

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 February 19, 2020

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller

Mike Wells, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Call to Order: Supervisor Whitmore calls the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Whitmore leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Jerome Berens, Mike Wells, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds. Resigned, Trustee Corey Kirschhoffer.

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

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2020 by Spiller, second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore presents an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Benton and Newport regarding the dial-a-ride program for seniors. The supervisor advises he would like the board to pass the agreement at the next meeting.

Whitmore met with Benton Supervisor Larry Booth regarding the possibility of taking care of 5 miles of Benton Township's roads. Whitmore intends to schedule a meeting when Commissioner Edmonds can join to discuss the matter further. Mrs. Toni Edmonds states the attorney advises a jurisdictional change from Benton to Newport is required in order for Newport to be able to add the roadway miles to its road district total. She says in addition to the township board's approval, Lake County and the State of IL will also need to sign off on any changes to the districts' official mileage total. Edmonds states the attorney is well aware of what the road district is attempting to accomplish. Edmonds notes it can be done, but it will take some effort to circumvent the state legislation.

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Edmonds is absent. His wife, Toni Edmonds reports that the road district has received an IGA from Lake County relating to the proposed roundabout at Dilly's and Wadsworth Roads. She states her husband has read and understands the agreement, and provided his approval. Mrs. Edmonds indicates the monies for Newport's portion will come out of next year's budget, due to the proposed timing of the work through the county.

Mrs. Edmonds says the district is planning a project on Mill Creek and Kelly Roads. The county estimates the cost of the work will be \$247,000, which the Edmonds' have given approval on. She says they feel the estimate is high, but indicate the actual costs could be lower.

Mrs. Edmonds relays they sent a letter to Old Mill Creek soliciting mileage from the nearby village, since it appears the Village of Wadsworth isn't interested in giving up permanent jurisdictional control of existing village roads to the township.

Edmonds says the road district is adding (Kenwood) two-way radio capabilities to the trucks. The cost is \$3,000, which includes antennas and installation. They will also be installing radios onto the tractors as well.

She reports the district has recently accepted delivery on 120 tons of salt. They need to purchase an additional 27 tons to fulfill the minimum requirement on the salt contract for the year.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens indicates his budget presentation due in November, is tardy. He will present it to the board at the March meeting.

Clerk Report:

The clerk notes the resignation of Trustee Corey Kirschhoffer effective January 25, 2020.

She requests the board review and sign the monthly Board Audit Report from Bookkeeper Nancy Lech.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller – No report.

Stan Williams— No report.

Mike Wells—Trustee Wells comments on the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Newport Fire District, which will include a parade and beer & brat type celebration day.

Township Business:

The supervisor introduces budget line item transfers requested by Bookkeeper, Nancy Lech, totaling \$10,663.00. Transfer amounts per fund are as follows:

General Township Administration \$3,133.00

General Township Assessor \$488.00

Road & Bridge \$2,047.00

Gravel \$4,995.00

Whitmore requests a motion to pass the budget line item transfers totaling \$10,663.00

Motion by Williams; second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Whitmore states that Jim Belli and another [unnamed] individual desire appointments to the fire protection district board and that he plans to make that happen soon. Whitmore does not intend to

reappoint Steve Garris, who currently holds one of the fire district trustee positions.

Supervisor Whitmore read aloud the resume of James Zegar whom he is considering appointing to the township board to fill the vacancy created with the recent resignation of Corey Kirschhoffer. A suggestion to post a notice, allowing interested residents the opportunity to apply for the position is agreed upon. Interested parties must submit a resume to the clerk via email or mail, and must be received by the close of regular township business (3:00 p.m.) on March 11, 2020. Received resumes will then be forwarded to the supervisor following the deadline. A decision will be made at the Regular Township meeting on March 18, 2020.

Finances:

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

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

Motion by Wells; second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Williams; second by Spiller.

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

