

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at the Village Hall on January 17, 2018

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Mike Wells, Trustee**

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore pre-designated Trustee Kirschhoffer to chair the meeting in his absence. Trustee Kirschhoffer called the Special Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Kirschhoffer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Corey Kirschhoffer, and Debbie Spurgeon. Randy Whitmore, Mike Wells and Jerome Berens absent.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion and a second to approve the December 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the December 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes by Williams, seconded by Spiller. Williams has issue with his comments on initiator of Dziekan/Newport lawsuit. Clerk offers to confirm with the record.

Motion by Williams; second by Spiller to table the December 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes to the February 21, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer. Motion passes, 3-0. Wells and Whitmore, absent.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

No report.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Edmonds reports the road district is going through salt quickly due to recent bouts of freezing rain and icing in the township. He has 4 additional loads of salt coming in. The Village of Wadsworth owes the township approximately 80 tons of salt for the work the township is doing on behalf of the village.

Edmonds comments that Lake County (LCDOT) has put off the proposed Dilly's & Wadsworth Roads roundabout until Summer 2019. The county design is expected to be like the roundabouts at Hunt Club & Wadsworth and Mill Creek & Hunt Club. If the Village of Wadsworth and Newport Township want to include any decorative elements (*i.e.*, plantings, etc.) in the center, the village and township will need to be responsible for funding and upkeep. With the county's design, there is no continual upkeep responsibility for the Village or Township. Trustee Williams interjects, sharing his concerns about the possibility of motorist's headlights shining into the house on the northwest side of Wadsworth.

The highway commissioner additionally notes the County's plan for Kilbourne Road has been put off until Summer 2021. He says the State of Illinois is moving forward with plans for changes at Route #41 and Wadsworth Road that include multiple turn lanes and moving the intersection further to the west.

The Newport Fire District has set June 7, 2018 as the date for the Newport Senior Luncheon and is again looking for a \$1,000 donation from the township.

****Trustee Mike Wells joins the meeting in progress at 7:15 p.m.**

Assessor's Report:

No report.

Clerk Comments:

No report.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – Trustee Spiller comments that he received a personal email from Mary Carpenter with ATC notifying him that conditions on the transmission line have changed and it has been determined the project is no longer needed. Ms. Carpenter’s communication apparently alludes to an official notification letter which is said to be forthcoming in the days ahead.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells-- No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney’s Report:

No attorney present.

Township Business:

In the absence of Supervisor Whitmore, Trustee Kirschhoffer introduces the proposed Regular Meeting schedule for FY 2018-2019 with no changes to the existing third Wednesday of the month schedule.

Motion by Wells; second by Williams to approve the FY 2018-2019 Regular Meeting schedule as proposed.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Wells, Kirschhoffer. Nays, none. Motion passes 4-0.

Whitmore, absent.

Finances:

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to approve the General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Williams.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 4-0. Whitmore, absent.

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to approve the General Town/Assessor Fund bills.

Motion by Williams; seconded by Spiller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 4-0. Whitmore, absent.

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to approve the Road district bills.

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Wells.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 4-0. Whitmore, absent.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Williams; seconded by Wells.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passes, 4-0

Meeting adjourns at 7:24 p.m.

Dated the 17th day of January 2018.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk