

Village Of Newport regular meeting – August 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on August 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Herm Harris (street superintendent, Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk) Daniel Burgess (Village Lawyer), George Farley (codes & Zoning), Bill Keiffer, Robert Smullen (NYS Assembly), Bill Wilder Carson Marko (arrived @ 7:15 PM), Dick Foster (arrived @ 7:10 PM)

Absent:

Michael Woods (water Superintendent), Michele Weakley (treasurer)

Pledge of Allegiance

Robert Smullen from 118th district was here to answer any questions for anyone. He has a district office in Herkimer and covers 5 counties.

Dept. Heads Report:

History:

No new business

Water Superintendent:

Michael 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.

Mayor Hennings thanked Herm for all of his help with putting up decorations for the field days and also for his help with the past weekend rain storms clean up

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire District:

No New Business

Playground:

Summer program went really well. Purchased a lot of new games and bean bags chairs for the seating area.

Treasurer:

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

Michele has asked about the past due water bills and what the plan is to correct this. Trustee Woods is wondering why we are having problems, Mayor Henning stated that she would have Village Lawyer look into this and see what we can do as far as turning off past due water.

Water abs 2 vouchers 3-10 \$28045.86 checks 3495-3501
Gen abs 2 vouchers 13-26 \$6118.01 checks 11039-11052

Water abs 3 vouchers 11-12 \$2458.38 check 3502
Gen abs 3 vouchers 27-40 \$14979.53 checks 11053-11065

Fall Trash day will be held on Friday September 20, 2019 starting @ 5:00AM

Trustee Woods asked if there was going to be any sidewalk repairs this year, Mayor Hennings stated that we would look into this.

Mayor Hennings stated that she had reached out to a couple of companies to see about going some streets over as a temporary fix for now, also asked Trustee Roberts to reach out to Jack Dodson about doing the streets over.

Public comment to start @ 7:22PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Carson Marko asked where he stood with the sub division of his property, Dan Burgess has been looking into this and the Village has not on file to not allow Carson to move forward with this. A Local Law is needed to establish a planning board and nothing is on file so the village cannot stop for moving forward. Discussion ensued

Bill Wilder asked about the 3 properties on West St and if they village was going to sell them and if there was any plan for the old school. Mayor Hennings stated that there was no plan to sell the properties as of now.

Bill Keiffer asked about the signage at the playground, Mayor Hennings stated that she meet with insurance company and the signs need to be redone and need to read a certain way with some things added to them. Bill also asked about the bathroom at the playground being open at all hours, Mayor Hennings stated that the door has been fixed. Discussion ensued.

Dick Foster asked about the playground director pay rate was and if it was posted in the local paper. He asked about the sidewalks between Asaros's and Lori Moodys, Trustee Roberts stated that the state were the ones responsible for them but have not taken any interest on the, it needs to be fixed under the roads before we can fix the sidewalks. Bill Wilder asked Robert Smullen about the sidewalks and stated that he would be happy to take a letter from the village to see if there is anything that he could do. Discussion ensued.

Dick Foster asked about the fireworks at the field's days and if the village taxpayers are still paying for them and can they legally do that? Trustee Roberts stated that the support has been more positive than negative. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 8:04PM

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