

# 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 October 15, 2014.

**Members Present:**

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Jerome Berens, Assessor

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Whitmore.

**Roll Call:** In attendance were Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Debbie Spurgeon due to business travel.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was not called for approval.

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the minutes from September 17, 2014. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford seconded by Kirschhoffer, to approve the minutes from September 17, 2014 as presented.

Voice vote: Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 5-0.

**Township Business:**

No new or old township business.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Whitmore reports Tim Smith [Old Mill Creek] does not wish to de-annex the portion of Edwards Road under discussion due to concerns Antioch will move to annex the area. Whitmore reports Smith will agree to a 'memorandum of understanding' to allow Newport to obtain the minimal tax monies Old Mill Creek receives for the roadway in exchange for Newport maintaining this portion of Edwards Road. Whitmore says he is bringing it forth tonight so that the Newport Township Board can make a decision on the proposal.

Trustee Hartford comments Smith cannot have it both ways. Trustees Kirschhoffer and Miller agree. Hartford continues, suggesting the message to Smith should be keep your road and maintain your road. Trustees agree, noting the tax money on the table is ~\$450. No further discussion.

Supervisor Randy Whitmore says he is meeting with Lake County regarding an effort to bring sewer and water down Route 173 or Wadsworth Road. The supervisor noted that's the plan. He stated there is sewer and water on Tim's property [Tim Smith]. Highway Commissioner Edmonds questions if the supervisor is referring to sanitary or water. Whitmore responds indicating sanitary and concludes this is good; we need it.

**Highway Commissioner's Report:**

Highway Commissioner Edmonds says the township will be storing Newport's road salt at Campanella & Sons this year. He will be ordering his winter salt supply prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to take advantage of the discount offered through the county.

**Assessor's Report:**

No report.

**Clerk Comments:**

No report.

**Trustee Comments:**

Beth Hartford—No report.

Ron Miller-- No report.

Diane Crittenden—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

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

**Finances:**

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Assessor/ General Town Fund bills.

Motion made by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the General Town Fund bills.

Motion made by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills.

Motion made by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

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

**Public Comment:**

No public wishing to comment.

**Executive Session:**

No closed session.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and a second to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.**

\_\_\_\_\_s/Debbie Spurgeon

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**