

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 March 20, 2013.

Members Present:

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Katherine Newyear, Trustee

Richard Galgan, Trustee

Ron Miller, Trustee

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Daniel Dziekan, Highway Commissioner

George Pavelich, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Pavelich called the meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Pavelich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Richard Galgan, Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Katherine Newyear, Dan Dziekan, Jerome Berens, George Pavelich and Debbie Spurgeon.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Newyear; seconded by Galgan to approve the agenda.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Pavelich requested a motion and second to approve the February 20, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Galgan; seconded by Miller.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 4-0.

Supervisor Pavelich requested a motion and second to approve the February 20, 2013 Budget Hearing Road District Budget Amendment FY 2012-2013 Meeting minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Newyear; seconded by Miller.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 4-0.

Township Business:

Supervisor Pavelich requested a motion and second to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for April 16, 2013.

Motion made by Hartford; seconded by Galgan.

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

Supervisor Pavelich inquired as to whether Highway Commissioner Dziekan remembered to bring his tax levy this month. (Yes.) The supervisor then requested a motion and second to approve the Road District tax levy for 2013-2014.

Motion made by Newyear; seconded by Galgan.

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

Pavelich reminded the commissioner and trustees to be sure and sign both originals for the clerk.

Finances:

The bill packets were provided for review.

Pavelich requested a motion and second for approval of the General Assistance Fund bills.

Motion made by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

Pavelich requested a motion and second for approval of the General Town Fund, including

Assessor's General Town bills.

Motion made by Galgan; seconded by Newyear.

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

Pavelich requested a motion and second for approval of the Gravel Fund bills.

Motion made by Galgan; seconded by Newyear.

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

Pavelich requested a motion and second for approval of the Road & Bridge Fund bills.

Motion made by Miller; seconded by Newyear.

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

Assessor's Report: Assessor Berens wished to express his thanks to the board for appointing him 4 years ago. He stated he hoped he has lived up to his promises to the taxpayers and believes he has by reducing the township assessments by 10% last year and reducing costs within the assessor's office by 20%. Berens indicated he has taken 16 classes of continuing education for his office. He thanked Supervisor Pavelich, stating it has been a pleasure working with him and the board. Jerome then went around the table and asked each board member how many years of service they have: Dan Dziekan, 8; Ron Miller 1½; Beth Hartford 8; George Pavelich 12; Debbie Spurgeon 4 (township); Kathy Newyear 8; Rich Galgan, 20. He congratulated everyone. The assessor noted that he anticipates the upcoming year will be similar to last year in Newport, where the assessments will be reduced but the tax rate is likely to go up due to the state equalizer.

Highway Commissioner's Report: No report.

Trustee Comments:

Hartford – No report.

Miller-- No report

Galgan -- No report.

Newyear – No report.

Clerk Comments: No report.

Supervisor's Report: No report.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Public Comment:

Shawn Depke-- Asked whether there are any continuing legal maneuvers going on regarding the lawsuit filed by the highway commissioner. The supervisor responded, not that he is aware of. Mr. Depke inquired as to whether the legal bills have been paid. The supervisor indicated as far as he is concerned the bills are paid.

Stan Williams—Asked where township agendas are posted. The supervisor responded, as required, agendas are posted on the door of the building where the meeting is held.

Jerome Berens—[Speaking from the audience as candidate/citizen Berens] Mr. Berens indicated he has 20 years experience and integrity and he hopes voters will consider supporting him in the upcoming election.

Motion to Adjourn:

With no further public comment, Supervisor Pavelich requested a motion and a second to adjourn.

Motion by Newyear; seconded by Galgan.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Dated the 20th day of March, 2013.

Deborah Spurgeon, Township Clerk

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