

# Minutes Township Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

THE ELECTORS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP met at the office of the Town Clerk at the Village Hall on December 17, 2014 for a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing in accordance with Section 35 of the Illinois Township Code, ILCS 200/18-55.

## **Members Present:**

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Whitmore called the Newport Township Truth in Taxation Public Hearing of the Electors to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Supervisor Whitmore led the assembled electors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** In attendance were Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Also present, Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC.

## **Truth in Taxation Public Hearing:**

Sharon Rossman—Mrs. Rossman is concerned with the amount of money being spent on legal fees, and inquires as to whether the township is currently involved in any litigation. Supervisor Whitmore responds that when he took office there were things he needed to spend money on to get his organization up and running. Mrs. Rossman believes legal spending in the range of ~\$17,000-31,000 is quite unnecessary, and commented that the newly imposed increases of 584% (highway) and 300% (township) is inappropriate for the miles of road Newport maintains.

An argument ensues between the supervisor and trustees and from the supervisor to resident Rossman, resulting in name calling by the supervisor. No further discussion.

**Adjournment:**

Supervisor Randy Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the Newport Township Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.

Motion to adjourn, Corey Kirschhoffer; seconded by Diane Crittenden.

Voice vote: Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **s/Debbie Spurgeon** \_\_\_\_\_

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**