

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 May 18, 2022.

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

James Zegar, Trustee

Joe Kust, Trustee +

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Call to Order: Supervisor Randy Whitmore calls the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the April Regular & Budget Hearing Minutes.

Motion to approve the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes by Zegar, second by Wells.

Roll call vote: Ayes, Spiller, Wells, Zegar, Whitmore. Nays, none. Abstain, Kust.

Motion passes, 4-0.

Motion to approve the April 20, 2022 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes by Zegar, second by Spiller.

Roll call vote: Ayes, Spiller, Wells, Zegar, Whitmore. Nays, none. Abstain, Kust.

Motion passes, 4-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore advises that Trustee Stan Williams has resigned. * Whitmore appoints Joe Kust to fill the vacancy created by Williams's resignation. The supervisor says Kust is currently serving on the Newport Fire District Board, which he must resign from in order to hold the trustee position on the township board. The supervisor additionally comments that Chief Kirschhoffer is aware of Kust's intent to resign. Whitmore summarizes Kust's professional resume and notes he has been a resident of the township since 2004.

Oath of Office:

Supervisor Whitmore requests the Oath of Office be administered to Joe Kust.

Mr. Joe Kust is sworn and takes seat as trustee. +

Highway Department Report:

Supervisor Whitmore reads a summary provided by Highway Department Director, Rodger Edmonds:

Township mowing is underway, as is branch clean-up from the recent strong spring winds. Another priority this month is vehicle maintenance. Edmond's report confirms that he has dismissed highway department employee, Casey Ervin, as discussed at the prior month's meeting. The employee's portion of his health insurance is paid thru May. His insurance coverage from the township will cease on May 31, 2022. Edmonds is not prepared with costs for the potential N. Dilly's Road shoulder improvement project and requests the item be skipped for tonight and placed onto the June meeting agenda. The project is expected to utilize Rebuild Illinois Funds.

Assessor's Report:

No report.

Clerk's Report:

The monthly board audit report is circulating for signatures.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller—No comments.

Joe Kust—No comments.

Mike Wells—No comments.

James Zegar—No comments.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore introduces the setting of a time and date for establishing an ordinance regarding weight restrictions on township roads. The board settles on June 15, 2022 at 6:45 p.m., prior to the June Regular Meeting. Whitmore to confer with counsel and advise clerk whether meeting needs to be special or hearing. Board members share concerns over the likelihood of adequate enforcement by the Lake County Sheriff as the area roadways already suffer from a lack of attention from the sheriff’s department.

Finances:

Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion to approve the township’s bills.

Motion by Spiller, second by Zegar to approve the monthly bills.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes, Spiller, Wells, Zegar, Whitmore. Nays, none. Abstain, Kust.

Motion passes, 4-0.

Public Comment:

Nicole Large – Ms. Large summarizes her professional background and offers her expertise if the township has a future need.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Motion by Spiller, second by Zegar.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 5-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:28 p.m.

Dated the 18th day of May, 2022.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon_____

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk