

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 August 15, 2018

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

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

Motion to approve the July 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes by Spiller, seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Wells, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Motion passes, 4-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports that Sue Simpson, Warren Township Supervisor indicates she receives transportation requests for Newport residents. Whitmore has not received such requests. He reports Warren Township is getting involved in a new service which is \$125/hour if we want to participate. Trustee Kirschhoffer comments that PACE ride service is available for seniors and the handicapped. Whitmore isn't certain if the PACE service makes stops in Newport. Audience members comment that the buses are often in Newport seen making stops. The PACE service may require pre-arrangement. Newport has investigated these questions in the past, however Whitmore will look into it again.

Whitmore will meet with Hugh White this week regarding his possible appointment to the Newport Fire District. No action was taken on an appointment at last month township meeting and no action is expected tonight. The supervisor will make an appointment following his meeting with Mr. White.

Supervisor Whitmore & Highway Commissioner Edmonds discuss salvaging old boxes of materials from the Hunt Club garage. The materials are full of mice excrement. Brief discussion on relocating the materials to the hayloft at the township's current location is determined to be less than desirable. A long-term/more permanent solution is preferred. Whitmore says the township has ~\$3,000 available to find a solution. Berens suggests the hayloft as a short-term solution. The hope is that some materials can be salvaged.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds says Newport is spending \$25,000 for Townline Road, work which he has agreed to in cooperation with Waukegan Township. Beach Park will not be participating, so the result is that Townline Road will remain a patchwork of paved and un-paved roadway.

The commissioner reports on major construction dumping on Heritage Trails such as shingles, garbage, a truck cap, etc. and discusses installation of camera surveillance. The Village of Wadsworth has cameras they are willing to loan to the township.

The district is currently performing shoulder and ditch work for the village which will be reimbursed under the terms of the IGA. Chaplin Road is expected to be next on the list.

The mushroom farm has been permitted. The road district has received the bond posting.

The county will soon be grinding Kilbourne Road.

Assessor's Report:

Blue cards are out, and the assessment factor is 1.9%, which the assessor indicates is good and down from 3% last year. He comments that the assessment is one of the lowest in the county. The last day to appeal market value assessment with evidence is September 7, 2018 which is 30-days from the publication date. The Newport Assessor's Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clerk Comments:

Clerk inquires about the status of the annual financial audit and reminds the supervisor that the audit results must be posted, publicized and filed with the county no later than September 28th with time required to perform these functions. The supervisor will plan on obtaining 20 copies. Supervisor Whitmore says he will contact the auditor and pick the audits up. He will contact the clerk when he has the audits available.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—Trustee Wells comments on the recent concrete dumping incident, Wells spoke with Superintendent John Ryan who told him that because the private property wasn't posted, the most the county could get the contractor on is a \$90 littering ticket. Trustee Kirschhoffer disagrees, noting it is criminal for a contractor to dump construction materials in unauthorized areas. The board is generally disgusted with the lack of action by the Lake County Sheriff on matters in Newport Township. Supervisor Whitmore comments that this is an election year and Lake County isn't doing much at all to avoid alienating some electors.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Township Business:

No new business on agenda.

Highway Commissioner Edmonds notes a high-density apple orchard is being proposed for the south-east corner of Russell & Delany Roads.

Supervisor Whitmore says he has been in discussions regarding bringing sewer to Newport Township. Assessor Berens is excited and suggests working with Zion or Waukegan or whomever. The Lake County board will soon be replacing Aaron Lawlor as chairman with his recently announced departure. Supervisor Whitmore wonders who might replace Lawlor.

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, Kirschhoffer, Wells, Whitmore. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the Road District bills.

Motion by Wells; seconded by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Closed Session: No closed session.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Spiller.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passes, 4-0

Meeting adjourns at 7:38 p.m.

Dated the 15th day of August 2018.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk