

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – April 20, 2015

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on April 20, 2015 @ 7:03PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Linda Hennings, Michael Wood (water superintendent), George Farley (codes & zoning), Craig Fehlhaber, Kelly Fehlhaber, Audrey Dunning (village attorney), John Crandall

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for March 16, 2015

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 16, 2015, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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. This will also serve as the water project update.

Street superintendent:

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

Resolution #26

Motion made by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOVLED, to have the summer help from Herkimer County start in May and at the end of August, this will be paid by the Village of the time outside of what the county pays him.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

ZBA:

Nothing new to report

Planning board:

Nothing new to report

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

They will hold their annual open house on April 25th from 11-3 and chicken BBQ will also be available. We have received a bill for the replacement of the rubber around the floor in the building.

Recreation:

The ball fields are starting to be used. Are going to hold off with the construction of the building until the fall, do think that we should move forward with getting the shed in place at the park. Trustee Woods gave us a price for a 12 x 16 shed for \$2750.00 and could change with the options that are chosen. He will get another price and will decide at May meeting and move forward. Herm Harris also told us some chains for some of the swings at the playground will look at where we purchased the playground equipment and see if we can purchase new ones.

Resolution #27

Motion made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to purchase a 12 x 16 shed for the playground of the use of equipment storage not to exceed \$3,500.00.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Treasurer:

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

Water abs. 11 vouchers 55-58 \$627.46 checks 3236-3239

General abs 11 vouchers 214-244 \$58153.14 checks 10151-10181

Posting board:

The village is looking to purchase a new posting board to be placed by the post office behind the bench that is already there. Mayor Hennings has spoken to the owners of the building and they are ok with us placing it there but would like to have time to clean that area up.

Resolution # 28

Motion made by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to purchase a posting board for village use to be placed next to the post office and not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Lawn Mowing:

Adirondack Landscaping spoke to Mayor Hennings and said that they were no longer going to be bid the lawn mowing bid, he could not make money for the amount that is paid. The village will continue with the services of Real Deal Landscaping.

Garage Sales:

Village wide garage sales will be held the weekend of May 16-17

Trash day:

Village wide trash day will be held on Friday May 22nd.

Budget Approval / Fire meeting with towns:

Will be held on Monday April 27th @6:00 at the fire house.

Public comment:

Started @ 7:18 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Kelly Felbhaber stated that at the December meeting she had asked how she went about scheduling to have a water line installed for her property, and was told to contact Mike Woods water superintendent to schedule an appointment. In February she exchanged text messages to Mike Woods; Mike stated the village would need a letter for the larger line. Her husband Craig called Mike and Mike said that anything further would need to be taken up with the board and that a letter was needed in order to move forward. Mayor Hennings said that they need to send a letter stating why they would need a 3 inch pipe and an estimate of usage. Audrey told us that the dept. of health requires this, needs to know the impact of the water use and would need to ensure that the backflow valve was installed The Village will need a plan submitted showing this will and has been installed. Craig said that he talked with Mike Woods and said that he thought he was getting a call back and he was not called back. Mike asked for the letter and never received one. Craig said that there are other residence have the 2 or 3 inch pipes and that they are putting in greenhouse and will use the water, also asked if a letter is sent if he will be provided with an answer. Mayor Hennings said that the Village will review the letter and discuss it with the necessary personal and provide a letter with the determination.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to close the meeting @ 7:26PM, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk