

Village of Newport regular meeting – April 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on April 17, 2017 @ 7:00 Pm by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Steven Woods
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Tricia Foster (clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street Superintendent), Michael Woods (water superintendent), George Farley (codes & Zoning), William Wilder, Dave Jones (Newport fire dept.), Storm Kovac, Mark Oakley, Craig Felhaber

Absent:

Michele Weakley (treasurer), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on March 20, 2017, seconded by Trustee Woods.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Amendment of the approval of minutes; under the approval of minutes for March 20, 2017 meeting. Change the word unstained to abstained.

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written with the amendment for the regular meeting held on March 20, 2017, seconded by Trustee Woods.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Department heads reports:

History Center:

Barb Curran gave her report and it will be placed on file.

Water Superintendent:

Michael Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Street Superintendent:

Herm Harris gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Zoning:

No new business

Planning Board:

No new business

Codes & Zoning:

George Farley gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Fire Dept.:

The new truck had broken down and now it will have to have the whole AC unit. They have not changed anything on the invoice regarding the hard suction not fitting as of now and because of that the truck has not been paid for yet.

Treasurer:

Michele Weakley gave her report and it will be placed on file.

Water abs #11 \$1403.67 vouchers 50-53 \$1403.67 checks 3370-3373

General abs #11 \$4872.25 checks 11643-11656 vouchers 184-197

Budget adoption:

Will be held on April 24, 2017 @ 6:00PM

West Street property:

No new news

Mayor Hennings stated that we did not re-appoint our current attorney at the re-organizational meeting; Village is currently looking for another attorney. William Wilder stated that Michelle Broadbent had interest in this position.

Trustee Woods asked if there was any interest in repairing the pot holes around the village. Stated that the cold patch won't work that we would need to cut the road and do it the correct way. Mayor Hennings asked if Herm Harris and Trustee Woods would work on this together, getting a list of everyplace that needed to be repaired. They agreed to take it away.

Public comment to start @ 7:11 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Mark Oakley asked if there was any new news on the wall at Storm Kovac Property on Main St. Mayor Hennings stated that there is not. Storm Kovac stated the he bought the house thinking that it was sound and the previous owner had an engineer sign off on it and never was present, and that he thinks that the Village should hold responsibility for it and wanted to seek council. Trustee Roberts stated that the previous owner may not have done the right thing but the Village did not know about it at the time. Mayor Hennings stated that the code officer is not an engineer and that an engineer placed his stamp on it, and that she would talk to George Farley and Audrey Dunning and that Storm Kovac should proceed as he see fit. Discussion ensued.

William Wilder asked about building permits and who he would ask if one was given. Mayor Hennings stated that he could ask George Farley or foil it from the village clerk. William Stated that the Newport Marketplace built a roof over a current roof over the back deck he then asked George if any permits had been issued to the marketplace in the past. George said he thought a couple of different permits had been issued. Discussion ensued.

Craig Felhaber stated that the engineer of the Main Street property (being he is licensed) is subject to a review of the work done and this matter can be brought before the state board. He stated that George Farley isn't an engineer but can ask questions on why you think its ok. Discussion ensued.

Craig Felhaber stated that the West Street property started a year ago and he keeps hearing the lawyer is working on it and we're still working on it. He said that if the village is looking for a new lawyer that is should be posted in the paper

for this. He also stated that the pot hole issues need to go out to bid, should hold a pre bid conference so that the contractors know what areas need to be fixed and have a pre bid packet. Discussion ensued.

William Wilder stated that he wouldn't be surprised if the West Street property had a for sale sign on it soon. Craig Felhaber stated that the village should place a lien on it. Discussion ensued.

The vouchers were reviewed and signed and the bank statements and balance sheets were reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk