

## **A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport – December 21, 2015**

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on December 21, 2015 @ 7:00PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro (Deputy clerk), Michele Weakley (Treasurer), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Mark Farrell (fire chief), David Jones (Newport Fire Dept.), George Farley (codes & zoning)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the Special meeting held for the Village Court on November 12, 2015, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on November 16, 2015, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### **Department heads report:**

#### **History Center:**

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

#### **Water Superintendent:**

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

He needs updated water shut off list and will start these after the Christmas Holiday.

#### **Street superintendent:**

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

He said that we needed to replace the flood lights in the firehouse. Mayor Hennings said that Jeff Greco usually takes care of this and he would contact James Sudderly. Chief Farrell said that he would take this back and Mayor Hennings asked if they could check to see if there was anything else that needed to be done.

**ZBA:**

Mayor Hennings told us that they have a case in hand and that they will need to work with the county on this.

**Planning Board:**

Were given minutes and they will be placed on file.

Talked about the Palmers (East St) – pellet storage shed and how they should be 10 feet away from the side of the house. George Farley is going to follow up with Shawn Morrison of Cook Fence about dividing their new building up. George was also asked to look at the house next to Palmers they are remodeling the garage.

**Recreation committee:**

On Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> they held a family Christmas party at the firehouse, had a good turnout of this.

**Treasurer:**

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

Water abs. 7 vouchers 49-55 \$2315.97 checks 3295-3301

General abs 7 vouchers 134-154 \$35273.76 checks 10340-10359

**Sidewalks:**

The sidewalks are done and concrete is poured. Trustee Roberts said that we were in a hurry to get this done, the contractor that we were working with would not get back to us. We had to get someone else; we used a local guy from Middleville (Ken Goodson), most of the places were closed for the season. Herm Harris asked if we should draw a line around the 2 new steps in front of the building next door. These are both new steps and wanted to make sure they were seen; Mayor Hennings said that we should look at them and talk with the building owners.

**Water:**

Mayor Hennings said that we need to have a meeting with Jack Dodson, wanted to know if we would like to hold a special meeting or if we wanted to see if he could join us at a regular meeting. Mayor Hennings will get ahold of him and see what will work for him. The Village is not paying V&B because they did not finish the work that they were supposed to do. Trustee Roberts told us that there was a sub-contractor that worked with V&B and they are not being paid by them as well. Mayor Hennings told us that we can't get money from the EFC until we close and finish the work.

**Election resolution:**

Mayor Hennings talked about Registration day, and that we are paying people to sit here for 5 hours with minimal people coming in, and that there are other ways for people to register. The County clerk is the only one that can certify the voters list. The Village Board discussed if we should continue to hold a registration day or not.

**Resolution # 44**

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, that the village of Newport will not hold a registration day for the 2016 election.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

#### Resolution # 45

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 15, 2016 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 Roberts

Opposed: none

Motion carried

#### Fire truck:

The Fire Dept. is ready to get a new pumper truck. Mayor Hennings said that lots of research had been done. If we are looking into leasing we do not need to put it out to bid. If we want to go bid we will send it to the paper tomorrow and hopefully get in the paper by Saturday or Monday depending on Christmas. It will be out to bid for 3 weeks because of the holidays and large purchase for them to get the bid together, will open them that the Villages regular January meeting and then a special meeting to be held on January 25, 2016 to award the bid and move forward to purchase prior to February. If we lease it doesn't go against debt limit, would have same payment and at the end the Village would own equipment. Want to stay within our equipment replacement plan. For pierce the prices go up in February, other companies may go up as well. There are local lease programs available; M&T Bank offers this. Chief Farrell says that he would still want to get bid qualifies as well. Trustee Roberts said that when new truck is in service we will sell other truck and a broker comes to value the truck. Mayor Hennings said that we would replace every 8 years and could replace. When we get funds from sold truck can save the money in the equipment fund for purchase of other equipment items. She would also like the Village Board to formally adopt the replacement plan we set up and discussed last year. Chief Farrell said that the truck that is being replaced now is 20 years old now and in 8 years we will be in the same boat with the other truck, he worked with Mayor Hennings on the replacement and would like to help keep that. If we bought a used truck we would pay approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the the price of a new one and would have to spend a significant amount of money updating the truck to the most recent safety standards.

#### Resolution #46

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, Village of Newport should request bids for a new fire engine. The bid should be sent to the Evening Telegram to be posted one time in the paper by December 26<sup>th</sup>. The bid period should last for a period of 3 weeks. Bids should be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with "Fire Apparatus" and

should be received by Village office no later than 5:15 PM on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Bids should be reviewed for one week and granted at a special meeting to be held on January 25, 2016 to purchase truck by January 31, 2016.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Public comment to start @ 7:56 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, to close the meeting at 7:58 PM.

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