

## Village of Newport regular meeting - December 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on December 19, 2016 @ 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), Barbara Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Linda Hennings, Audrey Dunning (village lawyer), Dave Jones (Newport Fire Dept.), Tim McEvoy (Chief Newport Fire Dept.), William Wilder, Craig Felhaber, George Farley (codes & zoning)

Absent:

Michael Woods (water superintendent), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on November 21, 2016, Seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

### Department heads report:

#### **History Center:**

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

#### **Street Superintendent:**

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

He is going to need new water meter sheets before February.

Talked about parking tickets and Trustee Woods looked into this and he will send to village lawyer for final approval.

Talked about paying Herm the amount of the water superintendent when he is doing things for the water dept.

#### Resolution # 26

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to pay Herm Harris the rate of \$21.00 per hour when he is doing meter readings, repairs and shut off to the water.

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

Opposed: none  
Motion carried

**Codes & Zoning:**

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

**Fire Dept.:**

New fire engine is complete, the final inspection will be held on January 4, 2017 and if everything is good with the engine 2 weeks after it will be delivered. New officers are in place and Tim McEvoy is the new chief and Dave Jones is the president and lieutenant. Trustee Roberts stated that the fire budget was over budget but he and Mayor Hennings stated we had to spend some of our own money before we applied for the grant.

**Treasurer:**

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

Gen abs 7 vouchers 123-141 \$43331.62 checks 10581-10599  
Water abs 7 vouchers 34-40 \$3490.16 checks 3354-3360

The village had a NYS Comptroller audit and the auditor is somewhat finished with his report, we should get around January and then the village will have to response to him and then final report will come around March.

**Budgetary Transfers:**

**Resolution #27**

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to move the amount of \$12,724.00 from vehicle/equip reserve to A3410.2 Fire Equip. \$12,724.00

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

Opposed: none

Abstained: Trustee Roberts

Motion carried

**Election resolutions**

**Resolution # 28**

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, that the Village of Newport will not hold a registration day for the 2017 election.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

**Resolution # 29**

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, 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. Election Day will be held for the village election as follows: March 21,

2017 from 12:00 PM 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 Roberts

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Are looking for a quote for wood chipper, Trustee Roberts will look for quotes.

Public Comment to start @ 7:15PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Craig Felhaber asked about the West St. demo, Wanted to know if the project is complete, George Farley Stated that the project is complete. Mayor Hennings stated that the final bill was for \$34,800.00 with a \$200.00 offset for the stone (he gave us the credit). Wanted to know how we were going to recoupe the funds, Audrey stated that we would have to wait until January after the tax rolls are certified. Craig stated that the public needs to know how we are going to get the funds back.

Craig Felhaber wanted to know if we are still looking into a new bobcat and stated that we should have a snow blower attachment; Mayor Hennings stated that we already have one with our current Bobcat. Herm Harris stated that Warner's Sales came to look at the Bobcat 2 weeks ago. Herm stated that he doesn't like to use the blower as much due to the fact that he can't remove the snow from the fire hydrants as he is doing the sidewalks and that it burns 2.5 – 3 x's as much fuel.

William Wilder asked if there were any options for the West St demo then to put on tax rolls, He also stated that he is representing the family and want to know what options are out there for them. Mayor Hennings stated that we need to follow NYS laws so we can move forward. William asked if they can't be put on tax rolls should we know at January meeting, Mayor Hennings stated that we should know something then and that as previously stated we are looking at options.

Craig Felhaber asked about replacing the floors in the firehouse and if we knew any more on that. Mayor Hennings stated that Dave Jones from the Fire Dept. is looking into that for us. Craig asked when anyone else knows that this project is going on. Mayor Hennings stated that we are following the procurement policy and getting additional quotes but a bid process is not necessary.

Craig Felhaber asked about getting a new phone for Herm Harris and wanted to know where we at with that. Mayor Hennings stated that Herm received a new phone several months ago and that Verizon replaced the phone for free.

Trustee Roberts asked the Fire Dept. about the storage room and the possibility of getting rid of the old computers to make some room for the village to store some more stuff in there. Tim McEvoy stated that cleaning out the storage room this week was a project for him. Trustee Roberts stated that we are just looking for more room for file cabinets for the village.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 7:36PM.

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