

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 June 16, 2021

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stanley Williams, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Randall Whitmore, Supervisor

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Call to Order: Supervisor Randy 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, Jerome Berens, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Trustees Mike Wells and James Zegar. Also present, Rodger Edmonds, Highway Department Director

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

Motion to approve the May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes Spiller, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

A question was asked at the previous meeting regarding resident choice of area hospitals when being transported by a Newport Fire Department emergency vehicle. The fire department indicates that residents can choose which hospital they are transported to within reason. Trauma 1-level patients will be transported to Advocate Condell in Libertyville. Stroke patients generally are transported to Froedtert or Aurora in Pleasant Prairie, WI. Cardiac patients are generally transported to Vista in Waukegan or St. Catherine's in Kenosha. Lake Forest Hospital is also an available hospital choice.

This year's senior luncheon will consist of a boxed lunch and donated goodies due to the continuing pandemic. Trustee Williams suggests enclosing the township's Dial-a-Ride fliers in the distributed goody bags. Whitmore will make the necessary arrangements for the fliers. He asks trustees to assist in obtaining donations from area businesses, such as gift certificates, etc. for inclusion into the giveaway packets. Additionally, the township will be donating \$1,000 for Lovin' Oven cookies and other items.

Whitmore indicates the Village of Wadsworth supports the idea of the 'Ken Harvey Roundabout' for the newest area roundabout at Wadsworth and Dilly's roads. The supervisor expresses that Ken would not have wanted the word 'memorial' to be used. Signage should be simple and minimal.

Highway Department Report:

Rodger Edmonds indicates there isn't currently much going on, and some of his personnel are taking some time off. The lack of rain has slowed the need for some of the usual seasonal maintenance.

Lake County has re-issued the permit for the township's mushroom farm on Country Lane. The county was holding up permitting to make some changes, but the outstanding issues have since been resolved.

A permit has also been issued for an organic vegetable and tree farm at Russell and N. Delany Rds. (east side of Delany.)

Assessor's Report:

No report.

Clerk's Report:

The clerk indicates the new monthly board audit report is circulating for signatures.

The clerk and Assessor's Office Manager propose the installation of an improved, enlarged and weather-resistant, message board for legal postings at the Township Offices. The existing posting board is very small. The supervisor approves moving forward with the proposal.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller—No report.

Stan Williams—Trustee Williams expresses concerns with residents who are watering lawns during the drought conditions. He suggests that the Village of Wadsworth be requested to include a message in their next newsletter explaining to residents why this practice is unwise--- the area uses well systems to access the aquifer. Despite appearances, grass will not die, but will go dormant until such time as it rains.

Mike Wells—No report.

James Zegar—No report.

Township Business:

Whitmore introduces the annual \$1,000 donation to the Newport Fire Department for the Senior Luncheon.

Motion by Spiller, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Finances:

Supervisor Whitmore indicates the monthly bill warrants are available for board review.

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

Motion by Williams, second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

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, 3-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:32 p.m.

Dated the 16th day of June 2021.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk