

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – April 21, 2014

The village of Newport meeting was called to order on April 21, 2014 @ 7:10 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings

Trustee – Steven Woods

Trustee – Heidi Worden

Tricia Foster (clerk), Michele Weakley (Treasurer), Cathy Asaro (Deputy Clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Kim Farrell (ZBA), George Lang, Tim Fiorentino, Patty Fiorentino, John Flanagan (Planning Board), Chris Lynch, Herm Harris (Street superintendent), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Margaret Garlock (planning board), Audrey Dunning (village lawyer), Erin Roberts, Mary Foster, Linda Hennings, Tom Roberts, George Farley (codes & zoning), Chris Shahin (ZBA)

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes from March 17, 2014

Motion made by trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting on March 17, 2014, seconded by Trustee Worden.

All in in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Worden

Opposed: None

Motion passed

Department head reports:

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

Water Superintendent: Mike Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file. Trustee Worden asked he has received anything from the annual tests, Mike told us that he had not received anything as of then and said it would come to Mayor Hennings. Mayor Hennings told us that she had not received anything yet. Trustee Worden asked about OSHA training for Street and water superintendent with the upcoming start of the water project, if this was something that was already set up for them to take. She had found training for a 10 hour course coming through the MVCC site. Mayor Hennings said that none of the village employees will be doing anything on the work sites of this project.

Streets Superintendent:

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

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

Mayor Hennings told us that with the Herkimer County flooding going on that the emergency services of Herkimer County thought that the flooding was going to be worse than the flooding of 2011. There was also going to be a public meeting about the flooding on Thursday April 24, 2014 to be held at the Newport Telephone Co.

Recreation committee:

The water has been turned on at the playground. Mayor Hennings told us that there has been a problem with people putting their garbage in the dumpster at the playground; signs are going to be posted. Trustee Worden asked if we had recreation insurance for the baseball that is already being played on the fields.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs. 11 vouchers 51-54 \$789.62 checks 3174, 3176-3178

General abs 11 vouchers 217-251 \$56202.76 checks 9880-9912

Budget:

Trustee Worden asked about the revitalization funds and if the committee was getting more money. Mayor Hennings told her the funds were going to go for village revitalization to be started up. The money is not given to the committee but appropriated for the flowers and flags. The remainder will be used to start cleaning up downtown area.

Resolution # 16

Motion was made by Mayor Hennings , seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOVLED, to approve the 2014 -2015 Village of Newport budget as written.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Motion passed

Re levy water rents:**Resolution # 17**

Motion made by Mayor Hennings , seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to put all outstanding past due water rents in the amount of \$4997.37 to be re-levied to the 2014-2015 taxes.

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

Opposed; none

Motion passed

Water project update:

Work is going to be started this week, should have timeline when V&B Underground Utilities is able to start and can get a better idea of the what they are working with.

Parking sign:

Mayor Hennings has sent a letter to DOT to have sign in front of the tavern moved.

Garage sales / Garbage day:

Village wide garage sales are going to be held May 16, 17, and 18

Garbage day is going to be May 23rd

Memorial Day parade is going to be held by Newport this year and will be on May 26th with ceremonies following and a BBQ will be held at the firehouse after.

June 7th is trout power weekend

May 3rd is rotary auction @ Snyder Fuel

Lawn mowing bids:

Mayor Hennings told us that 2 bids were received one from Real Deal Landscaping and one from Adirondack Landscaping. Mayor Hennings opened both bids

Real Deal:

Bid to include mowing and weed eating done weekly, clean up after all work and fallen limb.

Special events would be taken in consideration ad to make sure all mowing was done prior to this. Certification of liability and NYS Workers Comp, both naming the Village is included. Cost was \$1900.00 for the season

Adirondack Landscaping:

Mowing and trimming of all areas done between the hours of 7-9 AM, Fall Clean up. Certificate of liability naming the Village was included. Letter to sign if chosen. Cost was \$2300.00

Resolution # 18

Motion made by Mayor Hennings seconded by Trustee Worden, RESOVLED, to accept the lawn mowing bid from Real Deal Landscaping as written for \$1900.00 for the season.

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

Opposed: none

Motion passed

Public comment staring @ 7:26 PM not to excessed 30 minutes:

Erin Roberts say the Real Deal Landscaping said estimate and Adirondack Landscaping said the price. Would want to make sure that was going to be the price and not be charged more later on. Mayor Hennings said that she would follow up on that.

Kim Farrell wants to know how the garage sales and trash day would be posted. It is on the website now and posters are going to be posted around the village.

John Flanagan asked about the 10 hour OSHA course and wanted to know what our employees are going to be doing to the worksites. Mayor Hennings told us that they will not be on the site.

Tom Roberts suggested that maybe we contact the insurance company and ask what they think of this as well.

Chris Shanhin said that according to the decision made earlier in the ZBA Meeting we have nothing in place for special events use permits. Mayor Hennings said that she will look into this and write something up and maybe pass something in the May meeting. Also that in June or July of last year something was sent to the planning board.

Greg Lang asked the zoning officer what is going to be done to a business that is operating illegally. Kim Farrell asked if maybe go to a town meeting to see how people are using their property. How the Town is handles this, if town has something in place align with them. Trustee Worden said Village takes presidencies and George Farley said we can only use village laws.

Audrey was asked what she thought about this, she said that she has no option in the public form. Said maybe if the Village has nothing in place does the town apply?

Trustee Worden asked how many multi-family dwellings in the Village? Trustee Woods asked how this applies. Trustee Worden said that we could get this from the water report. Tom Roberts said maybe ask Jack Dodson it may be in paperwork.

Motion made by Trustee Woods to go into executive session @ 7:37 PM to discuss water meter, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed

Came out of executive session @ 7:46 PM, Mayor Hennings said that we are going to wait to place water meter at construction time.

Motion made by Trustee Worden to call the meeting to close @ 7:46 Pm, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

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