

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 November 20, 2019

Members Present:

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| J. Daryle Spiller | Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee |
| Mike Wells, Trustee | Stan Williams, 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 7:02 p.m. [Supervisor awaits arrival of Trustee Wells.]

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, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore.

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

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2019 by Williams, second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports the senior ride service arrangement with Pace as detailed in recent township meetings, is now off. Citing program expense as the reason, the supervisor indicates he informed both Larry Booth (Benton Township) and Keisha (PACE) to remove Newport from the launch plan with PACE. Instead, Whitmore says arrangements have been made with a private livery service, Jeremy McDaniels of Beach Park. The supervisor indicates the private service can be managed in-house for less money. Whitmore says the private service is bonded and insured.

The supervisor also reports that a [unnamed] party he is communicating with who wants to move up to Newport, is working with the ATC representative. Whitmore says he wants to sit down with the ATC rep and suggests that area schools may be willing to forego tax monies for 5-7 years.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Edmonds reports the road district is completing shoulder work and also patching roads that the Village of Wadsworth forgot to do.

Edmonds say he has been contacted by Warren Township (Amy), who has 'like new' electric tarps for sale. He has agreed to purchase an electric tarp for \$900 to be used as a load cover with Newport's 5-yard dump truck.

The highway commissioner says he has hired a couple of "snowbirds" for the township plowing season. He notes the district is taking on additional plowing responsibilities for the Village of Wadsworth.

Edmonds reports he is scheduled to participate in a December 5th meeting at the county transportation building with LCDOT Engineering representative, Scott Stelesky regarding the first steps in shuttering the township road district, per the state mandate. Edmonds says Stelesky is in favor of Edmonds' plan to attempt to acquire additional miles of road through the Village of Wadsworth, which will ideally place Newport over the states' threshold for required disbandment. He says Moses Amidei, Village of Wadsworth, suggests 21st Street (west from Delany to the railroad tracks), which is approximately 1.25 miles. Moses requests Edmonds provide a letter outlining his plans to obtain additional roadway. Edmonds intends to have the attorney (Kurt Asprooth, Ancel Glink) write the requested letter. Edmonds would ideally like to obtain 2-2.5 miles of additional roadway. The commissioner says he will take back Edwards Road by Peterbilt, which is approximately .25 miles. The village no longer has any interest in this section of roadway.

Edmonds reports Governor Pritzker is doubling MFT Funds. This means the township will get more monies from motor fuel tax for road maintenance next year.

Lastly, the commissioner reports there is no update available on the county's Dilleys & Wadsworth Road roundabout project.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens briefly summarized his office's recent conclusion of the tax appeal season. Berens indicates there are approximately 4,000 properties in Newport Township. His office received 150 objections this year, of which 75 were settled by the township prior to a hearing at the county level.

Clerk Comments:

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

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer— No report.

Township Business:

Whitmore introduces adopting the township and road district levies. The levies are for tax year 2019, collectable in 2020.

Whitmore requests a motion to pass the General Town Levy (#11202019A) in the amount of \$198,286.00.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Whitmore requests a motion to pass the Township Road District Levy (#11202019B) in the amount of \$457, 652.00.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Finances:

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

Whitmore requests a motion to approve the Road District bills.

Motion by Williams; second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer; second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 5-0.

Public Comment:

None.

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 7:24 p.m.

Dated the 20th day of November 2019.

 s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk