

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, acting chairman, called the meeting of the Road District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance at the preceding Budget & Appropriation Hearing for the General Township.

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 – Newport Road District Budget, for Fiscal Year March 1, 2014 - February 28, 2015

Review / Adoption of Tentative Newport Road District Budget:

Supervisor Whitmore opened the discussion, asking if there were any questions on the proposed budget.

Supervisor Whitmore inquired about the amount of tax receipts the road district received. From the audience, Mrs. Toni Edmunds responded the amount is ~\$35,000 once the village takes its portion.

Trustee Hartford asked whether Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmunds intends to recover monies the township paid for Matt Mitten's health insurance, which is being paid at 100% instead of the graduated amount set forth by township resolution. Edmunds says the resolution is for township employees. Hartford reminds Edmunds she provided two ordinances, one which does pertain to road district employees. Edmunds says he hasn't seen it, adding he spoke with the attorney and was told he can pay any portion he wishes. Hartford says what you are doing is wrong and I'm going to say so. Trustee Kirschhoffer wonders how Edmunds would be aware of the resolution. Hartford notes that Whitmore has keys to the township records. Kirschhoffer indicates she has been in the files, but says there is nothing in those files. Hartford obtained copies, which she provided to the road district at the March meeting. Mrs. Toni Edmunds, in the audience, states according to legal counsel and IL state statutes, the highway commissioner determines what is to be done with his highway employees. Hartford has heard this many times before. Mrs. Toni Edmunds says it's legal.

Trustee Miller inquired about \$300,000 in Building & Equipment, including \$150,000 in equipment and \$150,000 in building. Commissioner Edmunds says it is just budgeted and doesn't mean he will use it. Miller's concern is that if it is budgeted, it can be used. He believes it is a large amount of money for Edmunds not to have a plan for it.

Whitmore requested a motion to approve.

Motion to Adopt the Newport Township Road District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance:

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirsch offer to adopt the Road District 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.

Ancel Glink attorney Adam Lasker arrived at the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Hearing no further discussion, Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the Road District 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 6:52 p.m.

Dated the 23rd day of April, 2014

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk