

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 May 23, 2018

Members Present:

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee	Stan Williams, Trustee
J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee	Mike Wells, Trustee
Randy Whitmore, Supervisor	Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk
Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner	Jerome Berens, Assessor

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the Special Township 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, Mike Wells, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Also present, Attorney Kurt Asprooth, of Ancel, Glink, Diamond Bush DiCianni & Krafthefer PC.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes by Kirschhoffer, second by Williams.

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

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports he and Edmonds have continued their participation with other area communities in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training-- a comprehensive, national approach to incident management and response capabilities. The committee is expecting in writing from Newport, a list of services and equipment the township commits to.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Edmonds reports the senior luncheon will take place in June 7th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Newport Fire Department.

Mill Creek Road experienced flooding and will require some ditching and blacktop work.

Three homes on Townline Road in Waukegan experienced water concerns during the recent storms.

The road district also expects to perform ditch work on 21st Street in the coming days.

Highway commissioner reports on recent vandalism near Crawford and Edwards' Roads—the shooting of stop and speed limit signs. Due to the proximity of the Sheridan Oaks neighborhood, the Lake County Sheriff is involved in investigating the incidents.

The mushroom farm proposal has resurfaced. The petitioner has purchased additional property in the area and is working with Storm Water Management on requirements.

Lake County will be repaving Kilbourne Road from Russell (State Line) Road south to Route #173 this season.

Edmonds shares an article from the Daily Herald regarding Wheeling Township, where residents abolished the road district, turning over control to the Wheeling Township Board. The board subsequently voted to increase salaries, approve a new snow-plow contract and levy taxes greater than surrounding area township road districts resulting in greater costs to the residents of Wheeling.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens reports tax bills went out early this year. He reviewed standard exemption information available to taxpayers. Berens notes the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) indicates property values in 60083 zip code are rising.

Clerk Comments:

No report.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells-- No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— Trustee Kirschhoffer inquires with Attorney Asprooth on the rules surrounding township purchase of property and the possibility to sell existing homes on the property. Kirschhoffer is interested in the township purchasing the \$1.1M, 75-acre Reiser property at Kilbourne and 9th Street, then managing a wetlands water quality credit bank in perpetuity. There are existing homes on the property.

Attorney Asprooth says the issue of purchasing the property would have to go through the electors at an Annual Town Meeting. There is no strict prohibition on purchasing property if there is a public purpose for the purchase. For example, a wetlands mitigation bank could be a public use to improve storm water management in Lake County. We wouldn't want to become landlords, so the residence parcels could be sold off after being declared surplus. Asprooth went on to explain concerns include the long-term management of such an endeavor, calling it a significant undertaking. He noted the Army Corp of Engineers will place significant requirements on the township, which will cost money, so the challenge will be to keep it perpetually funded through the water quality credit. Townships can manage open space.

Attorney's Report:

No report.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduces the township and road district budgets for final action tonight. Public hearings preceded the Special Township Meeting. Whitmore requests a motion and second to approve the Township Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Motion by Wells, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Whitmore requests a motion and second to approve the Highway Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Motion by Kirschhoffer, second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Finances:

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Williams; second by Kirschhoffer.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the Special Township Board Meeting.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Spiller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passes, 5-0

Meeting adjourns at 7:37 p.m.

Dated the 23rd day of May 2018.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk