

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 19, 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

Jerome Berens, Assessor

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, Jerome Berens, Mike Wells, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon.

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

Motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2019 by Kirschhoffer, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion to approve the Road District Budget Hearing Minutes from May 22, 2019 by Spiller, second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the Township Budget Hearing Minutes.

Motion to approve the Township Budget Hearing Minutes from May 22, 2019 by Williams, second by Kirschhoffer.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports the PACE Dial-a-Ride service could be live by July. An inter-governmental agreement with Benton Township (Larry Booth) is underway with Ancel Glink. Once the service is in place, a letter will go out to residents along with PACE instruction placards.

The supervisor thanks Newport trustees, Kirschhoffer and Williams, who helped out at the recent senior luncheon event held in June. He indicates approximately 120 individuals were served.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds reports he attended a neighborhood watch meeting for the Edwards and Crawford Road area regarding drag racing and garbage issues in Sheridan Oaks. A Lake County was also in attendance. Neighbors are picking up cans, etc. discarded in the area. Edmonds will issue garbage bags to area residents and they can call the township for a pickup.

The commissioner reports Newport paving for the area near Dilly's and Mill Creek roads will be included in the LCDOT bid for the round-about, which is slated for Wadsworth and Dilly roads. However, no firm date on when the round-about will be bid by the county. Edmonds says Newport's portion of Mill Creek can wait until next year and he will manage with patching for this year. He suggests the county may be experiencing issues with federal funding for the round-about project.

On advice of Ancel Glink attorneys, Edmonds did not respond to the county's request for \$87,000 for the project.

Commissioner Edmonds says Newport's road closure barricades are not up to current type/class standards. He was unaware, learning this from the county. Edmonds plans to purchase 10 barricades at a cost of \$150 each.

Edmonds says he misplaced a Morton Salt bill and notes the township will be expecting one additional bill for salt from the past snow season.

Edmonds reports the Truck Stops of America can be a designated cooling center location during extreme heat events and if the board is in favor, he can make the necessary arrangements. (No objections.)

Assessor's Report:

No report.

Clerk Comments:

The clerk requests members review and sign the monthly Board Audit Report provided by Bookkeeper Nancy Lech.

Additionally, she inquires if the supervisor has received an update on the financial audit from the auditors as the report will soon be required-- latest by the August meeting, but preferably by July's. She encourages obtaining ample copies from the auditor at the outset to support requirements, avoiding delay.

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:

No new township business.

Finances:

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

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Wells.

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 bills.

Motion by Spiller; 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 Williams; second by Spiller.

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

Meeting adjourns at 7:18 p.m.

Dated the 19th day of June 2019.

s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk