

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 July 17, 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 7:01 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 June Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2019 by Spiller, second by Williams.

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 will go live in September. The service is expected to cover Wadsworth residents as well as Newport, however, Whitmore indicates he still needs to get the village to approve the proposal. The Dial-a-Ride service will be available for ages 55 and over to attend doctor appointments or shopping in the Greenleaf (Gurnee) vicinity, Waukegan, Zion and Gurnee Mills. Wheelchair access is also expected to be available. The program will not cover commuting to and from workplaces. Residents will need to schedule the service ahead of time and will pay a nominal \$2 fee at the time of pick-up. The township's portion is expected to be \$15 per rider.

Whitmore says an intergovernmental agreement with Benton Township, Gurnee and Wadsworth is in the works to cover administration of the program.

Commissioner Rodger Edmonds left the meeting at 7:08 p.m., returning at 7:10 p.m.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Highway Commissioner Edmonds reports Newport has experienced another significant construction dumping incident. Edmonds says unfortunately Lake County Sheriff does not exercise adequate enforcement to discourage this type of illegal dumping. Trustee Williams suggests the township file police reports on each instance, to establish a record and pattern of the problem.

Edmonds further reports that the bridge replacement on Edwards Road now has an official start date scheduled. The project is a joint effort between Antioch Township, Lake County and the State of IL.

The commissioner notes the road district is currently performing mowing services for the Village of Wadsworth. Edmonds also indicates the upgraded class/type road closure barricades previously mentioned at the June meeting have now been purchased and received by the district.

Lastly, Edmonds says the county is strongly encouraging Newport to establish cooling centers during extreme heat events. He reports the TA Truck Stop and Newport Fire Dept. (Station #1) will serve as Newport's locations.

Assessor's Report:

No report.

Clerk Comments:

The clerk requests members review and sign the monthly Board Audit Report from the bookkeeper. It is additionally noted, a contact information request from Lake County is being circulated for board members to verify or update their personal information.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— Trustee Williams mentions there has been yet another incidence of illegal dumping on 21st Street. The supervisor notes this particular area is not Newport’s territory, but within the Village of Wadsworth. Williams says he reported the dumping.

Mike Wells—Trustee Wells inquires with the highway commissioner on the status of the county’s roundabout proposal for Wadsworth and Dilly’s Roads. Rodger Edmonds says the county is now expected to bid the project in November, with work expected to begin in Spring of 2020. Wells adds that recent work in the area has resulted in planking being laid in the shoulder. He expresses concerns over possible township liability should a motorist strike the planking. Edmonds will reach out to council for an opinion.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Attorney’s Report: No report.

Township Business:

The supervisor reports the township recently supported a general assistance case for a female and two children following a recent kitchen fire in a Cambridge Subdivision home. The township paid for a week’s hotel stay for 3 of the home’s occupants.

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 Spiller; second by Williams.

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 Williams; 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 Spiller; second by Williams.

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

Meeting adjourns at 7:28 p.m.

Dated the 17th day of July 2019.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk