

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 May 20, 2015.

Members Present:

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore, acting chairman, called the meeting of the Road District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 6:51 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 Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorney, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.

Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Newport Road District Budget, for Fiscal Year March 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016

Review / Adoption of Tentative Newport Road District Budget:

Supervisor Whitmore opened the discussion for the proposed road district budget. Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds' wife, Toni Edmonds spoke from the audience, noting

corrections to the posted proposed budget including the amount of property tax revenue which was shown as a gross amount rather than net. Additionally, a carrying error was noted, which was subsequently corrected and did not change the overall budget amount.

Trustee Hartford inquires as to why the road district continues to budget \$150,000 each for Building & Equipment when there is no intention to build a new building or spend \$150,000 on new equipment. Mrs. Edmonds says when her husband came into office they were told to always budget in case funds are ever needed. Hartford counters that if an unusual circumstance arises, you hold a special meeting to address it.

Trustee Hartford asks Rodger Edmonds if he has given thought to having his employees share the burden of medical insurance, noting it is highly unusual in this day and age to have the employer pay 100% of employee medical insurance costs. Edmonds says he is working with health-care providers. Hartford comments Edmond's employees need to be invested; noting no one offers this level of benefit anymore. Edmonds says everyone did it in the past. Supervisor Whitmore comments employees need to have some skin in the game. Resident Mildred Corder asks how much the hourly wage is for road district employees. Mrs. Toni Edmonds says it is \$24.00 per hour. Corder asks how many employees are paid out of the road district. Toni Edmonds responds there are 2. Trustee Hartford corrects, there are 3 noting Rebecca Minton is also paid by the road district. Toni Edmonds says her daughter Rebecca is paid \$18.00 per hour to work for the road district for approximately 24 hours per pay period. Mildred Corder asks if this money is paid from the Highway Commissioner's salary. Toni Edmonds replies no, it is paid out of road and bridge funds. Whitmore interjects, if there are no further questions we will adjourn the hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: 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.

Road District Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Dated the 20th day of May, 2015

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk