

A regular meeting of the village of Newport – December 15, 2014

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on December 15, 2014 @ 7:04PM 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), Michael Woods(water superintendent), Jason Murphy, Karen Murphy, George Farley(codes & Zoning), Craig Fehlhaber, Kelly Fehlhaber
Meeting recorded by Heidi Worden and Jason Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from November 17, 2014

Trustee Worden asked about Amend 5 was there additional funds. How much was the cost of it? Paper was given to her with numbers on it. An email to the Village Clerk from Jason & Karen Murphy was presented and asked for additional information to be added to the minutes. The additional information was that Mrs. Ellen Harris stated that she had been in her home for 48 years and as a homeowner has had to fix issues in regards to the drainage. Clerk was asked if she remembered this being talked about and was ok to add to the minutes, clerk was ok.

Mayor Hennings also reminded that the minutes are not verbatim.

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes with the add national information added as written for the regular meeting held on November 17, 2014, seconded by Mayor Hennings.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Trustee Worden was unable to vote due to not being at the November 17, 2014 meeting

Department heads report:

History Center:

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

Trustee Worden asked where we were with getting the old minutes to the village office. Barb told her there were no minutes left at the history center.

Water superintendent:

Michael Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Village is going to wait on demolition of the old chlorine house.

Would like to remind residents that if you are going to be away from your home or you and your family will not be consuming water on a normal and consistent basis, to have a friend /

family member run your water to prevent your pipes from freezing. Frozen pipes within your home can become very expensive for the homeowner.

Trustee Worden asked if we would be using the same person as last year, Mike told us the Jason Coffin is the only one in the area that can do this. Mayor Hennings stated we would also need a w-9 in addition to an new certificate of liability, Mike said that he would let him know about that. trustee Worden asked as a trustee that she be notified of this happening to anyone during the winter months. Trustee Worden also asked why a village resident was given a tour of the water tank when no one was suppose to be allowed on the property. Mayor Hennings said she was no aware of this happening.

Street superintendent:

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

Mayor Hennings wanted to remind everyone that there is no overnight parking from 9PM to 7AM on any village streets. Also said that we can't allow one person to do this and not everyone, she will be sending a letter about this.

ZBA:

No one business

Trustee Worden asked if the other 2 board members could be part of choosing a new member. Mayor Hennings reminded them that it was a mayor appointment but if her or Steve had suggestions she would take into consideration. Trustee Worden said that she will tell people to submit interest to the mayor. Mayor Hennings also said that she has had interest.

Planning Board:

No new business

Codes & zoning:

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

Mayor Hennings told us that George had found a few things in the fee schedule that should be changed in regards to the proposed village law for fire prevention code. George said that he looked at a few communities and the state fees and thought some of them should be changed. Trustee Worden asked if they could be emailed to everyone. Mayor Hennings would like to set up workshop for this. January 12th @ 6PM, will post in paper and on web site.

Fire Dept.:

The painting in the main room has been complete; still have hallways and women's restrooms to complete. New seals have been put on the doors so no water can come through. Mayor Hennings said that the fire department has yearly updates and training on the windmills they were brought up and told what to do when they were installed. The windmills have 2 people up there at all time and have backups with maps. Trustee Worden asked about update a truck and wanted to know if there was a committee for that and wanted a list of who was on it.

Recreation:

They had nothing during the open house. Would like to do something over the winter break maybe a movie night. Trustee Woods said that he would have an updated plan after the 1st of the year on the playground bathrooms.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs #7, vouchers 37-38, \$133.93, and checks 3218-3219

General Abs #7, vouchers 140-161, \$7643.48, checks 10073-10094

Water project update:

Finally was able to get national grid up there, now waiting on placement of electric meter by national grid. Is supposed to be completed within 5 days from inspection to do this, Mayor Hennings will follow up tomorrow.

No cost change order:

Trustee Worden asked if this was from when they changed the pipe and how does this come out to the same amount? Mayor Hennings said that this is something that they would have to ask Jack. She is also looking to set up a meeting with Jack in January, will check with Jack and get back with a date.

Election Resolution

Resolution #38

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Worden, RESOLVED, to accept the intent of the election law of this board is to enable all qualified persons to vote in the general election of the Village of Newport and whereas, registration day is required to accomplish this action therefore be it resolved that registration day will be held for the Village of Newport general election as follows: March 7, 2015 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM at the Newport firehouse 7370 main St. Newport, NY. Also Election Day will be held for the Village election as follows: March 18, 2015 from 12:00PM to 9:00PM at the Newport firehouse 7370 Main St. Newport, NY. Inspectors of the election shall meet at the foregoing place to prepare a register for the village election.

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

Opposed: none

Motion passed

Public comment to start @ 7:48 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Trustee Worden asked about the drain on East St. talked about in summer 2013 and brought pictures in. Wanted to know what Herms schedule was for cleaning drain with dirt and leaves fill it. Herm said that it was cleaned all summer and during the fall it is cleaned but with leaves it fills in and with the wind blows leaves in as well. Herm asked the Murphy's if they could ask their neighbor to pick up the leaves in their lawn and maybe that would cut down on the leaves in the drain.

Karen Murphy said that it was not her job to ask her neighbors to clean up their lawns or to clean the drain. Wanted to know who put the drain there? At one point in time the drain was cleaned up. Also asked about a letter from Mayor Hennings to them. Mayor Hennings said that the letter was stating that the village, no village employee nor village equipment caused damage to their private property.

Karen Murphy also asked about the drainage project and if that will have to have more drains put in. Mayor Hennings said that the plans should include additional drainage and roadway corrections. A workshop in reference to the east street project would be scheduled in January.

Trustee Worden asked about the Pellani building and if there was anything more from them. George said that he has not heard anything from them. Herm said that they put water meter in about 3 months ago and there was no change in the building then.

Trustee Worden asked about a time frame in regards to a building/business being closed and to renovations if they changed the structure, do they need a permit? George said they he was not aware that the structure had been changed to the building on Bridge St.(previously Padres pizza)

Jason Murphy asked how long they have been cleaning the drains. Dick Foster showed them where the drain was in summer 2013 and Herm did clean it the last 2 years. Herm said they he has never seen it full of water(drain or ditch). Jason said that he can't continue to band aid his property. Asked if Dodson would be able to explain this to him and Mayor Hennings said yes.

Kelly Fehlhaber asked how she would get new water service. Mike said that they should contact him with a timeframe. They asked about larger pipes and Mike said that they would have to pay the difference. Mike also said that Jason Coffin is the only one around here that deals with frozen lines and has the proper welding equipment.

Executive session

Motion made by Trustee Worden to go into executive session @ 8:10 to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Mayor Hennings.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Out of executive session @ 8:30 Pm no action taken, reaching out to legal.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to close the meeting @ 8:30 PM, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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