

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at the Village Hall on June 19, 2013.

Members Present:

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ron Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Rodger Edmunds, Highway Commissioner

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Roll Call: In attendance were Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmunds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Randy Whitmore, and Debbie Spurgeon. Absent, Corey Kirschhoffer.

[Note: Due to the timing of the beginning of the 2013-2016 term and the published 2013 Newport Regular Meeting Schedule, the new board took their Oaths of Office prior to tonight's meeting.]

Approval of Agenda: Hartford commented on an improper agenda item under 'Township Business' identified as "Amend the Road Commissioner's Budget." Hartford explained the budget requires a hearing and cannot be amended in this manner. Supervisor Randy Whitmore indicated he and Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmunds intend to amend the Road District Budget on July 24th. The supervisor agreed to strike "Amend the Road Commissioner's Budget" from the June Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller to approve the revised agenda.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 3-0. Kirschhoffer, absent.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the May 15, 2013 Road District Budget Hearing Minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the May 15, 2013 Regular Board Meeting minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore indicated the board needs to vote on the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for General Town. The clerk provided a brief explanation on the prevailing wage ordinances for General Town and the Road District. Supervisor Randy Whitmore provided prevailing wage ordinances prepared by the law firm of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, et al. Trustee Hartford asked if Whitmore had retained the firm without approval of the Board of Trustees. Whitmore stated Ancel Glink is working for “no charge.” An Ancel Glink attorney [Tiffany Nelson Jaworski] arose in the audience and declared the firm would not charge any fees “until appointed and approved” by the township board. Several audience members questioned the statements.

Whitmore requested a motion and a second to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for General Town.

Motion made by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

Whitmore requested a motion and a second to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for the Road District.

Motion made by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

Whitmore commented that he and the highway commissioner intended to amend the commissioner's budget, but they've decided to strike it from tonight's agenda. Hartford asked when the board was going to be able to see the amended budget. Whitmore indicated it is available now. Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmunds added, the budget will be made available for public viewing for the next 30 days. The supervisor states he is moving the meeting to the 24th adding this will give them the thirty days. Hartford questioned whether the intention is to move the regular board meeting to the 24th or have a budget hearing on July 24th. Whitmore wants to move the regular meeting to accommodate a new Road District Budget Hearing. Board members had not been consulted regarding availability, and indicate they will first need to confirm schedules. Hartford suggested advance notice would have been a nice courtesy to allow the members to check their calendars. Trustee Miller inquired as to proposed time. The supervisor advised 7:00 p.m. as the starting time for the road district hearing, with the regular meeting to follow. Whitmore requested a motion to move the July regular meeting date to July 24, 2013.

Motion made by Crittenden; seconded by Hartford.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none. Motion passed 3-0. Kirschhoffer, absent.

Trustee Corey Kirschhoffer joined the meeting late at 7:17 p.m.

Randy Whitmore introduced his next item of business, moving Newport Township Board meetings to the "Newport Township City Hall" in downtown Wadsworth. He was corrected, the intended 'move to' location is the Village Hall of Wadsworth. Trustee Hartford expressed concern that the extensive construction on Wadsworth Road in front of the Village Hall

would make it difficult for Newport residents to easily access the meetings. She also inquired about the supervisor's intentions for the Newport Township Offices, noting that township rents the current space. Supervisor Whitmore responded that the township offices, including the assessor's office would remain at the current Hunt Club Road location. Whitmore says he is concerned about handicap access, but was unaware Newport has arrangements to accommodate handicap access by using the upstairs board room any time it is needed. Trustee Crittenden indicated her personal preference is to have Newport Township's board meetings at the Village of Wadsworth's Village Hall. Hartford believes it is important for the township to have its own space. Trustee Miller inquired about access to township files during board meetings. Whitmore says no files will be taken to Wadsworth. The clerk added that access to files during the meeting is sometimes required as well as copier access. Whitmore dismissed the concerns, adding that the Wadsworth Village Hall is more accessible to the people of Wadsworth and that's where he would like to move Newport's meetings to.

Trustee Crittenden made a motion to move the Newport Township meetings to Wadsworth.

Trustee Kirschhoffer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer. Nays, Hartford, Miller. Motion tied 2-2.

Tie-breaker, Whitmore, aye. Motion passed 3-2.

Trustee Hartford inquired if the relocation of the meetings would begin with the July meeting. Whitmore indicated yes. Hartford asked how Whitmore would be making the public aware of this change. Supervisor Whitmore stated it "would be in the paper." The clerk reminded Supervisor Whitmore, such a change must be posted. Whitmore added, "it will be posted of course." Hartford added that Whitmore has complicated matters, as now every notice which requires posting must be posted at both locations. Whitmore says, "We'll make it work."

Supervisor Randy Whitmore introduced his next order of business, stating his intention to hire a new attorney. He says he met with 3 or 4 attorneys and the best one he has seen is Ancel Glink. Trustee Hartford commented, Ancel Glink sued Newport Township. Residents from the audience express their opposition to Ancel Glink and the frivolous lawsuit initiated by former Highway Commissioner, Daniel Dziekan and Ancel Glink, noting Whitmore did not attend township meetings. Hartford says she objects to Ancel Glink, stating they sued her in her official capacity as trustee and she does not want them representing Newport in any fashion. She added that she takes offense that Whitmore would even bring them to the township. Hartford asked Whitmore, "What is wrong with Bob Long? You never talked to him." Randy Whitmore says he did talk to Attorney Bob Long. Hartford responded, "Not according to Bob Long." Supervisor Whitmore says Long "came to his station and we talked". Hartford countered that Attorney Robert Long indicated to her that Whitmore did not show up for their scheduled meeting. Whitmore then stated that apparently Long didn't do any good service here, because Long let the lawsuit go through. Hartford says Dan Dziekan sued the board and all the board did was to defend itself, noting that Long was paid ~\$30,000 for his legal work compared to the ~\$125,000 of taxpayer money which Dziekan paid to Ancel Glink from Newport funds. Trustee Hartford stated in her opinion, the Ancel Glink firm is full of "sharks, and wolves and thieves." She added that they have repeated the same patterns in other places, such as Grafton Township, Island Lake and Plainfield. She suggested Whitmore needs to do his homework. Whitmore commented that he has read all the newspapers. Trustee Miller suggests the supervisor is opening a huge door. Hartford says Newport doesn't have the money to pay Ancel Glink's rates and that we don't have the money to have an attorney at every board meeting. Supervisor Randy Whitmore says, "We are not going to have an attorney here at every meeting." Trustee Miller replied, we have one here tonight. Whitmore says the township is in financial crisis due to an intergovernmental agreement and because the road commissioner and the supervisor couldn't get along. Hartford corrects the supervisor, indicating this was not the reason for the lawsuit, rather it was about the highway commissioner's budget and that ultimately he won nothing and accepted a budget less than the board was willing to give him in the first place. Whitmore stated it is "beyond him" why two men in the same town sued one another. Hartford again corrected the supervisor, Dan Dziekan sued the Supervisor and the Newport Board. Crittenden thinks the lawsuit is past history and we don't need to discuss the technicalities of the lawsuit. Hartford responded she is trying to explain the facts to Randy because he is uninformed. Mr. Whitmore disputes this, as residents question whether he ever attended court. [No.] Hartford recalled a meeting where Corey Kirschhoffer was present in the audience and indicated her disgust over the amount of money paid to Ancel Glink. Trustee Kirschhoffer countered that she was disgusted because the Newport Board refused to pay Ancel Glink. Hartford and Kirschhoffer have a brief exchange. Kirschhoffer is confused about the timing of the lawsuit. Putting that aside, Hartford strongly objects to bringing Ancel Glink into the township. A resident in the audience expresses concern that Whitmore is interested only in his own opinions. Others believe the decision has already been made. Crittenden wants to vote, but residents continue to speak in opposition. Crittenden quickly makes a motion. Hartford reminds Crittenden and the board that it is the Board that can set the rate of pay. Ancel Glink attorney Tiffany Nelson Jaworski interjects that her firm is proposing \$500/month for "basic, usual, normal legal services." She goes on to list the various services that are included in the monthly retainer and notes that an hourly fee of \$175/hour would

kick in for other services. Whitmore says he and his road commissioner won't be having lawsuits. An audience member would like to know how the hourly rate compares to Robert Long's rate. Hartford responds, that Long's rate is \$150/hour as needed, which was consistently and considerably less than \$5000 per year. She notes with the \$500/per month rate, the township is already looking at a minimum of \$6000 per year with Ancel Glink. A resident comments, Ancel Glink likes to do research and likes to bill hours for such research. Kirschhoffer thinks \$6000/per year is much cheaper than the \$201,000. Hartford asks, "And where did this money go?" answering, to Ancel Glink.

Crittenden wants to vote. Kirschhoffer claims to have financial information obtained from Newport's QuickBooks, pointing at the clerk and stating "her QuickBooks." The clerk corrects Trustee Kirschhoffer, advising that township financial responsibility belongs to the treasurer, Supervisor Whitmore. Kirschhoffer then says, "This was before the treasurer was in."

Residents express vocal opposition to hiring Ancel Glink. One resident says we are a little township that does not need a "law firm" representing us, calling the decision fiscally irresponsible. Randy Whitmore responds, "Trust me, we know how to save money. That's why I'm here. We're going to save money. There's not going to be any corruption here. There's not going to be people suing one another."

Crittenden doesn't like the public commenting. Trustee Miller reminds her this is a major decision and the residents have historically been allowed to speak their mind on important issues. He urges Crittenden to be considerate. Residents remind Trustee Crittenden that she is there to represent them. Whitmore gavels the exchange.

Supervisor Whitmore allows another resident to speak regarding a public proposal process for hiring an attorney. Audience members express support for this suggestion. Whitmore wants to go with Ancel Glink, because they wrote the book.

Crittenden says she is anxious to retain council. Miller counters that the board already had council, Bob Long. Hartford asks Whitmore if he has notified Bob Long that he does not intend to retain him. Whitmore responds no, but adds that he will. A resident says, then we still have council. Crittenden adds that "We are trying to change that." The resident wonders why the hurry. Crittenden is worried about lawsuits. Residents comment there are no lawsuits unless you're starting one.

Trustee Hartford says she feels like Supervisor Whitmore is "cramming everything down our throats" during his first month in office. She adds, that she does not believe he has properly considered the ramifications of what you're doing. Trustee Kirschhoffer expressed her desire to "get things back the way they were." Crittenden and Whitmore both say if Ancel Glink doesn't work out, they can always be changed. Crittenden wants to vote. Another resident asks for the opportunity to speak and comments on concern for "ethics and morals". Randy Whitmore calls for a vote.

Motion made by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer. Nays, Hartford, Miller. 2-2. Tie-breaker,

Whitmore, aye. Motion passed 3-2.

Whitmore says he wants to approve ADP as payroll administrator. Trustee Hartford responds that Whitmore has already done so, the supervisor has already hired them without board approval, noting that township payroll checks are now coming from ADP. Whitmore says he wants a vote to “ratify it”. Hartford asks Whitmore what the cost analysis is between the current service [QuickBooks] and ADP. Whitmore responds, “It’s a hundred and five bucks a month.” Trustee Hartford would like to know why Newport Township payroll checks are coming from Whitmore Airport Shell. Whitmore says he will look into it, noting the township payroll checks are delivered to his gas station because it is convenient for him. Hartford notes that employees and elected officials have not received pay stubs which he is legally required to provide and requests to the supervisor for paystubs have gone unanswered. Hartford asks if he has notified QuickBooks that he is stopping service with them, noting they will continue to charge if they are not notified. Whitmore replies yes, he has notified QuickBooks. Hartford states the supervisor has provided personal information of the officials without their permission or knowledge and she objects to this. Whitmore says there “was a rumor going around” that you guys weren’t going to get paid and we wanted to get it right. Miller and Hartford say it isn’t right and they could have easily have waited for their \$50 paycheck. Hartford asks what the officials will have to endure at the end of the year when the W2 shows their pay was received from the supervisor’s personal business. He doesn’t know. Hartford thinks he should have figured it out before hiring ADP and it’s his responsibility to make sure they do it right. Supervisor Whitmore terms the supervisor transition as “hostile.” Hartford says this is not unusual, get over it. Whitmore continues that he received his records from the clerk “in the back of a pick-up truck”. Hartford reminded Whitmore she was present during the transition. The clerk clarified that Whitmore was provided all of the supervisor records that were delivered to the Township Offices by former supervisor Pavleich, at the Newport Township Offices. Whitmore signed for the materials he received and it was he, Whitmore, who packed the items into the “back of a pick-up truck.” Whitmore complained that he was “dealt a bad hand of cards.” Hartford feels Whitmore has tried to make too many changes too quickly without a proper understanding of his job. The supervisor replied, “We’re just workin’ it”. Hartford would prefer never to get another paycheck from Whitmore Airport Shell. Crittenden wants to vote. Hartford wonders what the point is as the supervisor has already made the change with the board’s knowledge. The supervisor says he just wants to get a motion to pass it, and calls for a vote.

Motion made by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer. Nays, Hartford, Miller. 2-2. Tie-breaker,

Whitmore, aye. Motion passed 3-2.

Finances:

The bill packets were provided for review.

The clerk indicated due to the supervisor's payroll confusion, no payroll warrants were received from any of the departments. Additionally, as no Budget Summaries were provided by Supervisor Whitmore to department heads or for the clerk to audit bills, the warrant process is incomplete. The assessor's bills are in order, with the exception of the payroll warrant and lack of current Budget Summary. However, Assessor Berens used the 'last known good' May Budget Summary and was able to create a reasonable facsimile, without the payroll figures.

The highway department bills had a number of issues, which were detailed on notes attached to the bill packages. Some of the deficiencies were able to be resolved just prior to the meeting, others require the board's review.

No warrants for routine bills, such as rent, phone, and General Assistance were provided by Supervisor Whitmore, who submitted only a warrant for payment of dues. [As is customary, the supervisor was notified of his warrant/bill deficiencies via email, several days prior to the meeting.] Also discussed were not submitting warrants for credit balances, and including original receipts/bills whenever possible. The clerk indicated she was unable to audit the bills or create completed sign-off sheets due to the deficiencies with any kind of expectation of accuracy. Hartford indicated without Budget Summaries the clerk and board have no way to properly audit expenditures and bills cannot be approved. Hartford noticed Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmunds has submitted a warrant for mileage reimbursement in a personal vehicle without substantiation, which constitutes unfair enrichment of salary. She commented that if Commissioner Edmunds needs to run the roads, he should do so using a township vehicle. Hartford noted the mileage rate used by Edmunds on the warrant is incorrect; the current federal rate is .565 cents per mileage. She has no problem reimbursing the commissioner for mileage to meetings and legitimate expenses. She questioned Edmunds on why he feels the need to run the roads every day, noting he has two employees whose job it is to do so. Edmunds replied that he doesn't do it every day, only on weekends. Hartford responded by listing the dates Edmunds provided on his reimbursement warrant: 6/21, 6/23, 6/25, 6/26, 6/27, 6/30 and 6/31.

Supervisor Whitmore questioned the clerk on whether she sent out the "Budget Summary" he provided on June 18th, one day before the meeting. She responded that indeed she did, as Whitmore was copied, but the so-called Budget Summary had no useable information. Hartford noted that Whitmore's "Budget Summary" also included an inaccuracy in his annual salary. The supervisor indicated he is aware of it. The clerk continued, that Whitmore needs to provide the Budget Summary to the department heads one week prior to the bill deadline (two weeks prior to the meeting) in order to give them time to prepare their warrants.

Whitmore commented it was "a bad first month" and again referred to starting "in the backseat of a pick-up truck." The clerk countered the transfer of information to Whitmore was made upstairs, here, in the Newport Township Offices.

The bill review by the board continued. The clerk offered to answer questions the trustees might have.

Discussion took place on the road bills, including chainsaw gas, utility bills, and the mileage charges submitted by Commissioner Edmunds. Hartford asked Edmunds what he wants to do

with the mileage charge. Edmunds indicated Hartford can remove it if she wants to, but added he will just put it back in on the budget, when he redoes the budget. Hartford asked for clarification and Edmunds responded that he will remove the mileage request.

Supervisor Whitmore asks why the road commissioner can't run the roads to see if they need work. (He can, but he should be using a township vehicle.)

Discussion continued on individual warrants as Hartford and Spurgeon answer questions from the new trustees on the bill process.

The clerk assists the supervisor on the process to call the bills.

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

Motion made by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Whitmore. Nays, Hartford, Miller, Kirschhoffer. Motion failed 3-2. Road & Bridge bills were not approved for payment.

Whitmore requested a motion and second for approval of the Gravel Fund bills as modified during the meeting.

Motion made by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passed 5-0.

Whitmore requested a motion and second for approval of the General Town Fund.

Motion made by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Nays, Hartford, Miller,. Motion passed 3-2.

Whitmore requested a motion and second for approval of the General Town Fund, Assessor with no payroll.

Motion made by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Nays, none. Motion

passed 5-0.

Assessor Berens inquired as to the Supervisor Whitmore's payroll schedule. Whitmore would prefer every two weeks. Hartford relayed that George paid hired employees on the 15th and the end of the month (bi-monthly) and elected officials were paid once a month, which is what is proper for elected officials, because if trustees don't show up for the meeting they are not supposed to be paid. Hartford also informed Whitmore that if he the payroll schedule is changed, by law employees must be notified ahead of time. The assessor asked Supervisor Whitmore to let him know if he plans to change the payroll schedule; Whitmore indicated he would do so.

Township Road District Business:

None.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Berens congratulated the new board members. 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. The blue cards will arrive in the fall.

Highway Commissioner's Report: Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmunds says his guys are out mowing and road patching, especially Edwards Road and Delany. He anticipates they will begin tree trimming over the next couple of weeks. He invited residents to give him a call if they see something that requires attention and made his business cards available. He also reported on an issue at Mill Creek & Dilly's that he is currently working on with Curran. Curran provided him a \$230,000 contract which was signed in February by former highway commissioner Daniel Dziekan to pave that whole stretch of road. Hartford recalls asking Dziekan specifically if he had any road project planned and he indicated he did not. Edmunds says Curran is really pushing for Newport to honor the commitment. Commissioner Edmunds has \$100,000 in Motor Fuel Tax he can use for part of this. He stated there is some maintenance which could be done to buy a couple of more years and he would prefer to hold off as this would be \$230,000 he could better use someplace else. Hartford asked Tiffany Nelson Jaworski if it is improper for a highway commissioner to sign an agreement that goes beyond his term of office. She doesn't have a problem with it.

After a brief discussion on Edwards Road, Whitmore indicates he will try to get the LC Forest Preserve to fund maintenance on the piece of road that currently belongs to the Village of Old Mill Creek.

Trustee Comments:

Hartford – Trustee Hartford indicated her disturbance at the events of this evening and is afraid the township is going down a bad path.

Miller– Trustee Miller is disturbed that Whitmore has railroaded Ancel Glink through without presenting multiple options for the board to consider and discuss. He adds this is not a transparent way to govern. Whitmore interjects that if it doesn't work out he will fire them, stating “this isn't written in stone.”

Crittenden-- Trustee Crittenden feels there was “an urgency to change council immediately.” Hartford asks why. She replied that she thought there was an urgency and as Randy says we can change at any time but right now the change is made and we can move forward without “poor council” on our side.

Kirschhoffer – Trustee Kirschhoffer thinks it would be fair to consider the taxpayers alternative ideas on legal counsel. She urged residents to email her with suggestions on who they would like to see considered. Hartford interjects, but you just rammed it through. Kirschhoffer says, “We had to have something.” Hartford retorts, “We had something!”. Crittenden interjects indicating that she feels we had to have something better than we had. Hartford responded, “We had something excellent, you just don't know what you've thrown away.”

Whitmore says he had phone calls asking him to get rid of Bob Long, then adds the phone calls were from “some of your old trustees”. Hartford questions his statement, suggesting it was one particular former trustee. Kirschhoffer counters that one trustee is one thing, but if others want to see different council considered, they should put forth a name. Hartford responded that this is her point, that process should have happened instead of what happened here tonight. Kirschhoffer added, Bob Long was not an option and “they” are trying to “fix the township as it stands” indicating the township is “in terrible shape.”

Clerk Comments: The clerk indicated she needs board signatures on the 2 Prevailing Wage ordinances before trustees leave—2 originals each.

Supervisor's Report: No report.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Public Comment:

Toni Edmunds--- Her husband [Rodger Edmunds] is doing his best and she believes he will do a good job as highway commissioner.

Pat Palmeri--- Addressing Supervisor Whitmore, Mrs. Palmeri indicated she has attended meetings for the last four years and there was a reason: Four years ago the road commissioner [Daniel Dziekan] demanded a check for over \$100,00 for a truck, without a receipt. She also stated she attended the court case, which was entirely brought on by the road commissioner and she “vehemently” disagrees with the decision to hire Ancel Glink. Mrs. Palmeri added that you [Whitmore] did not attend any of those meetings and you have no idea what was going on and she resents the past supervisor [George Pavelich] having all this dirt shoveled on him by people running for office who didn’t attend the meetings and don’t have a clue what went on.

Whitmore says he is against “any intergovernmental government” suing one another., adding that money was thrown away because two men couldn’t get along. Mrs. Palmeri counters that Randy did not attend the meetings and doesn’t know enough about what went on to be able to speak to it. She invited the supervisor to call her if he wanted to learn more about the lawsuit. The supervisor indicated he would do so.

Susan Zingle—Sue said she heard a couple of people mention openness and transparency tonight, but it does not appear to be happening yet. She says if the supervisor wants to change the attorney, she doesn’t have an opinion one way or the other, but she doesn’t like how it was done. Ms. Zingle commented that the agenda doesn’t even say who the attorney being considered is. If you’re going to hire an attorney, people wouldn’t even know that it was going on. For hiring any vendor, she encourages a request for proposal process be followed, citing Lake County’s model for transparency. She also indicated the public should be allowed to comment as important topics as they are being discussed, noting a couple of people tonight attempting to stifle public input. She wished the board the best of luck going forward, noting it is a difficult job. She added, “Openness and transparency going forward, please no more surprises.”

Mildred Corder-- She said she has similar thoughts as Sue Zingle’s. She feels several names should have been brought forth for consideration and the board should have been allowed to interview or at least select from several options. She feels the hiring of Ancel Glink was done wrong.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Motion by Miller; seconded by Hartford.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Dated the 19th day of June, 2013.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk