

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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 November 15, 2017

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Mike Wells, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the Special Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Roll Call: In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Mike Wells, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the October 25, 2017 Amended Town Budget Hearing Minutes.

Motion to approve the October 25, 2017 Amended Town Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes by Kirschhoffer, seconded by Spiller.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Abstain, Williams, Wells. Motion passes 3-0 with 2 abstentions.

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the October 25, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the October 25, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes by Williams, seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Wells, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passes 5-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports Bookkeeper Nancy Lech will no longer write checks prior to receiving actual invoices. Whitmore indicates bills need to be submitted in time for Nancy to prepare checks prior to the board meetings.

Effective tomorrow morning, the retainer for Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC is being dropped. Whitmore says the township is wasting money when there are no conflicts. The supervisor will provide the agenda to the clerk. The firm will continue to be contracted on an as needed basis. The rate for hourly work will remain the same as it is today. Unless requested, Kurt Asprooth will no longer attend the monthly meetings.

Supervisor Whitmore suggests selling the township owned property. Whitmore says he has someone in Georgia interested in the property. He also indicates he will reach out to ATC on the current status of the electric transmission project.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Edmonds announces the road district has concluded tree work for 2017, accomplished by contracting J&B Tree Removal.

Edmonds notes that Blue Spruce trees are now being affected by the ash borer beetle. The community of Lake Forest is already seeing issues with the beetle adapting from Ash to Blue Spruce trees.

The township road district has 160 tons of salt stored at Campanella's and may purchase an additional amount.

The commissioner notes a fatal accident occurred within the township last Friday. The driver hit a tree at Delany, south of 9th Street. Spotty icing was occurring during the time of the accident. The location is also within Village of Wadsworth limits.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens comments the new location is open for business. He reports that boxes are ready for Trustees Williams & Spiller to re-box the legacy records currently located in the Hunt Club

garage. Berens reminds trustees Williams & Spiller the township was granted another month to vacate the Hunt Club garage and the additional month is coming to an end. Whitmore concurs.

Clerk Comments:

The clerk inquires about the remaining items still located in the basement (tables, chairs, flag pole, clock, etc.) and reminds the board the township needs to have an alternative meeting location established, prior to the April Annual Town Meeting. Whitmore & Berens concur. Berens suggests the landlord may be open to allowing the 2018 ATM meeting to be held at the Hunt Club location. More discussion needed.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells-- No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney’s Report:

No report.

Township Business:

The supervisor introduces the adoption of tax levies for both the township and the road district and requests a motion to adopt the General Town levy as presented.

Motion by Spiller; second by Kirschhoffer.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Wells, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passes, 5-0.

Whitmore requests a motion to adopt the Road District levy as presented.

Motion by Williams, second by Spiller.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Wells, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passes, 5-0.

Supervisor Whitmore introduces consideration of the new lease agreement for the township offices in Lake Villa, located at 19020 W. Grass Lake Road in Old Mill Creek.

Whitmore requests a motion to adopt the township office lease agreement as presented.

Motion by Kirschhoffer, second by Spiller.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Wells, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passes, 5-0.

Finances:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the road district bills.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Williams.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells, Whitmore. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Williams; seconded by Spiller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells, Whitmore. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Spiller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells, Whitmore; Nays, none.

Motion passes, 5-0.

Public Comment:

No public wishing to comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Williams.

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

Meeting adjourns at 7:24 p.m.

Dated the 15th day of November 2017.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk