

## A Regular meeting of the village of Newport – January 19, 2015

The village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on January 19, 2015 @ 7:02 PM 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), Michael Woods(water superintendent), Herm Harris(street superintendent), Cole Smith & Mickey Louis(WCV students), Richard Abbott, Jason & Karen Murphy, George Farley (codes & Zoning), Audrey Dunning(village lawyer), Carson Marko(arrives @ 7:15PM)

Meeting was taped by Jason Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from December 15, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on December 15, 2014, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### **Dept. 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.

Mayor Hennings asked him about Jason Coffin Certificate of Liability and Mike told us that he was going to drop off or mail it this week. Jason Murphy asked if we have looked into using other people to thaw out pipes, Mayor Hennings said this is a question we can ask in public comment.

#### **Streets Superintendent:**

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

Trustee Worden asked if he knew if Warner Sales were under state contract for the sweeper brushes, Herm was not sure he called the because that is where we purchased the sweeper. He said that he could look into other options. Herm also told us that he had cleared out the Masonic Temple a couple of times because he was asked to.

**Zoning:**

No new business

**Planning Board:**

No new business

**Fire Dept.:**

The meeting for the local law is posted on website and will be posted in the paper. Will vote on this at the regular February meeting.

Trustee Worden said that there is a lot more to this than what we have been doing. Wanted to know if there was a reason why this wasn't adopted by the previous boards, and also concerned that it is a lot more for our village with added expenses and where those numbers would be for us. Audrey did not know why the previous board did not pass this she would not have anything on it unless she was consulted about it and also it would be the same no matter what size of village. Audrey and George both agree that our village needs to have this in place. George told us that he had asked the previous boards about this a couple of times and it just feel through. Audrey said that this would be a lot of work for a small village and for the codes officer. Trustee Worden asked if George would have hours at the village offices for this, George said that he didn't find that he needed them any questions are addressed at the time of the inspection. Mayor Hennings wanted to make sure that when someone called for inspection that they were aware of the no show fee, would like him to keep a call log and let them know of the fee. The letter would be sent first and call him and set up a time, keep a record of the same day mailing letter.

Mayor Hennings told us that the annual fire dinner went well; in attendances was Mayor Hennings, the clerk and the codes officer. Trustee Worden asked if the list of line officers that were going to be involved in the purchase of a new fire truck. Mayor Hennings said that she had asked the chief for this and will follow up on this.

**Treasurer:**

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

Water abs. 8 vouchers 39-44 \$1652.90 checks 3220-3225

General fund abs 8 vouchers 162-179 \$34478.49 checks 10095-10113

**Water project update:**

Mayor Hennings stated that the next Water Project update and East Street project update would be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

Mayor Hennings gave update on water project: Stephen Miller received and installed correct UV control panels, anticipate Spencer Electric to connect necessary final wiring in the following week or two. Startup will continue and once equipment is checked and calibrated tank filling will begin. Final startup will include calibration of the tank level transmitter.

Trustee Worden asked if Dodson had been asked about the change order from November remaining the same dollar amount as the original. Mayor Hennings said that it could be discussed at the Water Project informational meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Election Resolution:

Resolution #39

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appoint Betty Dow and Patricia McKerrow election inspectors to serve at the Village of Newport Election on March 18, 2015 from 12:00PM to 9:00PM.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: None

Abstained: Trustee Worden

Motion carried

Appointment to the zoning board of appeals open seat:

Resolution #40

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appoint Tina Kusela to the ZBA for a period of January 19, 2015 to March 31, 2017.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Motion carried

Public Comment:

Started at 7:32PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Karen Murphy asked about the date for the East Project and Mayor Hennings said it would be February 9<sup>th</sup> with the Water Project Update.

Rich Abbott brought up that the signs regarding parking at the Village entrances. Stated that they say from 2AM to 7AM and that Village website says 9PM-7AM. Mayor Hennings stated that she was aware of that and was looking into the Village Ordinance and having the signs changed. Mr. Abbott also asked about if the Tony Bugeya was a peace officer because the parking tickets say "Constable" on them. Mayor Hennings said that he was not and all previous parking tickets were void and new tickets would be ordered.

A discussion ensued regarding Mr. Bugeya's hours and saying that some people around the Village need to be spoken to because they block the streets when parking, it was also mentioned about other village laws and how they were enforced them, specifically in regards to snowmobilers on the village streets and sidewalks.

Mr. Abbott asked about the slope of the sidewalk in front of the Flower Shop. A discussion ensued about the why the project to replace such sidewalks happened and who replaced the sidewalks. The discussion continued between the public and the board about the sidewalks,

and that it is the property and business owner's responsibility to care for the sidewalks in front of their property. Mayor Hennings asked Trustee Woods to contact the state or county about looking into the slope of the sidewalk.

Jason Murphy asked Mike Woods who the Village used to thaw out frozen pipes and mentioned two other welder's names. Mike said that he has called around and he couldn't find anyone else that was willing to do it and had the proper equipment. Mike said he had been working with Jason Coffin for approximately 10 years when he was working for another municipality.

Jason Murphy asked about other events from the past year and how much they cost. A short discussion ensued.

Jason Murphy asked about the East Street project and who the Village Engineer was. Mayor Hennings said the Village had hired Dodson and Associates to look over the street and possible project but that village does not have its own engineer. Mayor Hennings added that Dodson and Associates would explain the project a little and their findings at the meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to close the meeting @ 8:03PM, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: none

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

Respectfully submitted  
Tricia L Foster  
Village Clerk

