

A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport – August 15, 2016

The village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on August 15, 2016 @ 7:01 PM 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), Ellen Harris, Linda Hennings, Clara Hill, Audrey Dunning (village attorney), Rich Abbott, Michael Woods (water superintendent), James Edwards (Newport Fire Dept.), George Farley (codes & zoning), Craig Felhaber, Malcolm Harris, Dick Foster (arrived @ 7:14PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on July 18, 2016, Seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Department heads report:

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.

Could take 3-4 weeks for the parts for the Storage tank

Street Superintendent:

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

Possible new battery for his cell phone, Mayor Hennings is going to look into getting him a new phone, current phone is at least 7 years old.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

Jim Edwards was here from the Fire Dept. to talk to the board about the getting a sprinkler system in the fire house. After Poland Fire Dept. fire a few months ago he started doing some

research into the fire house getting re fitted with a sprinkler system, he has talked to 3 different companies about this and only 1 came back with an estimate. The alarms are great but they don't put out fires and the community is lucky that nothing has happened in Newport. He gave the board the estimate with 2 types of systems a dry line and a wet line, Estimate is \$80,300.00 without state wages and \$17,300.00 with state wages for a total of \$97,600.00. Would like for the board to look into this building is also used for the Village offices and if there was a natural disaster the building is also used for that. Aid that there might be grants out there to help with this and maybe start with local state or federal offices, would like to protect the assets for the whole community. Mayor Hennings that we have a new Fire truck coming in November and maybe there would be some cost savings with the insurance co. Jim would like to help the Village in any way that he can with this.

Fields Days were held first full weekend is August, most successful in many years. They had great crowds, rides, fireworks and Parade. No figures yet may take a few weeks with bills still coming in.

Recreation:

Summer program is wrapping up, would like to get a calendar of events for next year set up and something could be sent home with kids before the end of the school year. Maybe look into getting the free lunches like the Town of Russia does, we believe this is the only playground program for the WCV area and would like to have more kids join the program in the coming years.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs 3 vouchers 9-15 \$27629.40 checks 3329-3335
Gen abs 3 vouchers 37-57 \$11391.10 checks 10491-10511

Executive Session:

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to go into executive session @ 7:20PM to discuss ongoing litigation regarding the water project, Seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to come out of executive session @ 7:55PM, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Mayor Hennings reported the results of the executive session were there was no resolution.

Demolition / removal project – West Street (Hans Flaatrud property)

Mayor Hennings said that the board is going to have a special meeting on Wednesday August 24, 2016 @ 6:00 Pm to discuss this. Meeting to be held at the Firehouse

Procurement policy:

The village's current policy is 25+ years old with no update done. On January 20, 1992 the village made a resolution for the procurement policy with an effective date of January 1, 1992. Per state it \$35,000.00 for public works and \$25,000.00 for general purchases, above that would need 3 bids. Trustee Roberts that the smaller projects are taking too long, Mayor Hennings wants to do what's in the best interest of the Village and doesn't want to break project up to avoid using this. Audrey Dunning said that the state website might have a sample policy and would avoid sub division of projects. Mayor Hennings said that they are going to table this for now so some more research and then move forward with East St.

Parking:

Would like to check with state so we can move forward with tickets and signage. Current speed problem also in the village, we would like to have some additional electronic signage for village warning what speed the vehicle is traveling. We have also had 2 fire hydrants hit in the village. We will look into having the county bring up the STOP DWI speed sign for the village use; we will contact Sheriff Farber,

Public comment to start @ 8:05PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Dick Foster asked about the new fire truck that is coming and asked what we paid on it so far. Mayor Hennings said we have not paid anything on it yet. Mayor Hennings said that we have a bonding and financial plan for that and it was all set and discussed in February. Dick stated that is was different to not have paid any down payment.

Craig Felhaber asked about the speeding issue in the village and where that was happening, Mayor Hennings stated that is was a problem through the whole village, it is a state highway so have to check with the state to see about signage on their roads. Short discussion ensued. Asked about the Fire hydrants that had to be repaired, Mayor Hennings said that they were just parts and labor for that they were part of an accident. Short discussion ensued. Also asked about the storage tank and the lightning that hit it asked if electrical passed and if insurance would cover the expenses. Short discussion ensued.

Malcolm Harris wanted to let us know that he had 34 tickets from the trucks gone wild weekend in the Town of Newport.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 8:11 PM.

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