

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 March 20, 2019

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

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, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Corey Kirschhoffer, Mike Wells, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Absent, Jerome Berens.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes by Kirschhoffer, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports he spoke with Emily Karry from the Lake County Dept. of Transportation (LCDOT) regarding Paratransit access options for Newport Township. Ms. Karry will provide a quote to the township regarding pick-ups for State Rte. #173 and Wadsworth Roads. If approved by the board, Newport residents wishing to use the service will need to call ahead of time to arrange for pick-up. Paratransit then makes an appointment with the resident for pick-up at their residence. As an alternative, Warren Township Supervisor, Sue Simpson advises Whitmore that Newport may be able to piggy-back on Warren Township's arrangements with Pace. Simpson will contact her Pace representative on Newport's behalf. Whitmore says if Newport can take advantage of Warren Township's arrangements, the cost will be ~\$158 per month. Whitmore indicates the board will then need to determine what to do. Trustee Kirschhoffer says she sees a short Pace bus in the area all the time. Trustee Williams adds that just because Pace drives through the area, doesn't mean they can stop. Trustee Kirschhoffer states that Pace's service in the area is elusive. Whitmore concludes trustees should wait to determine the next step until he receives additional information from Supervisor Simpson.

Trustee Spiller comments that resident Witte, who is disabled, is requesting the service to allow him to be less dependent on his brother for errands. Whitmore notes he has received a couple of other requests for paratransit service as well.

Supervisor Whitmore says the Senior Luncheon held in conjunction with the Newport Fire District will take place sometime this summer. No date has been determined.

Whitmore reports the Medline project is just about dead as Medline wants Wadsworth residents to pay \$8 million dollars for sewer, spreading out the expense over a 30-year timeframe. Whitmore says the project makes sense.

The Lynch Trucking project remains on the back-burner says Whitmore, as Lynch has identified other priorities for their business, taking precedent over any possible new location in Newport.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds indicates the Village of Wadsworth has annexed Edwards Road from State Rte. #41 west to the vicinity where the forest preserve's property (formerly the Dorsey family property) is located. He adds that Newport Township loses this roadway and will take another hit on Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. The commissioner anticipates the township will continue to maintain the road through an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Wadsworth, thus making back some of the lost monies.

Edmonds updates the board on salt usage thus far for the snow season, adding that Morton Salt is raising prices by 5% for the next contract season.

Edmonds says the road district is preparing for the upcoming paving season, with intentions to pave Old Mill Creek Road to Golden Road and Dilly's at the curve, including shoulders. He also plans to have Com-Ed move utility poles back away from the roadway at the Dilly's curve.

The commissioner reports the county's planned round-about for Dilly's and Wadsworth will go out for bid soon (May/June timeframe). He indicates the project will begin immediately following the conclusion of the school season. Wadsworth Road, west of State Rte. #41 will be closed all summer. He additionally notes the intersection of Kilbourne and Wadsworth will see the addition of turn lanes but is no longer slated for a roundabout at this location.

Commissioner Edmonds indicates that Antioch is moving gas and electric lines at Edwards Road, near the creek and briefly discusses the availability of sand bags and pumps for township residents in case of spring flooding.

Assessor's Report:

No report. (Berens absent.)

Clerk Comments:

The clerk reports on the upcoming deadline with the county for economic interest statements and discusses the Annual Town Meeting agenda.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduces adoption of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Discussion initiated by Trustee Williams on whether the annual town meeting can be held at a

location (township offices) outside of township boundaries. The clerk notes as a result of the boards' decision to move the Newport Township Offices to a location in Lake Villa Township, it is a fact of life that the offices are now located outside of Newport's boundaries. Supervisor Whitmore places a call to Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC during the meeting to address Trustee William's concern. Whitmore subsequently reports to the board that Krafthefer confirms the Annual Town Meeting can be held at the township offices located outside of Newport.

A motion is requested to adopt the Annual Town Meeting agenda as presented is made by Spiller, with a second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Finances:

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

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Williams; second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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; second by Williams.

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

Meeting adjourns at 7:31 p.m.

Dated the 20th day of March 2019.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk