

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 21, 2018

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:14 p.m.

The start of the 7:00 meeting was delayed due to issues with building access.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the October 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the October 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes by Kirschhoffer, seconded by Spiller.

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

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports on Lynch Trucks, a potential business opportunity for the Village of Wadsworth. The Lynch proposal, on property located across from the existing Peterbuilt Trucking on Old Rt. 41, includes 40,000 square feet of semi and box truck sales and repair. Highway Commissioner Edmonds comments that access to the property is from Edwards Road-- a township road not a Village of Wadsworth road.

Whitmore says Centerline's Medline project is moving forward and that bringing sewer in from Antioch will cost \$8.5 million dollars. Under the agreement proposal, affected school districts will get no money until the \$8.5 million is paid back to the developer.

Whitmore and Trustee Kirschhoffer are frustrated over the recent 89-acre property purchase by the Lake County Forest Preserve from the Dorsey family. Kirschhoffer says Julie Dorsey should have told the township their property was for sale. She cannot believe the township was not notified by anyone. Whitmore further states he had planned to raise the issue at a recent Wadsworth Village Board meeting, but then became aware that the purchased Dorsey property has no commercial advantage to anybody. While Kirschhoffer feels the Dorsey property could have returned tax dollars to the township, Assessor Berens notes the property is zoned AG (agriculture).

The supervisor says he has met with Village of Wadsworth Administrator, Moses Amadei regarding an agreement with the village, township and fire district to leave us alone, stating we don't need any more forest preserves.

Whitmore expresses approval over the recent narrow loss of Lake County Board member, Carol Calabrese in Libertyville. Kirschhoffer says the Lake County Board is in serious turmoil right now.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds says 150 tons of a 300-ton total of salt has been accepted by the township which also has 50 tons remaining from last season.

More work was necessary on the driveway approaches for 2 homes which had not been completed during the recent Townline Road paving project. Newport will pick up the additional costs for completion of the 2 approaches. Invoices for the project are now coming in and some are included in the financials tonight.

Work is just about shut-down for the season however the district is hoping to complete a culvert replacement on Crawford Road.

The highway district has picked up 100 illegally discarded tires in total, some of which are semi-truck tires. Trustee Kirschhoffer suggests Waukegan Tire or another dealer could be to blame for the dumping, a claim that is rejected by the commissioner. Supervisor Whitmore suggests

Commissioner Edmonds contact City Automotive regarding proper disposal of the tire collection. Commissioner Edmonds is hopeful that SWALCO will soon have a tire reclamation day.

Facing a potential severe fine by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the highway commissioner says resulted from an oversight on his part, the road district with the assistance of legal counsel Kurt Asprooth has reached a resolution with the ILEPA. The \$1,000 fee the township pays annually is only part of the districts' responsibilities. In 2019, Commissioner Edmonds will attend classes on recognizing and preparing plans to keep the community from issues surrounding flooding.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens reports that Lake County continues to divest itself of Township Assessors, encouraging township's to be more independent with regards to standard office software, email capabilities, etc. The county will be updating its computer system at the beginning of 2019, which has not been done for some time.

Clerk Comments:

The clerk inquires on the status of the outstanding audit reports needed for board members.

Supervisor Whitmore says the copies are ready. He will pick them up in the coming days and have the copies available at next month's meeting.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— Trustee Kirschhoffer questions how Campanella & Sons can charge \$150 an hour for a semi low-boy and \$27.07 per ton for CA-7 bedding stone. She asks if they are taking advantage and says it is not normal.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore indicates the township and road district needs to adopt new levies tonight. The districts are seeking an aggregate levy of 104.99%, the maximum a taxing body can levy without holding a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Whitmore notes nothing is being levied for General Assistance, as there is \$49,514 available in the fund.

Whitmore requests a motion to adopt the tax levy for the General Township.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Williams.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells, Whitmore. Nays, none. Motion passes, 5-0.

Whitmore requests a motion to adopt the tax levy for Road District.

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Levy copies are passed around for board signatures.

No new discussion on Senate Bill (SB2923) requiring clerks to attest the supervisor's signature on all checks, which becomes effective January 19, 2019. Supervisor Whitmore will reach out to the township's financial institution for any requirements they may have, such as a signature card. He will also discuss with Bookkeeper Nancy Lech and consult legal counsel. The item will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

Finances:

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

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Supervisor Whitmore indicates the warrants for the monthly bills are available for review.

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 Williams; seconded by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Public Comment:

None.

Closed Session: No closed session.

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 8:00 p.m.

Dated the 21st day of November 2018.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk