of the Village of New Lenox Board of Trustees held on September 1, 2011 adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Laura Ruhl, Village Clerk