

Minutes Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing

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 April 21, 2021

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stan Williams, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Jim Zegar, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

Call to Order: Trustee Jim Zegar, acting meeting chair, calls the meeting of the General Township Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 6:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Zegar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Daryle Spiller, Stan Williams, Rodger Edmonds, Mike Wells, Debbie Spurgeon and Jim Zegar. Absent, Supervisor Randy Whitmore and Assessor Jerome.

Also present, Attorney Adam Simon, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC.

Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – General Township Budget, for Fiscal Year March 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022

Attorney Adam Simon indicates that due to the abolishment of the Newport Township Road District and the township boards' decision to create a department within the township to continue maintenance of township roads in this manner, the budget of the road district now needs to be incorporated into the General Township Budget. It is noted that the road district was levied, as was the general township, but rather than having two separate budgets, Newport will now have one combined budget. For pro forma reasons, the road district public hearing for 2021 will still

be convened at 6:45 p.m., however when the board adopts the budget at the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m., we will vote only on a combined budget and not two separate budgets as in the past.

Highway Commissioner Rodger Edmonds' wife, Toni Edmonds explains the official levy numbers are now known and included in the combined budget being presented. Mrs. Edmonds was notified by the attorneys an hour before the meeting that the budgets should be combined and not separate. She quickly made the adjustments prior to tonight's hearings. The attorney notes that the tentative budgets were available for the public 30 days prior, and combining the budgets does not necessitate a need to repost. The newly combined budget can still be adopted at tonight's Regular Meeting.

No public present/no public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Trustee Jim Zegar requests a motion to adjourn the General Township Budget & Appropriation Hearing.

Motion by Williams; second by Spiller to adjourn.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passes 4-0.

Hearing adjourns at 6:45

Dated the 21st day of April, 2021

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk