

## A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – August 18, 2014

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on August 18, 2014 @ 7:00 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings  
Trustee – Steven Woods  
Trustee – Heidi Worden

Tricia Foster (Clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), Ellen Harris, Peg Garlock (planning board), Jack Dodson (Dodson & Asso.), Linda Hennings, Clara Hill, Mark Farrell (Fire chief), George Farley (codes & zoning), Mike Woods (Water superintendent), Audrey Dunning (village lawyer)

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes of minutes for July 21, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on July 21, 2014, Seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

### Department heads reports:

#### **History Center:**

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

#### **Street Superintendent:**

Mike Woods gave his report and it will be place on file.

#### **Street superintendent:**

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

#### **Codes & Zoning:**

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

#### **Planning board:**

Has had nothing on their agenda for the last couple of months

#### **Fire Dept.:**

Chief Mark Farrell is here to give his report.

The meeting with the insurance service office has been postponed until the water project is complete. This should happen in December now; Jack Dodson said it would be better to have

this in November instead. The Fire Dept. would like to thank the Village the getting the fireworks for the field days, many great response for the community on how great they were. The new officers and members are working into their new roles. The order process for the new fire engine has begun, they have a team that will spec out the truck and see what features they are going to want. The next community event with be the September 11<sup>th</sup> tribute to be held at the fire house starting @ 7:00 PM.

**Field days:**

Mayor Hennings has had a great response from the field days and the firework display. There was an article in the Herkimer Telegram about the field days.

**Firehouse maintenance:**

The outside lights need to be replaced; Sudderly Electric has given us a quote. There are 4 sets on each side that need to be replaced and they will shine down on the parking lot, the cost is \$175.00 each side and \$275.00 installed. Interior painting needs to be done; it has not been done since the firehouse was build. John Joslin has a week off in October and thinks he will do this for us; the painting will include the main room and the two hallways. Also the outside of the building need to be power washed, hopefully this can be completed before the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony. Trustee Worden asked if we looked into any programs about energy savings. Mayor Hennings told us that she has tried to contact National Grid several times with no luck. Trustee Woods is Ok with moving forward. Herm also told us that Fire Esqingues are due for service in September.

**Recreation:**

The summer program ended on Friday August 15, 2014. There were 17 kids that went on the water safari trip. The current checking account for this program is going to have been dissolved and a new account opened, at the beginning of next summer we will set them up with a petty cash box. Trustee Worden asked if it was known how many kids per day there was? Mayor Hennings told us that she did not know, they did not have to sign in we aren't a babysitting service. Trustee Worden asked if there was a list of the inventory that was left over. Mayor Hennings told us yes there was a list and that any inventory that was will be stored at the playground in a locked cabinet. Trustee Worden asked if there was a list of the daily events that were held. Mayor Hennings told us that every day the daily events were on the main door on the side.

**Treasurer:**

Michele Weakley gave her report and it will be placed on file.  
Water abs#3 vouchers 14-19, checks #3195-3200, \$11062.69  
General Abs Abs #3 vouchers 50-66, checks #9989-10001, and \$9492.46

Water information meeting:

Changed until September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00PM, this will be posted. Will check to make sure there are no open houses that night.

Water project update:

Jack Dodson is here to update us. Boil water is out for the village. A line was hit this morning, water samples will be taken Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday we will know for sure if it can be lifted. The reservoir is still full so that's a good thing.

East Street / School Street project:

There was a discussion about this.

Hydro sale:

The plant is selling to another company. They would like the village to sign to keep our part and vice versa. The personally will change, but we are keeping the same person for the village.

Mayor Hennings said that the village will still make money.

Trustee Woods and Trustee Worden are ok with Mayor Hennings to sign this paper.

Garbage day:

Mayor Hennings would like to have a fall trash day, when everyone is putting things away for the summer and weeding out what they don't need anymore. Would like to have this late September early October whatever works for left over express. Only half of the budget was spent for the spring trash day.

Trustee Woods and Trustee Worden are both ok with moving forward. We spent \$3006.00 for the fall and have \$2500.00 left in the budget.

Public comment started @ 8:12 not to exceed 30 minutes

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to close the meeting @ 8:13 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster

Village clerk