

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS

TOWN OF NEWPORT

July 19, 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

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, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent at the time of roll call, Mike Wells joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the June 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the June 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes by Spiller, seconded by Williams.

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

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore thanks the community for support during the recent flooding. He was impressed with the young folks that stepped up to help with sand-bagging in Russell.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Edmonds discusses recent storm and flood damages in the township, including downed trees and electrical wires, extensive flooding in Russell and a collapsed culvert and roadway on Dilly's. He thanked Warren Township for mutual aid assistance provided after the June 28th wind storm. Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner eventually declared the local Des Plaines area a disaster. Between Des Plaines and Fox rivers flooding, a number of communities in Lake County experienced damage. To qualify for federal disaster funds, county damages must be in excess of \$2.6 million and state-wide in excess of \$18 million. Edmonds thanks the local community members who assisted Russell residents during the ordeal and estimates 9 truck-loads of sand, equating to approximately 11,000 sandbags, were utilized over the course of the several day ordeal.

Edmonds notes receipt of the recently purchased new dump truck for the township, but with the focus on flood protection and recovery, there hasn't been an opportunity to do much with the truck.

Lastly, the commissioner comments upcoming work on Hickory Road will be completed by Peter Baker and will cost the township ~\$102,000 for paving and culvert work.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens reports on the announcement by the Village of Old Mill Creek that they will purchase the Milburn Manor property, built in 1867, at the northwest corner of Grass Lake Road and Milburn Roads, and that the village is considering leaving the Hunt Club facility currently shared with Newport. The manor property includes a house, garage and barn. Old Mill Creek board members present (Jean, Irene and Dawn) in the audience discussed possibilities on how the space could be utilized if Newport would like to share the manor property with the village. Berens notes there is much to consider: public accessibility, office spaces for the assessors and clerks offices, records storage, and meeting space for Newport. Berens notes some of the spaces could be rather large projects to convert—it all depends on what space Old Mill Creek selects for their own and what space could potentially be available for Newport. Berens notes his IT support has reviewed the potential new site and believes the critical T1 line necessary for the assessors' office could be supported at the Milburn site as well. The space is not ADA accessible. The property is not located in Newport Township. It is located in Lake Villa Township.

Clerk Comments:

Clerk inquires on the lease copy status, which the auditor is waiting on to complete the audit. Assessor Berens to make copy available at the township offices.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— Thanks township board and community volunteers for assistance with sandbagging during the flooding.

Mike Wells-- No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney’s Report:

No attorney present.

Township Business:

Finances:

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

