

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 June 20, 2018

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular 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, Corey Kirschhoffer, Mike Wells, Jerome Berens, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Also present, Stewart Diamond of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the May 23, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the May 23, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as amended (typo correction) by Kirschhoffer, seconded by Wells.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the May 23, 2018 Road District Budget Hearing Minutes.

Motion to approve the May 23, 2018 Road District Budget Hearing Minutes by Williams, seconded by Spiller.

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

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the May 23, 2018 Township Budget Hearing Minutes.

Motion to approve the May 23, 2018 Township Budget Hearing Minutes by Wells, seconded by Williams.

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

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports Norstates Bank is being taken over by First Midwest and he is looking to move the township's funds to PNC. Whitmore says the move will mean the township will receive 50% more than the rate currently being earned at Norstates (.50% with Norstates, 1.1% with PNC) for Newport's money market funds. Kirschhoffer wonders why Whitmore is proposing a move, indicating she intends to bank with First Midwest. Whitmore will reconsider.

Commissioner Edmonds says Bookkeeper, Nancy Lech has already spoken with First Midwest and they've indicated a willingness to work with the township. Edmonds says Nancy Lech shared with Toni Edmonds that a move to PNC will mean her banking processes will need to change and this a concern to Nancy.

Whitmore also notes he has met with Jim Zegar (Village of Wadsworth) regarding the Centerpoint property located at State Rt. #173 and the I-94 tollway. He indicates a plan for further meetings in the future, inviting trustees to join him. Whitmore says development of the Centerpoint property will benefit Newport Township.

Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds says any benefits will largely be for the Village of Wadsworth not the township, as the property lies within the Village. He notes the Village of Antioch is pushing hard for sewer and water down Rt. #173 and comments the City of Zion is very interested in selling water.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds reports on the success of the Senior Luncheon, co-sponsored by the Newport Fire District and the township. More than 120 people were served. Stone Creek Grill provided catering for the event.

The commissioner notes ditching work is underway on 21st Street and expects landscaping to begin soon.

The township had to re-do some ditching on Mill Creek Road. Landscaping will begin soon.

Crawford Road, south of the state line is developing a sink hole. As soon as possible the township will begin looking further into the situation.

The road district is beginning road patching and grinding on Mill Creek and Dilly Roads but have been delayed due to rain and assisting the Village of Wadsworth with downed tree removal.

Edmonds says he has purchased several live traps to assist residents with vermin removals such as raccoons.

Lastly, the commissioner is working on refreshing a mowing and ditching inter-governmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Wadsworth.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens reports the assessment factor should be less than last year and characterizes the multiplier as heading in the right direction. Berens says things are going along nicely in the township and notes a steady incline in property values.

Clerk Comments:

Clerk inquires if the supervisor has received an update on the status of the annual financial audit (no) and additionally inquires on whether Bookkeeper Nancy Lech's missing financial materials have been located (yes).

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— Trustee Williams inquires whether budgets were filed (yes).

Mike Wells-- No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney's Report:

Referring to a conversation prior to the start of tonight's meeting, Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds asks Attorney Diamond if Ancel Glink can assist in addressing construction concrete refuse which was dumped on private property along Dilly's Road last Saturday. Edmonds says the township cleaned up the adjacent county roadway as Lake County was unavailable. The contractor doing the illegal dumping has been identified. Attorney Diamond says a letter could be sent requesting reimbursement to the township for the cleaning of the

roadway and suggests Edmonds put together an estimate of costs incurred by the township. Diamond also notes the county can initiate criminal charges and the private landowner has a claim against the contractor. Diamond indicates a police report is important and will serve as proof the contractor cannot ignore. The Lake County Sheriff did come to the site however it is unknown whether the contractor was charged.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduces the 2018 Prevailing Wage Ordinances. No discussion.

The supervisor requests a motion to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinances for both the township and road district. Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0. Ordinances are distributed for signatures.

Finances:

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

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 District bills.

Motion by Spiller; 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 General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Williams; seconded by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Trustee Stan Williams leaves the Regular Meeting session at 7:22 p.m., returning at 7:24 p.m.

Closed Session:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to enter closed session for discussion of ongoing litigation at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Return to Open Session:

Open session resumes at 7:42 p.m. No actions resulting from Closed Session.

Motion to Adjourn:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Wells; seconded by Spiller.

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

Meeting adjourns at 7:43 p.m.

Dated the 20st day of June 2018.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk