

# 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 April 23, 2014.

**Members Present:**

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Rodger Edmunds, Highway Commissioner

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

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

**Roll Call:** In attendance were Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmunds, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Jerome Berens, absent. Also present, Attorney Adam Lasker of Ancel, Glink, et al.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the March 19, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from March 19, 2014 as presented.

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

**Reports:****Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Randy Whitmore indicated he found out the size of the township-owned property, placing the size at 19.8 acres. He states he has let the land to local farmer Dave Richards, who has agreed to pay \$2,000 to farm the property for one year. Whitmore indicated a decision needs to be made to which account to deposit the money in. Trustee Hartford notes the land was originally paid for by the Road District.

Whitmore says he met last week with Stormwater Management and Public Works indicating they want to come up with an agreement with all the villages and cities along the Des Plaines River to collectively fund something which will be partially funded by the North Shore Sanitary District. Whitmore says this is basically the same thing he has already proposed. He says she understands this is the same as the Newport Ditch which they are going to fund. Whitmore says the township doesn't have to come up with the money. Attorney Adam Lasker says Wadsworth is being asked to pitch in \$4,000, with larger communities being asked to pitch in more. Lasker says the Mayor of Wadsworth is for it and he is going to try to convince the board to go along with it. Whitmore says he wants to wait to see what Wadsworth does.

Whitmore comments if Old Mill Creek vacates Edwards Road, Newport can then take over the road. Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmunds says he needs Old Mill Creek's attorney to write a letter indicating the village intends to vacate the road, then the roadway will revert to Newport Township. Edmunds would like Old Mill Creek to repair culverts in this section of road prior to Newport taking over the roadway. Whitmore suggests having the Newport township attorney write a letter to the county forest preserve to see if the township can get any money from the district.

**Highway Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Edmunds indicated he has switched from Wright Express to Toor's for road district fuel purchases.

Edmunds inquired with Trustee Miller about forwarding his township website email.

**Assessor's Report:**

No report. [Assessor Berens, absent.]

**Clerk Comments:**

The clerk reminds the board about discussion at the March meeting in which the board indicated a desire to review the FY 2014-15 meeting date resolution at the April meeting. As requested, the clerk notes she brought the resolution. At the February meeting, the board had decided the

regular board meetings would move from the third to the fourth Wednesday of the month. Whitmore wants to go back to the third Wednesday of the month. He doesn't know why the change was made to the fourth Wednesday to begin with, but suggests the change was the result of a request by Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Board members express their preference, resulting in a consensus to go back to the third Wednesday of the month. A calendar was reviewed and each meeting date identified for FY 2014-15 as follows: June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, Sept 17th, Oct 15th, Nov 19th, Dec 17th, and for 2015, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Lasker advised the May, 2014 meeting should remain on May 28<sup>th</sup> [the fourth Wednesday of the month] due to the Open Meetings Act. He suggested Ancel Glink prepare a new resolution, to include the dates agreed upon tonight, to be presented for ratification at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Trustee Comments:**

Beth Hartford—No report.

Ron Miller-- No report.

Diane Crittenden—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer—No report.

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

**Township Business:**

No new business.

**Finances:**

The supervisor introduced the bills for approval by fund:

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, Miller, Hartford. Motion

Passed 3-2

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Newport Township Road District bills (Gravel Fund and Road & Bridge).

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.

**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 7:24 p.m.

**Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2014.**

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

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**