

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

TOWN OF NEWPORT

September 20, 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 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, Mike Wells, Corey Kirschhoffer, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorney Kurt Asprooth.

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the August 16, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the August 16, 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:**

No report.

**Highway Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Edmonds notes the road district is paving and graveling Hickory Road and completed 3 crossings on Richard's. He engaged the services of the J&B Tree Co used several weeks ago in the township, for another day of trimming and tree removal. Edmonds advises he will likely utilize the company for an additional day this fall. The road district is also working on brush trimming, and will be performing several days of ditch work for the Village of Wadsworth under the current inter-governmental agreement (IGA). Last rounds of mowing for Wadsworth will also be underway soon.

The mushroom farm permits are now in place.

Lastly, Edmonds intends to by-pass additional road paving for 2018 and concentrate on ditch work instead.

**Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Berens reports the AT&T T1 line for the assessor's office is required to be converted from copper to fiber optics. The costs will be several hundred dollars more a month. The relocation to the new Old Mill Creek property on Grass Lake Road in Lake Villa Township is moving forward. Newport needs to vacate the existing Hunt Club Road offices by September 30, 2017, which allows for a little over 7 days to complete the move.

Trustee Williams is concerned the short timeframe will not allow him ample time to re-box and prepare the old files in the garage for relocation. Berens indicates the landlord at Hunt Club Road may allow access to the garage through October. He says there are ~70 dilapidated boxes in the garage.

Mayor Tim Smith interjects to describe the remodeling that took place at the new garage in preparation for Newport's arrival. He notes there are several antique stores on the property. He notes the extended plans includes making additional storage space available in the loft of the barn on the property.

The clerk inquires about available meeting space.

Berens says he will get boxes for the current clerk records. Whitmore & Williams will be responsible for obtaining boxes for the garage files.

**Clerk Comments:**

The audit is complete, has been filed with the county and is available for public review. Board members received a copy at the August meeting.

**Trustee Comments:**

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— Trustee Williams reiterates he will sort and re-box the old files in the garage.

Mike Wells-- No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— Trustee Kirschhoffer inquires on the archiving of old records.

**Attorney’s Report:**

Ancel Glink Attorney Kurt Asprooth reports on two new laws, which may not affect Newport township: 1) Townships are prohibited from having more than 2.5 times the annual expenditures (3 previous years) and 2) Voters may vote to consolidate via referendum.

**Township Business:**

The supervisor presents a resolution supporting National Voter Registration Day.

Motion to adopt the resolution supporting National Voter Registration Day.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Spiller.

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

A brief discussion on the relocation plans with Mayor Tim Smith of Old Mill Creek. Whitmore says a date for the budget hearing needs to be set. The board agrees to reschedule the October Regular Meeting and hold the public hearing on October 25, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. with final action potentially occurring at the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to set the time and date of the public hearing and adopt a tentative budget reflecting changes from ATC funds and the Township Office move.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Wells.

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

**Finances:**

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the General Town/Assessors Fund 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 Road & Bridge 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 Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**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, 5-0

Meeting adjourns at 7:40 p.m.

**Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.**

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

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**