

Minutes Annual Town Meeting

STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

THE ELECTORS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP met at the office of the Town Clerk at the Township Offices on April 11, 2023.

Public Present: The voters present at the Annual Town Meeting were verified by the clerk with the registered voter list as provided by the Lake County Clerk's Office on April 6, 2023.

Call to Order: Spurgeon called the Annual Town Meeting of Newport Township to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The clerk led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointment of a Moderator and Oath of Office: Spurgeon requested nominations for Moderator of the April 11, 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Mildred Corder, second by Rick Neal to nominate Toni Edmonds as moderator for the April 11, 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Voice vote: Ayes all; nays none. Motion passes.

Mrs. Toni Edmonds is sworn in as the Moderator and signs Oath of Office.

Approval of Annual Town Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2022:

Minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on April 12, 2022 are available for elector review.

No discussion.

Motion by Stan Williams, second by Rick Neal to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022.

Voice vote: Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passes.

The Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement/Settlement for March 1, 2022-February 28, 2023 is posted as required according to state statute and copies are available at tonight's meeting.

Moderator Edmonds invites residents in attendance to review and ask questions on the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement.

Mildred Corder inquires on what township salaries are included in Road & Bridge Fund, under the heading Expenses/Administration totaling \$32,946.50. Moderator Edmonds says this number includes Bookkeeper Nancy Lech, Road Department Administrator Beckie Mitton and the highway department's seasonal plowing personnel.

Mrs. Corder asks about the division of rent between the General and General Assistance Funds (rent for the township offices). Lastly, she asks about the rent number (\$25,978.68) listed under Expenses & Administration in the Road & Bridge Fund (highway department building).

Rick Neal asks what the Replacement Tax line item represents in both the General Town and Road & Bridge Fund. It is identified as a revenue; however, no one present at the meeting is certain what is included in these figures (\$14,437.59 in General Town and \$24,418.76 in Road & Bridge). Moderator Toni Edmonds says she will ask Bookkeeper Nancy Lech and provide Mr. Neal with a response at the next Regular Township Meeting.

Mr. Neal commented that this is the Supervisor's Annual Financial Settlement Statement, however, the township supervisor is not present to answer questions.

Motion to accept the Supervisor's Annual Financial Settlement Statement by Rick Neal, second by Stan Williams.

Voice vote: Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passes.

Township Business:

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Motions, Questions, Discussion for the Electors Assembled (Public Comment):

No questions or public comment.

Date and Time of next Annual Town Meeting: The electors assembled determined the next Annual Town Meeting will take place on April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newport Township Offices located at 19020 W. Old Town Court, Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

Announcement of the Close of Business: Moderator Edmonds announces the close of business at 7:18 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Moderator Edmonds requests a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mildred Corder; second by Rick Neal.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Dated the 11th day of April 2023.

s/ Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk

s/ Toni Edmonds

2023 Annual Town Meeting Moderator