

Village of Newport regular meeting – July 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on July 17, 2017 @ 7:05 PM 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), George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Linda Hennings, Chris Lynch, Tammy Gorinshek, John Gorinshek, Clara Hill, Malcolm Harris, Craig Felhaber, Dick Foster (arrived @ 7:10PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the Special Fire District meeting held on June 6, 2017, 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.

Trustee Roberts told us that he has looked into a map file cabinet for the maps to be stored in, he looked at staples. Mayor Hennings stated that Hummel's might have them as well at state cost.

Water Superintendent:

Michael 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.

The storm drains above East St are clogged. Chris Lynch stated that the sidewalk outside of her house has washed away. Mayor Hennings stated that the village would take care of it; Chris asked is there is anything else that could be done maybe paving. Mayor Hennings stated that they talked about it at the master plan meeting last month and are looking at options.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

The 44th annual field days will be held on August 4th, 5th and 6th, with a full list of events. Mayor Hennings stated that there was a fire district meeting held and that the Village had voted for the formation of the fire district.

Recreation:

Mayor Hennings stated that the program started on July 5th with a high attendance volume. Mayor Hennings and Trustee Roberts both stated that they have heard good feedback on the program this year.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs 2 vouchers 4-6 \$1303.69 checks 3384-3386

General abs 2 vouchers 22-43 \$11546.45 checks 10699-10719

Attorney posted has closed; we had 8-10 people who were interested. Mayor Hennings stated that she would like to appointment in August.

Sidewalks:

DOT bids are in and our bids for the sidewalks are as well. Mayor Hennings stated that she would like to see all bids that were sent in, Trustee Roberts stated that he will call tomorrow and get them.

Resolution # 32

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to award the bid for the sidewalk project on Main St by the library to Jim Werczynski Excavating. This bid is contingent on receiving all the bids.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Hennings asked if they were behind on project with all the flooding that happened, Trustee Roberts was unsure but would call and find out. Mayor Hennings also asked if he would check the timeline when Trustee Roberts spoke to him.

Public Comment to start @ 7:26PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Malcolm Harris asked about why the taxes were raised and about the newspaper article in the OD. Mayor Hennings stated that they were for revitalization efforts as well infrastructure improvements which included streets, downtown beautification and water drainage pipes. Discussion ensued.

Dick Foster asked about the joint fire district going into effect and what the plan was in regards to what the fire dept. would own and what would happen to the fire house and trucks. Mayor Hennings stated that just because we approved the fire district to move forward, it does not mean that they would have equipment and building without meeting with the lawyer. The specifics on ownership transfer, leasing, etc. Discussion ensued.

Craig Felhaber asked about the correction plans from audit and attorney posting. Mayor Hennings stated that she has had some help with the audit but no one is willing to put their name on it as of now and if not that she would hire someone else. Craig asked if we were asking the community for their involvement, discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting at 8:12PM.

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