

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 15, 2024

Members Present:

J. Daryle Spiller, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Mike Wells, Trustee

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Call to Order: Trustee Spiller calls the Regular Township Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: In attendance, Daryle Spiller, Corey Kirschhoffer, Mike Wells, and Debbie Spurgeon.

Also present, Rodger Edmonds, Highway Department Director.

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

Motion by Kirschhoffer, second by Wells to approve the April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Reports:

Supervisor’s Report:

No report.

Highway Department Report:

Highway Department Director Rodger Edmonds reports the ownership of the culverts located near Russell and Delany Roads is still undetermined by Lake County. As mentioned last month, the township culverts intersect county roads, and the county may end up taking over responsibility for the repair and maintenance, as they expect to repave Russell Road next year. The township awaits a decision.

Highway Department personnel have been working on patching and culverts in recent weeks.

Trudy at the Newport Fire Department is still looking for assistance with gift bag donations for the upcoming Senior Luncheon in June. Items such as gift cards or gift certificates are requested from area businesses or individuals.

Edmonds adds that the fire department is participating in the First Responder Expo, being held at Gurnee Mills on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The family friendly event features live demonstrations and interactive fire safety and crime prevention displays.

Assessor’s Report:

No report.

Clerk’s Report:

The monthly board audit report is routing for signatures.

Trustee Comments:

Daryle Spiller—No comments.

Corey Kirschhoffer—No comments.

Mike Wells— No comments.

Frank Kaiser—No comments.

Township Business:

Trustee Spiller introduces the re-appointment of Bruce Cramer to the position of Trustee on the Newport Fire District Board. The appointment occurs at the request of Supervisor Whitmore.

Motion by Kirschhoffer, second by Wells to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Bruce Cramer to the Newport Fire District Board, in the position of trustee for another term of office.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Trustee Spiller indicates a public budget hearing was held at 6:45 p.m. tonight, prior to the regular meeting, and now the board needs to take final action on the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The proposed budget has been posted and publicized since mid-March, in excess of the required 30 days, and all necessary statutory requirements have been satisfied.

No discussion.

Motion by Wells, second by Kirschhoffer to approve the final budget for Newport Township's fiscal year, 2024-2025.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Finances:

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

Motion by Wells, second by Kirschhoffer to approve the May monthly bills.

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

Motion passes, 3-0.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Motion by Kirshhoffer, second by Wells.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all. Nays, none.

Meeting adjourns at 7:08 p.m.

Dated the 15th day of May, 2024.

 s/Debbie Spurgeon

Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk