

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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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 17, 2020. <sup>1</sup>

**Members Present:**

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

James Zegar, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Whitmore calls the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, James Zegar, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Assessor Jerome Berens and Trustee Mike Wells.

Also present, Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC.

Supervisor Whitmore reads aloud a statement from Governor Pritzker regarding his recent signing into Illinois law of SB 2135 concerning electronic meetings during a disaster proclamation period, such as the Covid-19 situation we are currently experiencing.

Pursuant to the new law, Supervisor Whitmore has determined it is not feasible for township officials to be physically present at the township's meeting location and instead the meeting will take place virtually.

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

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1 <sup>1</sup> Due to the Covid-19 Emergency Shutdown Order in effect, this meeting was held virtually.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2020 by Spiller, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion to approve the General Township Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2020 by Spiller, second by Zegar.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion to approve the Road District Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2020 by Zegar, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

**Reports:**

Zoom meeting administrator, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, indicates there are no members of the public online.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Whitmore indicates he misspoke at the previous meeting when he indicated the Newport Fire District vacancy appointment of James Belli is due to Joe Stanonik's desire to retire from the fire board, when in fact the vacancy created is due to the expiration of Steve Garris's term.

The supervisor contacted the clerk following the May meeting and therefore the May Board Meeting Minutes approved by the township correctly depict the discussion at the meeting, as well as, the supervisor's post-meeting correction. Attorney Krafhefer agrees no additional action is necessary, however the board could choose to reconfirm the supervisor's appointment of James Belli to the only vacancy that existed, created when the current trustee's term expired.

A motion is made by Trustee Zegar, second by Trustee Spiller to reconfirm the supervisor's appointment. As the roll call vote is underway, Trustee Williams indicates his decision to abstain from the vote until he has an opportunity to speak to individuals regarding the May vote.

Attorney Krafhefer interjects that perhaps she has confused the board, reiterating that no additional vote is necessary since the vote already took place at the May meeting. After a brief discussion, Attorney Krafhefer suggests the current motion to reconfirm the appointment be withdrawn.

Trustees Zegar and Spiller withdraw the motion.

### **Highway Commissioner**

The commissioner reports Lake County's start date for the Dilly's and Wadsworth Road round-about has yet to be determined. Due to the number of area road projects underway, the Village of Wadsworth will be posting updates on their website. Residents can also refer to the county's website for the latest information.

Edmonds reports Peter Baker removed grindings that the township was planning to use for enhancing shoulders for pedestrians. Discussions on a remedy are underway between Lake County and Peter Baker regarding Newport's concern.

Campanella has requested the township relocate its road salt from Campanella's facility as they require the space for their business concerns. Edmonds will need to build a salt bin from cement blocks and is proceeding with executing this plan.

The district did not bid on the 6-wheel truck intended to replace the district's aging International, as discussed at last month's meeting. The commissioner received additional information that the truck of interest is not sound. He is continuing to search for a suitable replacement for the International.

Edmonds clarifies confusing comments he made at the May meeting regarding local resident access during upcoming roadway projects.

### **Assessor's Report:**

No report.

**Clerk's Report:**

No report.

**Trustee Comments:**

Daryle Spiller—No report.

Stan Williams—No report.

Mike Wells—No report.

James Zegar—No report.

**Township Business:**

No new business.

**Finances:**

Supervisor Whitmore indicates the warrants with the monthly bills are not available for review due to the nature of the virtual meeting, however the invoices need to be paid.

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

Motion by Zegar, second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Spiller; second by Zegar.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

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

Motion by Williams, second by Zegar.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

**Public Comment:**

Resident Susan Zingle indicates she is on the meeting line, but has no comments.

**Closed Session:**

No closed session.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

The clerk indicates that due to the Governor's signing of SB 2135, all votes must now be taken by roll call.

Motion by Spiller; second by Zegar.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:26 p.m.

**Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.**

\_\_\_\_\_s/Debbie Spurgeon\_\_\_\_\_

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**