

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – February 17, 2014

The village of Newport meeting was called to order on February 17, 2014@ 7:04PM by Mayor Hennings, with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings

Trustee – Heidi Worden

Trustee – Kim Farrell

Tricia Foster (clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Chris Lynch, Herm Harris (street superintendent), Barb Curran (historian), Steven Woods (ZBA), Christine Shahin Wood (ZBA), Linda Hennings, Ellen Harris, Peg Garlock (planning board), Mike McEvoy, Michael Woods (water superintendent), Tom Roberts, George Farley (codes & Zoning)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from January 20, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting on the January 20, 2014, seconded by Trustee Worden.

All I favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: none

Motion passed

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.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.

One of the back garage doors are going up and down by itself. Had Bill Moody come and look for it, thought that a new motherboard would fix it but it will have to be replaced.

Recreation:

Valentine party was held at the Masonic Temple on 2-14-14 for local children. Party was put together in about an hour for the kids because of having a snow day at school. The kids played games and had snacks.

Treasurer:

Michele Weakley gave her report and it will be placed on file.
Water Abs. 9 vouchers 39 -43 \$2,155.67, check # 3162 -3166
General Abs. 9 vouchers 176 – 199 \$17,208.03 check # 9843 -9863

Water project update:

Jack has received a few of the books back from the contractors and everything so far was looking ok. Pre-construction meeting will hopefully be held at the end of February or beginning of March with construction to begin shortly after.

National Grid:

They have sent us an application to be filled out; after they receive it back they will set up an appointment to see what needs to be done.

Ski Club:

They had to cancel on 2-13-14 due to the weather. They plan to go all day during the week of school break.

Website:

The new website is up and running over the weekend. It had more pictures and more users friendly.

Election Information:

Registration day will be held on 3-8-14 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM @ the Newport Firehouse
Election Day will be held on 3-18-14 from 12:00PM to 9:00PM @ the Newport Firehouse

East Street / School Street project:

We received a proposal from Dodson & Asso. For the storm drainage improvements.

Motion made by Trustee Worden to accept proposal dated 1-21-14 for the East Street / School Street project for \$8,500.00 which includes Data Gathering and review, Survey, Drainage Evaluation, and Basic of design, which the additional cost for drawing and Specs to Dodson & Associate, Seconded by Trustee Farrell.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed

Public comment

Started @ 7:24 Pm not to exceed 30 minutes

Barb Curran asked if the board would speak up, sometimes everyone can't hear what the board is saying.

Mike McEvoy asked about outside water district? Wanted to know if this is something that the Village was planning? Mayor Hennings said that the village did not see a need for this and that everyone current receiving water outside the village would continue to do so. Mike also asked about any plan for long term plan for drainage with village streets? Mayor Hennings said that they have talked about a 5 10 year plan. Mike said that the county could help with this. Trustee Worden also asked Mike if he knew where the right away was on Rt 28 which is a state highway. Mike said that its 33 feet from the center line.

Ellen Harris asked on the water report that Harris Dale Farm said no to the water meter and what was going to be done now. Mayor Hennings said that it was a legal issue and that we couldn't discuss it. Steve Woods then asked if we could tell them if it was a legal matter if we are going to take legal action on this. Mayor Hennings said that the Village is going to be doing something.

Mayor Hennings called the meeting to close @ 7:31PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk