

Minutes Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing

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 April 23, 2014.

Members Present:

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Rodger Edmunds, Highway Commissioner

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the meeting of the General Township Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – General Township Budget, for Fiscal Year March 1, 2014 - February 28, 2015

Review / Adoption of Tentative General Township Budget:

Supervisor Whitmore stated we are here to review the changes to the proposed General Town Budget, citing additional changes to TOIRMA Insurance, Connect-CTY, and an effort to obtain additional tax revenues thru levies

Trustee Miller commented the budget has a \$13,000 line item for legal fees, reminding the supervisor he had previously indicated there is not a need for an attorney to be present at every meeting. Miller asked the board if there is any interest in saving taxpayers money by removing or lowering the line item. Whitmore responded that the money is there in case he needs it. Miller noted the budget could always be amended should the need arise, noting his concern with “just in case” budgeting. Whitmore says we’re just going to do it now, adding we have to have a lawyer present at meetings. Miller countered, this is not a true statement.

Trustee Miller inquired with the supervisor about a proposed transfer of \$82,000 from the Town Building Fund to the General Town Fund, asking what the money will be used for. Supervisor Whitmore indicated the transfer is for operational expenses. Trustee Hartford commented the proposed transfer will effectively deplete the Town Building Fund.

Whitmore asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to Adopt the Newport Township General Township Budget & Appropriation Ordinance:

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden to adopt the General Township Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY March 1, 2014 thru February 28, 2015.

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

Motion to Adjourn: Hearing no further discussion, Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the General Township Budget & Appropriation Hearing.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer to adjourn.

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

Hearing was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Dated the 23rd day of April, 2014

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk