

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 December 15, 2021

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Stanley Williams, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Randall Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

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, Mike Wells, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Jim Zegar.

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

Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes by Wells, second by Spiller.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reports receipt of certified letter from the City of Zion regarding a 62-acre extension of a waste facility located near Newport. Whitmore indicates he has consulted legal counsel, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, and she advises there is nothing the township can do to contest the expansion.

Highway Department Report:

Trustee Stan Williams provides an update on the township’s highway department, noting that Director Rodger Edmonds is unable to attend the meeting tonight due to illness. Edmonds and another highway department employee have tested positive for Covid. Both are currently in quarantine offsite. Subsequently, the highway department facility, including the mezzanine, front office, restrooms and shop area were electrostatically disinfected on December 14, 2021. Williams provides a work order and Certificate of Completion for the cleaning. He comments the trustees can expect to see the invoice for the disinfection service in the January bill packet.

The Wreaths Across America ceremony at Mount Rest Cemetery will be held on December 18, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. Newport’s own, Mrs. Toni Edmonds is scheduled to sing a duet of ‘Amazing Grace’ at the event. Board members are encouraged to attend. The cemetery is located north of Rosecrans, at 42455 N. U.S. 41.

Assessor’s Report:

No report.

Clerk’s Report:

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

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller—No report.

Stan Williams—No report.

Mike Wells—No report.

James Zegar—No report.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduces the annual Tax Levy Ordinance (#152021A) for adoption. The total amount being levied for the tax year 2021, collectable in 2022, is \$723, 032. Due to the elimination of the township's road district earlier this year, via State of Illinois mandate, all township departments are now included in a single ordinance:

General Town, \$206,568

General Assistance, \$12,000

Road and Bridge, \$115,000

Insurance, \$10,000

Permanent Road, \$304,464

Equipment and Building, \$75,000

Whitmore requests a motion to adopt the Township Levy Ordinance (#152021A), as presented.

Motion by Williams, second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Finances:

Supervisor Whitmore provides the monthly bill warrants for trustee review.

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

Motion by Spiller, second by Williams.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Public Comment:

Rick Neal – Resident Neal indicates he is checking on adherence to Covid masking requirements.

Daniella Lasakova & Jaromir Hulka - Residents seeks to utilize their 4–5-acre home site to establish a not-for-profit in order to provide a home for aging animals. Daniella indicates she currently has 2 horses, a number of dogs and 1 kitten. As the property at 14115 W. 9th Street is located in unincorporated Newport, she is directed to contact Lake County Zoning to discuss her plans and any requirements the county may have for a not-for-profit on the property size she is indicating, which includes a large pond. Daniella indicates she previously spoke with Assessor Jerome Berens on the matter. Assessor Berens concurs she needs to get in touch with the county zoning department, located on Winchester Road in Libertyville.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Motion by Spiller second by Williams.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 5-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:17 p.m.

Dated the 15th day of December 2021.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk