

APPROVED

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MEETING **NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**New Lenox Village Hall,
One Veterans Parkway
Monday, September 19, 2016**

#16-25

CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the Whole Meeting of the New Lenox Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7: 00p.m. by Mayor Baldermann in the Council Chambers of the New Lenox Village Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Trustees Bowden, Johnson, Butterfield, Finnegan and Mayor Baldermann

Absent - Trustees Madsen and Smith

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, Village Clerk Laura Ruhl, Community Development Director/Assistant Administrator Robin Ellis, Village Engineer Will Nash, Building and Zoning Administrator Warren Rendleman, Street Department Supervisor Sean Vandenberg, Chief of Police Bob Sterba and Village Attorney Chris Spesia

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION OF OPEN SPACE FEES RESOLUTION

Ms. Ellis stated based on the Village Boards discussion at the August 15th COW meeting she researched the status of all the subdivision lots in New Lenox that are getting the 50% reduction. She summarized the subdivisions that have lots, some of which would continue and some of them that would not receive the reduction because they have changed ownership since January 1, 2011. She noted that under the new draft resolution the number of lots are 34 townhomes and 644 single family lots which some are for sale so the number would go down.

Trustee Bowden asked if we have a program in place to monitor the lots.

Ms. Ellis reported Staff has the ability to flag these lots on the LAMA program.

Trustee Johnson said she likes that we now have perimeters.

Ms. Ellis addressed the Board saying typically we pass this resolution every year. The new resolution would have the 50% reduction is for 10 years but the resolution as it is crafted would require us to re-evaluate the Fair Market Value in a year.

Mayor Baldermann stated the Fair Market Value would be assessed to all properties in New Lenox. If we increase the Fair Market Value then it would apply to everyone but we do not anticipate us increasing the Fair Market Value anytime soon.

Ms. Ellis agreed.

DISCUSSION OF SCREENING GARBAGE CANS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Ms. Ellis reported that Staff contacted area communities and what was found is that nobody requires screening for the garbage cans. Many communities rely on homeowners associations to establish requirements and enforce compliance. Orland Park's ordinance says the cans can't be visible from the street. None of the communities required a fence of any kind or that the cans be stored in a rear yard, most communities allowed storage of the cans on the side yard. Our ordinance is silent on it. If the Board is looking to put something in place Staff recommends to keep it simple and say the cans have to be placed on the side or rear of the house or be tucked in bushes if the Board doesn't want the cans to be visible from the street. Staff doesn't believe we should require fencing or enclosures.

Mayor Baldermann brought up the fact that there are areas with middle units that don't have the ability to put something on the side or rear yard to hide the cans.

Trustee Finnegan noted that he is in a townhome and keeps his in the garage.

Trustee Bowden said there have been complaints about having garbage cans in the front and or the side of the house with garbage is spilling out. Trustee Bowden said she liked what Frankfort had in place.

Mayor Baldermann said everything should be in a closed container and no exposed garbage. Staff will look at the ordinance and bring it back with any amendments.

DISCUSSION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Mayor Baldermann reported that New Lenox has a number of families that have more than one recreational vehicle (RV). Our current ordinance doesn't allow for two RV's to be parked on the driveway.

Ms. Ellis reported the Village of New Lenox and Manhattan are the only communities of the ones contacted that allow RV's to be parked on residential driveways other than for

limited periods of 48-72 hours to allow residents to load and unload them. The majority of nearby communities, including Frankfort, Lockport, Mokena, Naperville, Tinley Park and Woodridge permit recreational vehicles to be parked in side and rear yards, and some require setbacks from adjoining property lines which may or may not be consistent with the setbacks of the zoning district. For example Frankfort does not permit recreational vehicles to be parked in any required front, side, or rear yard setback, while Lockport requires them to be located at least three feet from side lot lines and five feet from rear lot lines and Naperville and Shorewood require them to be at least five feet from any lot line.

The Village Board went on to discuss the possible amendments to the ordinance.

Mr. Carroll noted other than the ones that were purely nuisance we have not gotten a lot of complaints.

Mayor Baldermann said we are never going to make everyone happy.

Trustee Finnegan said he likes the idea of one motorized and one non-motorized RV with a maximum of two.

Trustee Bowden said it's a great compromise and makes sense. RV's are extremely popular right now and as long as they stay within the guidelines of no sidewalks being blocked and no line of site being an issue she concurs with the two.

Trustee Johnson said she has no problem with the one motorized and one non-motorized.

Mayor Baldermann asked the Board if they agreed on two recreational vehicles, one motorized and one non-motorized. The Village Board concurred.

DISCUSSION OF DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Mr. Carroll reported we are formalizing our policy that we have been practicing for a number of years. When we borrowed funds for the Public Works building we were able to show some of these practices and we moved up a major notch in our credit. One of the things that is asked when we have gone through the loan process is whether the Village has a formal Debt Management Policy. Mr. Carroll presented a proposed Debt Policy that was provided by Eillers who has worked with us in our recent financing.

DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Mayor Baldermann explained we have been monitoring the amount of traffic in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings. Most Wednesday's we have one resident or none. Residents have the option to use the drop boxes outside of both levels.

Mr. Carroll stated we are able to accommodate our residents by offering online services. Metra parking lot tokens are available at 7-11 and Jewel. Garbage stickers are available at Jewel and Bercots.

Trustee Bowden asked Staff to look into our online services. The ability to fill out applications online.

Mr. Carroll stated we have been pro-active but have room to grow. We will inform the public of the office hours.

The Village Board concurred to close at 5:00pm on Wednesday's starting November.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Walter commented on his neighbor parking his RV on the street.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting made by Trustee Bowden and seconded by Trustee Finnegan. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Council of the Whole Meeting of the Village of New Lenox Board of Trustees held on September 19, 2016 was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Laura Ruhl, Village Clerk