

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES
New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway
Monday, September 21, 2009

#09-24

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the New Lenox Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 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, Madsen, Bowden, Dye, Butterfield, 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 Russ Loebe, Village Clerk Marcia Englert, Planning & Zoning Administrator Robin Ellis, Village Engineer Scott Killinger, Police Chief Bob Sterba, Public Works Superintendent Ron Sly, Building Administrator Warren Rendleman, Economic Development Director Randall Lowman, Attorney Marty Shanahan, and Deputy Clerk Laura Ruhl.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

General – Mayor Baldermann

Mayor Baldermann reported on the competitive gas prices at New Lenox stations in the past few weeks after his initial meeting with the gas station representatives. He expressed his appreciation that the pricing was lower than surrounding area stations. Trustee Madsen reported on a speedy reward program at Speedway stations on the weekend. Mayor Baldermann stated he hoped that the pricing change would continue so that New Lenox residents could continue to support their local businesses.

Mayor Baldermann requested the Public Improvements Committee look into recent tent requests so that they would not be over legislated. He suggested that tents be allowed for only 4 nights

per year approved administratively and anything beyond would come before the Board. He noted parking issues would have to be addressed including the fire lane and ADA-accessible parking. He stated the tent would need to be connected to the building so that alcohol could not be passed out of the tent. He noted noise and bands would have to be addressed.

Trustees Bowden and Smith stated it would be one establishment for four times per year. Trustee Smith asked that a parking plan, security information, and how noise would be addressed be included in their request. Trustee Butterfield suggested a template be drawn up to give to businesses upon request of a tent with restrictions and Board suggestions included on the template. Trustee Smith stated there were a lot of issues to be addressed and agreed that the committee should look into this. Trustee Bowden suggested an application process be worked on by the committee. She stated staff should be able to give a permit for the tents if they meet the application process. Mayor Baldermann asked the committee to work on this application.

Finance – Trustee Butterfield

Trustee Butterfield reported the committee met earlier in the evening and discussed future financial issues briefly noting the financials were not as stellar as in the past due to housing permits.

Trustee Butterfield reported the committee discussed ordinance changes and utility billing responsibilities noting the attorney was determining the verbiage changes.

Trustee Butterfield reported on the future funding of the long-term capital water improvements regarding Oak Lawn.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Bowden

Trustee Bowden reported the committee met earlier and discussed Bristol Park surety adding that the mechanics of securing the area were being worked through.

Trustee Bowden updated the Board on the Prairie Ridge utilities noting there was no movement at this time.

Trustee Bowden reported there were no issues with sureties coming due in October, November and December.

Public Safety – Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith reported the committee met on August 24th and discussed Lexipol. He stated improvements in how the classifications of procedures and policies were done were discussed.

Trustee Smith reported the committee discussed graffiti complaints and how these could be resolved.

Trustee Smith reported that Lincoln Way Communications Center would be bringing in the Manhattan Police Department on Tuesday. He noted that all four villages would have their police and fire departments working out of the Communications Center.

Trustee Smith reported on the New Lenox Citizen Corps noting he was on the Board as well as a volunteer for CERT. He stated the class of 40 was learning a lot of new things adding that the next class was set for another 40 people. He recommended everyone look into these classes. Trustee Bowden stated information for CERT was located on the Village or Police Department website.

Development & Land Use – Trustee Dye

Trustee Dye reported the committee met on September 14th and discussed impact fees. She stated that on the date of the meeting Minooka announced they were giving incentives to builders adding that the money was from a façade fund. She added New Lenox did not have a fund of this kind and there was not extra money sitting in other funds to be put toward an endeavor of this kind. She stated the Village had a decent budget at this time but did not have the extra funds to make these offers.

Trustee Dye reported that any Board member interested in going on a low impact development field trip contact Ms. Ellis. She noted the committee may go during the week if a date were not determined for the whole board.

Trustee Dye reported there were 131 requests for trees through the 50/50 Parkway Tree Program noting the program was now closed. She estimated the planting to be sometime in October.

Trustee Dye reported on a citizen request for temporary signage similar to the inflatable signage at the Peter Frampton concert. She noted staff was looking into this request.

Streets & Drainage – Trustee Tuminello

Trustee Tuminello reported the committee met September 14th and discussed the storm sewer pipe material. He stated the alterations to Village code were discussed.

Trustee Tuminello reported the committee discussed surety releases and letters of credit.

Trustee Tuminello announced that Silver Cross Boulevard was now open.

Trustee Tuminello estimated about two more weeks of construction on the Cedar Road project. He noted they would be slip forming the curb so the residents on the east side of Cedar Road would be slightly inconvenienced. He reported next week paving would occur and there would be temporary lane closures. He added that the project was on tract.

Public Improvements – Trustee Madsen

Trustee Madsen reported the committee met on August 24th and discussed structural precast wall panels. He stated the code was recently amended for architectural precast concrete for the Hospital District. He noted Mr. Chuck Smith from Arete 3 requested approval for structural precast concrete on a case-by-case basis beginning with the site plan approval for the medical building he was proposing on Route 6. He added the request included future commercial application. Trustee Madsen reported Trustee Dye commented on opinions that structural

precast did not wear as well as architectural precast but Mr. Smith noted that with routine cleaning of the product it would look good after many years. He added Trustee Dye inquired about a maintenance provision to which Mr. Smith stated he would agree to that. He reported on two options available to the committee including one option to individually review each building at the site plan review stage or a second option which would amend the code or allow for structural precast for all commercial buildings. He suggested Mr. Smith get Board approval for the use of this material for the medical building including a maintenance provision for these materials.

Trustee Madsen reported the committee discussed the vacant and abandoned homes issue. He stated the Village was currently doing a good job on this issue. He noted a winterization program was going to be pursued for these homes.

Trustee Madsen reported outdoor entertainment was discussed noting each special use permit might need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Trustee Madsen reported building activity for July was discussed.

Trustee Smith suggested the Board look at the buildings along I-88 to see all structural precast offerings.

Trustee Dye asked if New Lenox was still under 1% for foreclosed homes. Mr. Rendleman stated there were around 10 homes currently with another 90 in some stage of default. Mayor Baldermann reported he was glad that the committee was looking into the winterization program.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Road Closure – Prairie Road – New Lenox Fire Protection District

Mayor Baldermann reported that on Sunday, October 4th, the Fire Department requested permission to close Prairie Road north of the Metra Lot entrance from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their Open House. He noted the entire community was invited.

Motion to the approve request for road closure of Prairie Road by the New Lenox Fire Protection District made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Dye. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM OTHER TAXING BODIES – None

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM CIVIC GROUPS & PUBLIC

Mr. James Randolph introduced himself to the Board as a resident and owner of Randolph Sports Physical Therapy at 1316 N. Cedar Road. He stated they opened three weeks ago and was excited to be in New Lenox. The Board welcomed his business to New Lenox.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS**Trustee Dye**

Trustee Dye stated that the Board worked well together adding that Mayor Baldermann suggested the maintenance contract at the Development & Land Use meeting.

Trustee Dye reported on a helpful, new club called Parents of Twins started by New Lenox moms with meetings held in Shorewood on the third Wednesday of every month. She stated the group was an offshoot of a Tinley Park club that had over 250 members. She noted she found the group helpful as a mother of twins.

Trustee Tuminello - None

Trustee Butterfield - None

Trustee Bowden - None

Trustee Madsen

Trustee Madsen commented on how fast the summer months passed.

Trustee Smith - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Meeting made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Bowden. Upon voice call vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the Village of New Lenox Board of Trustees held on September 21, 2009 was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.