

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

TOWN OF NEWPORT

May 17, 2017

**Members Present:**

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Prior to the start of the meeting, the newly-elected officials were sworn in for the new four-year term, including Randy Whitmore, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Corey Kirschhoffer and Rodger Edmonds. Debbie Spurgeon was sworn in prior to tonight's meeting and Mike Wells was not in attendance.

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorneys, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer and Kurt Asprooth. Absent, Mike Wells.

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. No discussion.

Motion to approve the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes by Kirschhoffer, seconded by Williams.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passes, 4-0.

## **Reports:**

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

Supervisor Whitmore reports NICASA, a behavioral health services organization, is seeking a \$2,000 donation from the township to support its services within Lake County. Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer suggests a social service contract if the township chooses to move forward with a donation.

Supervisor Whitmore extends the board's thanks and gratitude to retiring board members Beth Hartford and Ron Miller. Whitmore notes Trustee Hartford served the township admirably for 12 years and in addition to his capacity as trustee, Trustee Miller additionally served as the township's webmaster.

Whitmore comments on the kick off of work on a business corridor along Routes 41 and 173 including township, village, county board members Judy Martini and Mary Ross Cunningham along with assorted other municipalities.

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

Commissioner Edmonds discusses renewing intergovernmental agreements with the Village of Wadsworth, the Village of Old Mill Creek and the Newport Fire District, with Attorney Krafthefer.

Edmonds says the mushroom farm operation proposal for Country Lane has resurfaced. He has not received a legible set of plans and notes the county and the township both have concerns surrounding the proposal.

Commissioner Edmonds intends to replace the 2.5 yd. 1998 GMC truck with a new 2.5 yd. Ford. He is considering utilizing the state bid procurement program. Edmonds notes the township will be plowing village streets again this year. Attorney Krafthefer advises Edmonds to ensure the expense is included in his budget and appropriation proposal and to submit the invoice to the board once the vehicle purchase is made

Edmonds notes the fire districts senior luncheon will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Assessor Berens reports the tax bills are out. He explains the correlation between assessments and the tax rate and what he describes as a 'teeter totter' effect. Berens says Newport's rate (3% factor) is modest in comparison to other area communities within Lake County.

**Clerk Comments:**

No report.

**Trustee Comments:**

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—Absent.

Corey Kirschhoffer— Trustee Kirschhoffer notes many people in Wadsworth/Newport do not want development. Kirschhoffer comments there is no choice and says if the Newport Fire District doesn't get additional revenues, it goes away. Trustee Kirschhoffer expresses support for sewer and water in the village and township, indicating tax revenues are needed to support the fire district. Kirschhoffer says she hopes everyone will get on board with her plan.

**Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Krafthefer welcomes the new board members and advises all new officials are required to complete the state required OMA training within 90 days of taking office. Board members are required to submit a proof of completion (certificate) to the clerk.

**Township Business:**

[Highway Commissioner Edmonds discussed the purchase of a replacement snow plow truck for the road district during his report time.]

**Finances:**

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

Motion by Williams; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

**Public Comment:**

No public wishing to comment.

**Closed Session:**

Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer requests the board enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Attorney Krafthefer indicates there will be no action taken following the closed session.

The time is 7:38 p.m.

**Reconvene:**

The board reconvenes regular session at 8:03 p.m. In attendance during roll call, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore.

Additionally present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorneys, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer and Kurt Asprooth. Absent, Mike Wells and Jerome Berens.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Williams.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passes, 4-0

Meeting adjourns at 8:03 p.m.

**Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.**

\_\_\_\_\_s/Debbie Spurgeon

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**