

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

June 15, 2016

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 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, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.

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

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from May 18, 2016. No discussion.

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

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the Township Budget Hearing (Special) Meeting minutes from May 18, 2016. No discussion.

Motion by Crittenden, seconded by Miller to approve the Township Budget Hearing (Special) Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the Road District Budget Hearing (Special) Meeting minutes from May 18, 2016. No discussion.

Motion by Kirschhoffer, seconded by Hartford to approve the Road District Budget Hearing (Special) Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports Dave Richards has paid the third installment of rent of the township property.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Edmonds reports road district employee, Michael Albers is coming back to work after his latest medical leave. He is expected back at work on Monday of next week.

Edmonds notes he is wrapping up an IGA with the Village of Wadsworth for mowing and his employees are preparing to begin graveling road shoulders, where needed. He is also awaiting a bid for repaving of Kaiser Road. Edmonds questions Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski on whether he is required to go to bid to purchase a new truck (over \$20,000) or, if he trades in a vehicle, can he avoid the bidding process. Attorney Nelson-Jaworski says she thinks he can avoid the bid process, but she needs to check into it. Edmonds expects the vehicle will cost ~\$60-70,000. Nelson-Jaworski thinks the statute's requirement has something to do with the total amount of the overall expenditure, but she isn't certain and will look into it to see if exceptions are allowed.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens reports a new Office Manager, Maureen McCarragher has been hired. Valerie Hall submitted her resignation in May, due to health reasons. The Assessor says he is reducing the Assessor's Office hours to 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday-Friday to accommodate the new hire.

Blue cards will come out in July. Residents can expect an increase and have 30 days to address concerns with Berens' local office.

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.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduces Joe Kust, his appointment to the Newport Fire District Board replacing outgoing trustee Doug Reno. Mr. Kust cites his experience as a software analyst for an attorney and experience as a stock broker, as reasons he will make a good fire board trustee. Trustee Hartford asks what impact Kust is hoping to have on the district's board. Mr. Kust says he has never attended a fire district board meeting, but looks to ensure the money is being spent wisely.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, and Whitmore.

Motion passed 5-0.

The supervisor requested a motion to adopt an Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates for the Township (Ordinance No. 061516A) and the Road District (Ordinance No. 061516B). Ancel Glink neglects to bring ordinances to the meeting, and no 2016/17 prevailing wages or ordinances were provided prior to the meeting. Citing forgetfulness on the ordinances, Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski indicated the State of Illinois Dept. of Labor has not published new prevailing

wage rates due to the state budget impasse and says, Ancel Glink is currently advising clients to continue using the 2015/16 rates until updated rates are available.

The clerk prepared ordinances just in case, and the board was able to proceed with the statute required June adoption.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, and Whitmore.

Motion passed 5-0.

Finances:

Supervisor Whitmore requested 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 passed 3-2.

Supervisor Whitmore requested 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 passed 3-2.

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Public Comment:

Tom Hartford-- Mr. Hartford inquires on the current status of the state efforts to consolidate fire districts.

Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds responds he and Newport Fire Chief Mark Kirschhoffer were walked out of a meeting earlier in the day on the subject, but nothing significant is really in the works. The result of today's meeting left him and Chief Kirschhoffer scratching their heads as districts will continue agreements to help one another out (mutual aid) and no monies are changing hands. Edmonds notes this is very similar to how it already exists today. He sums it up as mostly wheel spinning with little progress.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Executive Session:

No closed session.

Motion to Adjourn:

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passed 5-0.
Meeting adjourns at 7:36 p.m.

Dated the 15th day of June, 2016.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk