

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 September 19, 2018

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Call to Order: Trustee Kirschhoffer, standing in for the absent Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Kirschhoffer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion and a second to approve the August 15, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the August 15, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes by Spiller, seconded by Wells.

Voice vote: Ayes, Spiller, Wells, Kirschhoffer. Abstain, Williams. Motion passes, 3-0.

Reports:**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Whitmore is absent – no report.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds indicates paving on Townline Road is complete. The cost to Newport for the township's portion is \$38,900 (\$25,000 for paving and \$19,900 for ditching and culvert work).

The road district is performing ditching work for the Village of Wadsworth on Chaplin, Dale and Jody Lane. This will complete the seasonal ditch work for the village. Some brush trimming for the village has yet to be completed.

New 'no dumping' signs were installed in Heritage Trails. Later that evening additional garbage was dumped in the subdivision. Although the Village of Wadsworth has offered cameras to the road district, no surveillance cameras are in use at this time.

The road district is beginning preparations for the upcoming snowplowing season. LED lighting for the trucks is under consideration.

Warren Township is replacing their two-way radios and has offered Newport the old radios. Re-programming will cost \$200-\$250 for each radio. The highway commissioner is evaluating whether the radios will work within the radius of the district, but says the radios are nearly obsolete.

The Edmond's are holding a Fall Fest at their business, T&R Landscape Supply in Russell on October 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children are welcome. Rodger Edmonds states the township and fire department are involved in the event. Township legal counsel Keri-Lyn Krafthefer has advised T&R to provide insurance during the event in case of injury.

Assessor's Report:

The assessor's office has closed the appeal. With a 1.9% rate, there were not many objectors this year. The assessor reminds the township board that the levy is what drives taxes, noting the assessment and tax rate follow.

Clerk Comments:

Audit copies were brought to the meeting on behalf of the supervisor (thank you). Trustees agree to wait for the supervisor to order additional copies when he returns, as the number of copies provided tonight are not enough to meet all of the needs.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – Resident Fred Witte inquired with Trustee Spiller on the availability of PACE para-transport services.

As the board understands the service, para-transport rides must be pre-scheduled. Information on the service is available online at lakecountyil.com. Additionally, brochures are available at the township offices. Residents in the past have indicated PACE services are hard to come by in this area.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— Trustee Kirschhoffer says the re-appointment of Joe Stanonik to the fire district board needs to be on the October agenda. She will contact Supervisor Whitmore to remind him to include it. Kirschhoffer says Supervisor Whitmore indicated he would meet with Hugh White regarding an open fire district board position last month. However, she spoke with Hugh White and White says Whitmore did not get ahold of him.

Attorney’s Report: No report.

Township Business:

No new business on agenda.

Rodger Edmonds asks that the adoption of the estimate of tax levies be included on the October agenda.

Finances:

Trustee Kirschhoffer indicates the warrants for the monthly bills are available for review.

Kirschhoffer requests a motion to approve the General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Wells; seconded by Spiller

Voice Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Williams, Kirschhoffer, Wells. Nays, none. Motion passes, 4-0.

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to approve the Assessor/General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Williams; seconded by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to approve the Road & Bridge bills.

Motion by Wells; seconded by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Public Comment:

Mildred Corder – Resident Millie Corder discusses a 7-acre parcel of land adjacent to the community at Yorkhouse & Cashmere Roads, which has been purchased by the Waukegan Park District. Waukegan held a community meeting on the parcel the previous evening to solicit input from area homeowners as to what they do and do not want to see on the parcel. Input was universally not in favor of lights, parking lots, athletic fields, etc. --- a passive park suitable to the rural setting is preferred. The park district representatives indicate it will be 3-10 years before the district moves forward with any plans for the parcel.

Closed Session: No closed session.

Motion to Adjourn:

Trustee Kirschhoffer requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Williams; seconded by Wells.

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

Meeting adjourns at 7:24 p.m.

Dated the 19th day of September 2018.

 s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk