

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 August 17, 2022

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Mike Wells, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Mike Wells, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Trustee Joe Kust and Assessor Jerome Berens. Also present, Rodger Edmonds, Highway Dept. Director.

Trustee Vacancy Appointment and Administration of Oath of Office: Supervisor Whitmore requests a motion and a second to approve the appointment of Frank Kaiser to fulfill the vacancy created with the recent resignation of James Zegar.

Motion to approve the appointment of Frank Kaiser to the position of Township Trustee by Spiller, second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Spurgeon administers the Oath of Office to Frank Kaiser for the office of Township Trustee.

Kaiser joins the township board meeting.

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

Motion to approve the July 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes by Spiller, second by Wells.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Whitmore thanks Rodger Edmonds and the highway department for their work on the enhanced shoulder (walking pathway) along N. Dilly's & Mill Creek Roads.

Whitmore reports Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC, township legal counsel, contacted him regarding a new state requirement for townships. He comments that Krafthefer should have provided the information to the entire board; however, he summarized the information: Townships will now be required to select a 3-person commission comprised of their members that will report to the local county board, in this case, Lake County, twice annually, to report to the county board on how they are saving taxpayer monies. The new requirement apparently begins in three months. Counsel will provide additional details at a future meeting.

The supervisor and highway department director, Rodger Edmonds share frustrations with the Village of Wadsworth and the current status of the inter-governmental agreement (IGA) delineation of duties. Residents complain about over-grown grass and litter in the shoulders that is unattended to. Edmonds reports Trustee Ben Dolan has not kept promises and has been difficult to get ahold of, however, he finally did speak with him and Administrator Pat DiPersio in recent days. Going forward Edmonds will work with DiPersio on village administrative matters as the village's maintenance staff reports to DiPersio.

Highway Department Report:

Highway Department Director Rodger Edmonds reports his department is wrapping up work on Mill Creek & Dilly's Road enhanced shoulder pathway from Foxglove to Old Orchard. A pedestrian crossing will additionally be striped in thermalflex at the 'Y' intersection of Mill Creek and N. Dilly's, as will shoulder lane markings. Vendor NP Paving is due \$27,550 for the shoulder work they completed.

Richards has submitted bills to the township for \$15,539 relating to work performed to replace a damaged/collapsing culvert on Country Lane. The culvert's collapse is exacerbated by an area neighbor consistently running a large crane down the road.

'No Parking' signs in the neighborhood areas nearby the annual Renaissance Faire are succeeding in keeping nuisance traffic in the area under control this season.

The Newport Fire District will participate in ‘Touch a Truck’ on September 17, 2022. The event provides an interactive experience for children to see, touch and explore their favorite emergency vehicles.

Lastly, Director Edmonds provided the board with color-coded maps identifying Newport Township roads and the Village of Wadsworth Roads which the township assists with thru the IGA process.

Assessor’s Report:

No report.

Clerk’s Report:

The monthly board audit report is circulating for signatures. The annual financial audit is complete and the audit report booklets have been provided to the board members.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller—No comments.

Joe Kust—No comments.

Mike Wells—No comments.

Frank Kaiser—No comments.

Township Business:

Supervisor Whitmore asks the board to vote on acceptance of the annual financial audit.

Motion by Wells, second by Spiller to accept the audit report as presented.

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Finances:

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

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

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

Motion passes, 4-0.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Motion by Wells, second by Kaiser.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 4-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:27 p.m.

Dated the 17th day of August, 2022.

 s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk