

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 October 19, 2022

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Frank Kaiser, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Call to Order: Trustee Spiller calls the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Spiller leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Mike Wells, Frank Kaiser, Debbie Spurgeon and Jerome Berens. Absent, Supervisor Randy Whitmore and Trustee Joe Kust.

Also present, Toni Edmonds, reporting for Highway Dept. Director, Rodger Edmonds and Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC.

Motion to Appoint Meeting Chair: Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer requests a motion to appoint senior trustee Daryle Spiller to chair tonight's meeting due to Supervisor Whitmore's absence.

Motion to appoint Trustee Spiller as chair of the October Regular Board Meeting by Kaiser, second by Wells.

Voice Vote: Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none. Motion passes, 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Spiller requests a motion and a second to approve the September Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes by Wells, second by Kaiser.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Trustee Spiller reports that Supervisor Whitmore is unable to return from Florida in time for the meeting tonight due to flight cancellations after an incident at the Fort Meyer's airport several days ago.

Highway Department Report:

Highway Department Director Rodger Edmonds is out of town. Mrs. Toni Edmonds delivers an update on the highway department activities. The 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 have not yet been complete.

Mrs. Edmonds reports the highway department recently purchased new tires for the 'white dump truck'.

She further notes the employees are currently prepping trucks for the upcoming winter season.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Berens provides an update on his health.

Berens says he is happy to report that the equalizing factor this year is lower than was initially anticipated, which is good news for township taxpayers.

Clerk's Report:

The monthly board audit report is circulating for signatures. Reminds the highway department to provide the employment application for the department's new employee.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller—No comments.

Joe Kust—No comments. (Absent.)

Mike Wells—Trustee Wells questions whether the highway department has investigated fuel bids in order to keep highway department fuel costs down.

Mrs. Edmonds responds that the department leases a fuel tank in order to purchase diesel fuel at a more equitable cost.

Frank Kaiser—No comments.

Township Business:

Trustee Spiller introduces the township’s estimated levy, which the board must vote on its adoption tonight. Attorney Krafthefer inquires whether the estimated levy remains flat. Mrs. Edmonds reports the proposed estimated levy is flat (104.99%) of the previous year.

No discussion or comments.

Motion by Wells, second by Kaiser to adopt the Estimated Levy (#19102022A) as presented, for tax year 2022, payable in 2023.

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

Motion passes, 3-0

Finances:

Trustee Spiller requests a motion to approve the township’s bills.

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

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Trustee Spiller requests a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Wells, second by Kaiser.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none.

Motion passes, 3-0.

Meeting adjourns at 7:22 p.m.

Dated the 19th day of October, 2022.

_____s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk