

# Minutes Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing

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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 May 18, 2016.

## **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 called the meeting of the General Township Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**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 – General Township Budget, for Fiscal Year March 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017**

### **Review / Adoption of Tentative General Township Budget:**

Supervisor Whitmore inquires if there is any discussion on the General Town Budget.

Trustee Hartford commented on a \$6,400 line item for mosquito abatement, which the board had previously agreed to remove. Whitmore agrees, it should be stricken from the budget. He

additionally calls attention to changes made to other line items, such as: Website line item has been modified from \$100 to \$200 and Assessor Mileage has been modified from \$300 to \$1,000. Berens cites continuing education as the reason for increases in the amount of his mileage expenses.

Trustee Miller indicates Whitmore consistently says he is not going to use attorneys as extensively and suggests cutting the Legal line item in half. Whitmore declines, stating he prefers to keep it available, just in case. Miller challenges whether a Legal line item twice the amount of last year's actual is appropriate for 'just in case' spending. Miller calls for a reduction to Legal, indicating it is the prudent thing to do. Highway Commissioner Edmonds interjects, citing the need to stay on top of potential new laws as justification to continue over-budgeting legal expenses. Edmonds says he is fine with paying the attorney to attend every meeting. Whitmore prefers to keep the Legal line intact.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the General Township Budget & Appropriation Hearing.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller to adjourn.

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

Hearing was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016**

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

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**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**