

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – December 16, 2013

The Village of Newport Board meeting was called to order on December 16, 2013 @ 7:03 PM by Mayor Hennings, with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Henning
Trustee – Heidi Worden
Trustee – Kim Farrell

Tricia Foster(Clerk), Michele Weakley (Treasurer), Cathy Asaro (Deputy Clerk), Barn Curran (historian), Steve Woods (ZBA), Peg Garlock (planning board), Ellen Harris, Linda Hennings, Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), Christine Shahin Wood (ZBA), Mike Woods (Water Superintendent), Chris Lynch, George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Pat Lang, Michael Skwara

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting on November 18, 2013, Seconded by Mayor Hennings.

All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Department heads report:

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. Question about the water break on Mechanic St, Mayor Hennings told us that she has been in contact with the mortgage company of the property and is now looking for the next of kin.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Planning Board:

Mayor Hennings gave up an update about the Main St property, submitted were plans for a bakery. John Flannigan has sent the drawing, site plans to the county. Moody's sign variances, said was a local issue and saw no reason not to grant it.

Fire Dept.:

Submitted prices for new light bulbs for outside of the fire house. Was told there were a couple options that they could take. For the lights the shine outwards, which is 16 lights total, they would need 70 watt LED bulbs and the cost is \$359.00 each. The lights that shine downwards they could be replaced with 40 LED bulbs with a cost of \$309.00 each. The electrician told the fire dept. that sometimes National Grid

will award grants to municipalities or Fire Departments for replacement. The annual dinner will take place in January.

Recreation Committee:

Holiday Stroll went well, took pictures at the temple of about 30 kids, they thought that they had about 75 people stop in. Santa was welcomed with a fire truck escort. Hoping to get some better planning for next year.

Treasurers Report:

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

Resolution # 59

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to make the following budgetary transfers: From A2770 Misc. to A7310.4 \$2,200.00 \$32,868.00 from A909 Fund Balance to A9710.6 Ban Principal \$30,000.00 and A9710.7 Ban Interest \$2,868.00.

All In Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: None

Water Abs 7 vouchers 27 – 32, \$537.25, checks 3149 – 3153

General Abs 7 vouchers 138 – 156, \$10,094.37, checks 9807 - 9823

Recreation Committee:

There is two open spot on the committee.

Resolution # 60

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to appoint Pat Lang to the Recreation Committee for the remaining 2 year term from December 16, 2013 to March 31, 2015.

All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: None

Resolution #61

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to appoint Kathleen Esty to the Recreation Committee for the remaining 2 year term from December 16, 2013 to March 31, 2015.

All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: None

Plaque for drop box:

This has been ordered and hopes to have it within the next couple of weeks

Tree on East Street:

Contacted county to see where the right away is. If it ends up being the Village we would then put it out to bid.

Water issue on West Street:

Mayor Hennings contacted Mark Butler and was given to other numbers to call about this, was also told that she should reach out to Bruce Weakley on this as well.

Water project update:

Opening at the Fire House On Wednesday December 18, 2013, we will be open at 9:00AM and all bids are due by 10:00AM. This is set up by Jack Dodson.

Website update:

This is still being worked on; we need to just choose a couple more things like color and layout.

Ski Program:

The program Started on December 9, 2013 and insurance cost came in at \$1,111.70 and it included 2 different insurance packs. Part 1 covered he liability, the bus and program, the other part was the insurance for the skier participating. A Wavier for the youth and adults will need to be signed before getting on the bus.

Oil Bid:

There was only 1 bid received from Snyder Fuel, the bid included liability form and a bid certificate.

Resolution # 62

Motion made by Trustee Farrell, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to accept the oil bid from Snyder Fuel as written.

All In Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: None

Star Program:

Deadline to apply for the star program is December 31, 2013. Everyone needs to reapply this year, even if you have already applied for this before. Information is listed on our website.

East Street project:

Trustee Farrell wants to talk to Mark Butler for help. Trustee Worden suggested seeing if the engineer for the county could come up and looking at it or getting us a map for this area.

Public Comment:

Started @ 7:52 not to exceed 30 minutes

Trustee Worden would like us to think about setting up a comprehensive planning program, it would be sending out a survey to the residences and see what people would like to see or things that they don't like. Ten years ago something similar to this was done, the realization committee has information on this Barb Curran has all of that information at the history center. Peg Garlock said maybe this is something that could be opened up to the Town as well.

Chris Lynch wanted to know what day and time that the zoning board met and also the planning board. Wanted to know who was the electrician was for the fire house. Asked George Farley that if a permit was granted would it be in his report? Lately wanted to know where the oil bid was published.

Trustee Worden asked Michele Weakley how many other municipalities she worked for and how many of them still do an oil bid. Michele told us that she worked for 5 other towns /villages and none of them do an oil bid.

Michael Skwara said that for the Holiday stroll that he thinks that the committee should reach out to all the village business. Mayor Hennings told us that they are working to make some changes for next year.

Pat Lang wanted to thank the village to the help with keeping the ski club going, from her and all of her students.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk