

# 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, acting chairman, called the meeting of the Road District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 6:45 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, 2016 - February 28, 2017**

**Review / Adoption of Tentative Newport Road District Budget:**

Supervisor Whitmore opened the discussion for the proposed road district budget.

Trustee Miller inquired with Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds on whether he plans to continue to insure road district employees with 100% of the burden on township taxpayers. Miller reminded Edmonds the board has recommended he pursue a more equitable division of costs. Edmonds says he is busy with other projects and no changes to road district employee insurance coverage is in the works.

Edmonds commented on his conversations with the Village of Wadsworth regarding snowplowing and potential Newport equipment improvements. Supervisor Whitmore suggests Edmonds pursue the acquisition of Mike Hewitt's aging equipment from Waukegan Township. Edmonds prefers to work with the local municipality (Village of Wadsworth); trustees generally concur.

Newport resident Mark Baccarat, Townline Road, comments on the condition and traffic issues on his road (Townline), which Newport maintains a small portion of, but is mainly under the jurisdiction of Waukegan & Benton Townships.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the Road District Budget & Appropriation Hearing.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller to adjourn.

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

Road District Budget & Appropriation Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

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**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**