

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

March 16, 2016

Members Present:

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

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, Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorney, Adam Lasker.

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

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes as presented from February 17, 2016.

Voice vote: Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

No report.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Edmonds reports he is 50% under budget and has used about 80% of the township's salt allotment (165 tons out of 200 tons). Edmonds says he and his wife met with IDOT designers regarding Dilly's & Wadsworth Roads and Route 173. A round-about is being proposed for Dilly's & Wadsworth within 2 years. Edmonds notes flooding issues on Dilly's north of Wadsworth Road and says he was intending on doing paving this summer, along with the Village of Wadsworth, but has decided it is better to hold off rather than have the county tear up the paving for the round-about project. Edmonds says Route #173 from Rt. 59 to Old Woodford will eventually be 4 lanes. Edmonds is soliciting sewer and water as part of the plan. He says the 4-lane proposal is to accommodate Centerpoint, who is putting pressure on the county. The designer informed Edmonds that Centerpoint has sewer and water coming out of Antioch in the plans, which is proposed to run all the way to the toll way down Rt. 173. Edmonds commented the plan includes equestrian and bike path accommodations on the north side of Route 173, which will need to be maintained by the township. Whitmore and Kirschhoffer are surprised the county is supporting the sewer and water effort. Edmonds says Centerpoint is saying we own the land now the county has to provide us sewer and water.

Assessor's Report:

Property assessed values are swinging back up. The assessor hopes the rate will go down, but there is no guarantee.

Clerk Comments:

No report.

Trustee Comments:

Beth Hartford – No report.

Ron Miller— No report.

Diane Crittenden—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer—No report.

Attorney's Report:

No report.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduced discussion on establishing dates for budget hearings and budget adoptions. The board agreed on 6:30 p.m. for the General Town Hearing and 6:45 p.m. for the Road District Hearing on May 18, 2016. (Adoption will take place at the 7:00 Regular May Meeting.)

The supervisor requested a motion to adopt tentative budgets for display for the General Township and Road District.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0.

The supervisor requested a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda prepared by the clerk.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Miller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Hartford, Miller, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Whitmore suggested a possible Mosquito Abatement Program, alongside the Village of Wadsworth. The township's portion will be \$1,600 for each spraying. A brief discussion occurred on effectiveness in a rural area such as Newport Township, with so many private ponds and expansive properties. Supervisor Whitmore says Wadsworth sprays his area and he still is unable to go outside during mosquito season. Trustee Miller notes the Village of Wadsworth sprays his neighborhood and he has noticed no difference than when spraying doesn't occur. Trustee Diane Crittenden agrees it is not very effective. Board consensus is there is no interest in mosquito abatement. No vote occurred.

Finances:

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

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requested 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 passed 3-2.

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

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

Public Comment:

Susan Zingle --- Suggests mosquito abatement is a waste of money in our rural area, and notes spraying puts toxic chemicals on animal feed, which is grown extensively in the area.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Executive Session:

No closed session.

Motion to Adjourn:

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Hartford; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passed 5-0.
Meeting adjourns at 7:31 p.m.

Dated the 16th day of March, 2016.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk