

## **A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – August 17, 2015**

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on August 17, 2015 @ 7:01 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), George Farley (codes & Zoning), Frank Broadbent, Audrey Dunning (village attorney) Malcolm Harris  
Absent: Michael Woods (water superintendent)

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on July 20, 2015, seconded by Mayor Hennings.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: none

Abstained: Trustee Roberts

### **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.

#### **Street superintendent:**

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

9 curb stops have come in and this fills the order. Mike thinks that we should order locks for people to not mess with the water shut offs. The bridge banners have been taken down and will still be good to use for next year and Mark Barnard from Reynolds is going to clean them for us. Varnum Harris said that the library boiler is inspected every year but there is not tag on it Herm will have them put a tag on it. New shut off at the firemen's field will need to be replaced by next year if we want to meter the water on it.

#### **Zoning:**

No new business. We are still waiting on a letter for a seat that has moved out of the village.

**Planning board:**

No new business

**Codes & Zoning:**

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

**Fire dept.:**

The filed days were a huge success.

**Recreation committee:**

The end of the year party was held and had about 50 people there. Got rid of about 75 hot dogs and 50 hamburgers and everything else left was frozen and will be used for the Halloween party.

**Treasurer:**

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

2013-2014 treasurer audits was sent to comptroller

Village court 2013-2014, 2014-2015 audits was completed and sent to comptroller.

General abs. 3 vouchers 41-70 \$28216.56 checks 10244-10273

Water abs. 3 vouchers 15-25 \$5868.89 checks 3261-3272

**Water project update:**

Project is almost done. The reservoir is being filled and site restorations should be complete soon.

**Sidewalks:**

Trustee Roberts reported that he had spoken to Art Bass who did the sidewalks for us; he said that he would work with the village for whatever we wanted to do with this project. If we are going to tear it up maybe we should get an engineer firm, would need to see the cost of this or maybe we could ask Jack Dodson. The top half shouldn't have to be changed; Mayor Hennings said we have about \$10,000.00 left in Chips. Mayor Hennings said that she would reach out to Jack Dodson to see if maybe he could recommend someone.

**No parking signs:**

There are 2 at the end of the Village don't know if they are state approved. The playground signs should be fine. There are no signs on Woodchuck Hill Rd and North St. Trustee Roberts said that there is a company in New York Mills that does this, Herm suggested that maybe we use black print the red prints fades, Trustee Roberts will look into pricing. Herm asked if we could get some more parts and bolts as well. The stop sign at First Ave and Harris Ave is bent; this happened with the water project and will let Jack know about this.

**Mechanic Street:**

This project is complete and is working out well just need to have hydrant fixed.

#### Village Court:

Mayor Hennings spoke at the last Town meeting about dissolving the court. In the last 10 years of fines we have had a loss of \$84,170.00 and last 11 years \$98,040.20. Contacted NYCOM and listed comptroller site has what we would need to do to have this done. They would stay in practice until the judge term is up, this is something that they looked into a few years ago and would save the town money. Some local clerks have 2 clerks to do the reporting some judges do their own reporting, also talked about just having 1 judge and then have a backup judge as well. Malcolm Harris told us that the last 5 out of 6 calls he had weren't ours. Trustee Roberts asked if we could send a letter each month to the other villages of how many times Malcolm is getting up for cases that are not his. Malcolm is not on board with anything with the court and wants to remain neutral. Malcolm also said that his court clerk wants to retire and wants to know if he could bring in someone else. The court clerk for the Town of Russia is all up to date with the reporting and knows her stuff.

#### Garbage Day:

Will be held on September 25, 2015

#### Public comment:

Started @ 7:53PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Malcolm Harris and Frank Broadbent are concerned with how the water project left their property. Frank said he asked someone and they said that that's how it would be left. Mayor Hennings told them they we are holding payment until they complete and fix everything left not as it was before the project.

Mayor Hennings said that she is looking into getting a DWI sign for the village. Frank also asked about the parking in front the Town Tavern and Mayor Hennings told him that we have already moved the paring back as far as we could.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to go into executive session @ 8:00PM.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to come out to excessive session @ 8:13PM.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Mayor Hennings said the discussion was about moving forward with a legal matter but no decision was made.

Field days the board would like to see what they could do to help and make it more of a community event.

Motion made by Trustee Roberts, Seconded by Trustee Woods to close the meeting @ 8:32 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