

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

April 19, 2017

**Members Present:**

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular 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, Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmonds, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorney, Tiffany Nelson -Jaworski. Absent, Jerome Berens.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Whitmore requests the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes be tabled due to a need to review things on it.

Motion to table until the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes by Crittenden, seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requests the trustee comments from the February 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes be stricken due to the political nature of the comments.

Motion to strike, amend and pass the amendment of the February 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes by Crittenden, seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

## **Reports:**

### **Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Whitmore reports he met with Wadsworth and Old Mill Creek regarding the rail stop he wants in downtown Wadsworth and says this is something the Board that is coming up is going to be working on. He further comments that Tim Smith (Old Mill Creek) hired a person who will put us on line and get us set-up for a special timeframe for a rail station.

He met with people at the church regarding a roundabout at Dilly's and Wadsworth Roads being proposed by LCDOT. Whitmore says the Village of Wadsworth, Village of Old Mill Creek and Newport Fire Department do not support the roundabout. He adds, he also does not support the project mainly due to a cost of \$3.5 million.

### **Highway Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Edmonds briefly discusses the roundabout project at Dilly's and Wadsworth's Road.

The commissioner reports Newport will do the majority of the Village of Wadsworth's snowplowing next year. Newport will also begin doing ditch work for the village this spring. He says the village is in a bind and Newport is able to help via inter-governmental agreement (IGA).

Edmonds addresses a resident who had asked a question at the Annual Town Meeting regarding miscellaneous income in the insurance fund stating the \$2,000 income is a dividend from the state.

The highway employees rescued an injured red tail hawk and drove it to a Lake Geneva care facility where it later died.

### **Assessor's Report:**

No report. Assessor absent.

**Clerk Comments:**

None.

**Trustee Comments:**

Beth Hartford – No report.

Ron Miller— No report.

Diane Crittenden—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer—Trustee Kirschhoffer questions the status of the LED street light program Commissioner Edmonds mentioned at a previous meeting. (Edmonds is still investigating the details.)

**Attorney’s Report:**

No report.

**Township Business:**

Supervisor Whitmore says the board needs to adopt Illinois Municipal Fund (IMRF) Resolutions regarding eligible participates from Newport.

Motion by Kirschhoffer, second by Crittenden to adopt two resolutions regarding IMRF eligibilities.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore; nays, none. Motion passes, 5-0.

Supervisor Whitmore says he is tabling indefinitely any discussion of the law firm.

Motion to indefinitely table the discussion about the law firm by Kirschhoffer, seconded by Crittenden.

Voice vote: Ayes, Miller, Kirschhoffer, Crittenden, Whitmore; nays, Hartford, Miller. Motion

passes, 3-2.

A brief discussion occurs on the board transition swearing in and timing. Board consensus to continue the protocol used for many previous Newport Township election transitions, where the newly elected officials are sworn in during the May Regular meeting on its scheduled date.

Attorney Nelson-Jaworski recommends a motion to table further discussion on changing the regular meeting. Whitmore requests said motion. Motion by Crittenden, seconded by Kirschhoffer. Nelson-Jaworski changes course, determining a motion to table is unnecessary and the item should be 'removed'. She further states the item can be ignored. No vote is taken.

**Finances:**

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the Assessor/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 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 Road & Bridge bills.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

**Public Comment:**

Mildred Corder -- Millie Corder comments that the supervisor erasing comments out of the

