

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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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 May 15, 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 7:07 p.m. [A Road District Budget Hearing preceded the Regular Meeting.]

**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 Hartford; seconded by Newyear 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 April 17, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Newyear; seconded by Miller.

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

Supervisor Pavelich requested a motion and second to approve the April 17, 2013 Township Budget Hearing FY 2013-2014 Meeting minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Newyear; seconded by Hartford.

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

Supervisor Pavelich indicated the Clerk has some Executive Session Minutes for approval. He asked the board to take a few minutes to read and review them. If there are no corrections or discussion, we can take a vote. If there is discussion needed, we will need to go into Executive Session. No discussion.

Hearing no discussion, Pavelich requested a motion and second to approve the October 17, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

**Township Business:**

None.

**Township Road District Business:**

None.

**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 Galgan; 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 Newyear; seconded by Hartford.

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

Pavelich requested a motion and second for approval of the Gravel Fund bills, including an additional warrant presented by Dan Dziekan at the meeting.

Motion made by Newyear; seconded by Galgan.

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

Pavelich requested a motion and second for approval of the Road & Bridge Fund bills, including additional warrants presented by Dan Dziekan at the meeting.

Motion made by Newyear; seconded by Miller.

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

**Assessor's Report:** Assessor Berens once again expressed his thanks to the audience for his successful re-election. 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. Assessor Berens noted that public schools make up the majority of a property owner's tax bill. He again read aloud a dissertation expressing his dismay over the board's October 2012 decision to reduce the salaries of Newport elected officials, especially the salary of the Township Assessor. Berens also congratulated retiring board members Rich Galgan, Kathy Newyear and Dan Dziekan and congratulated the board-elect.

**Highway Commissioner's Report:** Highway Commissioner Dan Dziekan congratulated everyone recently elected to office and hopes they "have a good time."

**Trustee Comments:**

Hartford – No report.

Miller– No report

Galgan -- Would like to thank everyone for allowing him to serve the Newport Township community for 20 years and thanks those who tried to keep things going in the right direction.

Galgan noted there have been a few 'ups and downs', which are going to happen no matter where you are. He expressed his wishes for a good future for Newport.

Newyear – No report.

**Clerk Comments:** No report.

**Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Pavelich asked Trustee Rich Galgan to come to the front of the room to be recognized for his 20 plus years of service to the township of Newport. Pavelich presented Mr. Galgan with a plaque and noted his appreciation for Rich and his dedication to the township. He added that Galgan can now look forward to more of the vacations he so enjoys. The board added their well wishes. [Audience applause.]

**Attorney's Report:** No report.

**Public Comment:**

No public wishing to comment.

**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 7:30 p.m.

**Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.**

                  s/Debbie Spurgeon                  

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**