

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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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 September 21, 2022

**Members Present:**

Mike Wells, Trustee

Joe Kust, Trustee

Frank Kaiser, 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, Joe Kust, Mike Wells, Frank Kaiser, Debbie Spurgeon and Randy Whitmore. Absent, Trustee Daryle Spiller and Assessor Jerome Berens. Also present, Rodger Edmonds, Highway Dept. Director.

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

Motion to approve the August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes by Wells, second by Kaiser.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Whitmore invites former Newport resident, Jim Zegar to give the board a summary report on the recent township financial audit. Mr. Zegar says the management of the township is responsible for the data, which is annually audited. It is the auditor's job to express an opinion on the financial information provided. They are looking to see if you fairly represented your information. The township uses a modified cash basis system. In the auditor's opinion, responsibilities have been met. The township has positive cash balances. There is good stewardship of assets.

**Highway Department Report:**

Highway Department Director Rodger Edmonds reports he is waiting on bills for Dilly's Road shoulder-edge striping and the striping of the added pedestrian crosswalk area at the "Y" intersection of Mill Creek and N. Dilly's. Lake County will reimburse the township once the bill is submitted to the county.

Edmonds reports highway department employee Steven Beer tendered his resignation. Edmonds says he hired 'Tyler' from Kenosha. He will provide the clerk with Beer's resignation and Tyler's employment application.

Mr. Edmonds indicates he purchased a generator to replace an old township generator.

The Newport Fire District held its 'Touch a Truck' event at the former Gurnee Grade School site last Saturday. The highway department brought the township's Kenworth truck to the event.

The highway department has 80 tons of salt in the bin and ready for the upcoming snow season. Rodger will order 100 tons in October at \$82.50 per ton contracted price. With the state contract, the township must take a minimum of 80% of the contract, and can purchase up to 120% at the contracted price. This salt purchase includes salt for the township and Village of Wadsworth. The Village will once again utilize a replenishment method to make the township whole as the salt is consumed.

Edmonds additionally reports his employees will participate in a salt safety class.

A brief discussion occurs on the use of salt alternatives, such as sand and a beet juice mixture. Sand has proven to be a problem with the clogging of storm sewers. The beet mixture is generally/best used as a pre-treatment for road surfaces.

**Assessor's Report:**

No report.

**Clerk's Report:**

The monthly board audit report circulates for signatures.

**Trustee Comments:**

Daryle Spiller—No comments.

Joe Kust—No comments.

Mike Wells—No comments.

Frank Kaiser—No comments.

**Township Business:**

No new business. The township will consider it's estimated levy at the October meeting.

**Finances:**

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

Motion by Kust, second by Wells to approve the monthly bills.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes, Kust, 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 Kust, second by Kaiser.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 4-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:27 p.m.

**Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2022.**

\_\_\_\_\_s/Debbie Spurgeon\_\_\_\_\_

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**