

# 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 June 18, 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

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:** Supervisor Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ancel Glink Attorney, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski joined the meeting in progress at 7:03 p.m.

**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 May 28, 2014. No discussion.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Hartford to approve the minutes from May 28, 2014 as presented.

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

**Township Business:**

Supervisor Whitmore initiated discussion of the 2014 Prevailing Wage Ordinances for both the township and the road district. The clerk provided a brief summary of prevailing wage and the annual requirements.

Motion made by Hartford; seconded by Miller to pass the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for General Town – Ordinance No. 061814A.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore; Nays, none. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Miller; seconded by Hartford to pass the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for the Road District – Ordinance No. 061814B.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore; Nays, none. Motion passed 5-0.

**Finances:**

The supervisor introduced the township and road district bills for consideration by the board.

Trustee Hartford questioned the Verizon phone bill, identifying a new phone line for Russell Whitmore. The supervisor doesn't know what this is, and indicates it must be a mistake. Seated in the audience Mrs. Toni Edmunds says she believes it is an error on Verizon's part and notes it will be corrected going forward. Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Assessor's bills (General Town).

Motion made by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the General Town 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 Road District's bills.

Motion made by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

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

## **Reports:**

### **Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor says he has received a request from a woman in the county requesting General Assistance in the amount of \$50 for gas money to Iowa, to pick up her children. Whitmore states he plans to meet with her tomorrow. A brief discussion is held on an appropriate method of payment for the assistance. The general consensus is that the supervisor should purchase the gas in the presence of the requestor, rather than providing a gas gift card or another form of payment.

### **Highway Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Edmunds says his workers will begin paving on Mill Creek Road, weather permitting.

He updated the board on recent conversations he has had regarding the portion of Edward's Road in Old Mill Creek [OMC]. Edmunds states it will cost more to annex the road into Newport than the district will receive in tax monies. He requests council Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski assist him with an IGA, including annual billing to Old Mill Creek equal to the amount of MFT funds OMC typically receives. Nelson-Jaworski suggests Edmunds work with Keri-Lyn Krafthefer on the IGA, indicating Krafthefer is more familiar with these types of projects. Trustee Kirschhoffer wonders if there is anything that can be done legally. Citing a News Sun article, she says the Lake County Forest Preserve isn't getting their residual cash from properties. Edmunds says the LCFP is going to turn all their property along Edward's Road into wetlands. Whitmore inquired if a wetlands bank is buying it. Edmunds says it is being purchased by the toll way. Whitmore notes he talked about this at his Wetlands Research board meeting, indicating a \$90,000 per acre

price is typical. Kirschhoffer suggests our area is becoming a dumping ground for wetland mitigation.

**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.

**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 Miller; seconded by Hartford.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.**

                  s/Debbie Spurgeon                  

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**