

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

January 18, 2017

Members Present:

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 8:29 p.m. (Tonight's Regular Meeting was preceded by a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

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

Roll Call: In attendance, Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorney, Keri Lynn Krafthefer.

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

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and second to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from December 21, 2016. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Miller to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Reports:

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports that forms for Township of Illinois (TOI) scholarships will be available at Wadsworth Village Hall beginning January 19th.

Highway Commissioner’s Report:

Commissioner Edmonds reports ditch work will begin soon. He additionally notes the Village of Wadsworth has been invoiced \$6,800 by the road district, for snow removal related expenses.

Lastly, disability insurance for Michael Albers is concluding. (Albers previously retired from the township road district.)

Assessor’s Report:

The assessor provides a budget proposal totaling \$50,900 for the Newport Assessor’s Office, indicating the proposal includes a \$2,000 salary increase (plus adjusted employer contributions) for personnel expenses, and select line item increases for office related expenses.

Clerk Comments:

The clerk thanks trustees Hartford and Miller and residents Mike Dolan and Toni Edmonds for assistance with tonight’s Special 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 township business.

Finances:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the Assessor/General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the Road District bills.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

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

Public Comment:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller

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

Meeting adjourns at 8:40 p.m.

Dated the 18th day of January, 2017.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk