

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES
New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway
Monday, October 12, 2009

#09-26

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the New Lenox Village 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.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The following were absent: Trustee Dye

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, Finance Director Kim Auchstetter, Planning and Development Administrator Robin Ellis, Deputy Police Chief April DiSandro, Village Engineer Scott Killinger, Building & Zoning Administrator Warren Rendleman, Public Works Superintendent Ron Sly, Assistant to the Administrator Carol Hennessy, Attorney Chris Spesia, Deputy Clerk Laura Ruhl and Deputy Clerk Bonnie Motyka.

CITIZENS REQUESTS & SPECIAL REQUEST

Removal of Trail Connection – Water Chase Estates – Burdelik Builders

Ms. Ellis reported the request was first discussed in August and the Board suggested the developer bring back some alternatives. She stated that after the Village Attorney examined the covenants and plat language it was determined that if the trail location where to be somewhere in the same general proximity this request could be done. The Attorney also determined that if the trail were eliminated in its entirety an amendment to the final plat would have to be done which would include a requirement for the signature of all owners of every lot in the subdivision. She stated that the developer found no other location for the trail

without putting it next to another occupied house which would cause additional negotiations of easements. She reported the developer wished to proceed with the amendment to the final plat. Mr. Burdelik stated he should not have a problem with getting the homeowners to sign off on the final plat.

Mayor Baldermann stated that locating the trail in the current vacant lot would not help the homeowners who were requesting the trail removal.

Trustee Smith asked if every lot owner including ones owned by banks needed to sign the paperwork. Mr. Burdelik stated this was correct. Trustee Smith stated he did not have an issue as long as the Village was covered. Trustee Butterfield stated that majority would rule. There were no other Board comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Tuminello requested that Item B be amended noting that on the word “refund” should be “fund” on page 6 paragraph 4.

Motion to approve 2 items on Consent Agenda #9-25 as presented in packet with the amendment to Item B made by Trustee Bowden and seconded by Trustee Tuminello.

Items up for approval:

- A - Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 21, 2009
- B - Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 28, 2009

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES:	<u>6</u>	Trustees Madsen, Tuminello, Butterfield, Smith, Bowden, and Mayor Baldermann
NAYS:	<u>0</u>	
ABSTAIN:	<u>1</u>	Trustee Butterfield on Item B
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>	Trustee Dye

The motion carried.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Amending Title 18 of Municipal Code – Vacant Structures – 1st Read

Mr. Rendleman reported the Public Improvements Committee had been discussing dealing with handling the long-term maintenance on foreclosed and vacant properties. He stated similar ordinances from other communities had been researched adding that the draft ordinance dealt with registration information which was useful when trying to track down

current owners. He reported commercial and industrial buildings were included in the draft ordinance. He stated this would cover the issue for a few buildings including the building in the Commons. He stated this ordinance would have to be posted on the State website for 30 days and could not come back until mid-November for approval. He noted the committee tried to streamline the ordinance so that homes could be winterized this year.

Trustee Bowden stated was glad that the commercial was being incorporated into the ordinance because she had concerns about the old Mobil station on Route 30. Mr. Rendleman stated that was a goal of the committee noting there were a few buildings that had been vacant for a long time and were becoming hazards. There were no further Board comments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Mayor Baldermann reported that a Town Hall Meeting would be held Saturday, October 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Village Hall. He noted discussion would pertain to the section of town west of Cedar Road and south of Haven Avenue adding that all residents were welcome at the meeting.

Mayor Baldermann announced that October 10th was the last Farmers Market for 2009.

Mayor Baldermann reported on receipt of a letter from a resident requesting installation of "Slow Children Playing" signs on Foxwood Drive near the school and park. He requested Public Works look into this request.

Mayor Baldermann reported that in these hard economic times municipalities had to work to see progress done in the town and the current Board had been doing that with conservative budgeting. He added that due to early retirements, conservative budgeting and the passage of home rule the Village would be able to increase the percentage of the property tax rebate in late 2010 from 33% to 40%. He explained that when property taxes were paid in June and September 2010 residents would have forms to fill out to apply for the tax rebate. He reported after the taxes were paid and one year of home rule sales tax revenue had been received by the Village the rebates would be done in late 2010. He added that more information on the tax rebate program would be available next year. He thanked all staff members who made sure their individual departments functioned at the highest level to provide the best service in the most efficient way. He thanked the current Board for great cooperation and teamwork noting that there were seven different opinions but each member respected the other and had the residents' and local businesses' best interests in mind with all decisions.

Mayor Baldermann stated that New Lenox still had commercial growth with the new McDonalds on Laraway Road as well as the Walmart/Menards project. He added that Silver Cross Hospital and the medical office buildings provided growth on the north side of town.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – None

VILLAGE CLERK - Absent

POLICE CHIEF - None

FINANCE DIRECTOR - None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR - None

BUILDING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – Absent

VILLAGE ENGINEER

Mr. Killinger updated the Board on the Cedar Road project noting the landscaping crew was installing the sod which should take 1 to 1 ½ days to complete. He added the next step would be the final asphalt and installation was determined by the temperature. He hoped that this would be done by the end of the week.

Trustee Butterfield asked how soon it would be done after they started paving. Mr. Killinger stated it would be about 1 to 1 ½ days once they started.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT - None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR - None

PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. William Walter, 1022 Grandview, thanked the Board for the increase in the 2010 property tax rebate to 40%.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Smith - None

Trustee Madsen - None

Trustee Bowden

Trustee Bowden stated she had received some complaints about speeding school buses. She asked Deputy Chief DiSandro to send a safety reminder letter to the proper authority. She noted that she personally knew that Joliet Highway had a problem with this issue.

Trustee Butterfield

Trustee Butterfield stated there was a public hearing on October 20th scheduled for the property on Nelson Road and Illinois Highway which was owned by Mr. Voss. He added this hearing was not for the installation of Nelson Road. Ms. Ellis reported the hearing was for their filing of an application to overlay Falcon Ridge with a PUD to incorporate some setback deviations and other requests. Trustee Bowden suggested the Board have updated information on this issue for the October 17th Town Hall meeting.

Trustee Butterfield stated it was great that the Village could raise the amount of the property tax rebate in these hard economic times. He added that at the IML Convention one of the discussion items was how to deal with vacant properties in a community instead of economic development as it had been in years past.

Trustee Tuminello

Trustee Tuminello stated that during his five years on the Board there had been high and low points adding that he was proud of the work this Board had done and commended the Board for the hard work they had done towards this goal of 40%.

Trustee Tuminello congratulated Liberty and Martino Boys and Girls Cross Country teams for their performance at sectionals this past weekend adding the teams would now be going downstate to compete. He noted the Martino Boys took first place, Liberty Boys took third, Martino Girls took first place and Liberty Girls took second place.

Mayor Baldermann reported that he attended a celebration for Ron "Papa" Schaper for his 500th win with the New Lenox Mustang Football Program. He stated that there had been thousands of players' lives touched by Mr. Schaper. He added that he spoke to Mr. Schaper's son who told him that Ron always found time for his family while working with all of the players. He noted it was an impressive celebration. Trustee Smith stated multiple generations had played for Papa Schaper.

Trustee Dye - Absent

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Bowden. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the Village of New Lenox Board of Trustees held on October 12, 2009 was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Bonnie Motyka, Deputy Village Clerk