

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Newport – July 18, 2016

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on July 18, 2016 @ 7:01 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Tricia Foster (clerk), Michele Weakley (Treasurer), Barbara Curran (Historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Tiffany Morrison, Linda Hennings, William Wilder, Dayton King (NBT Mang insurance), George Farley (Codes & zoning), John Gornishek, Tammy Gornishek, Craig Felhaber, Dick Foster (arrived @ 7:32PM)

Absent: Steven Woods (trustee), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Audrey Dunning (Village Attorney)

Pledge of allegiance

Insurance Co:

Dayton King was here from NBT Mang Insurance Co to talk about the upcoming 2016 policy renewal the price for 2016 will be \$7,657.22 and for 2015 it cost was \$7,568.13. Stated that there was nothing new from last year and that we are good customers and has no claims that all factors into the small increase from prior year. Mayor Hennings and Trustee Roberts were happy with policy and had no questions before renewal.

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held June 20, 2016, Seconded by Mayor Hennings

All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Absent: Trustee Woods

Motion carried

Department heads report:

History Center:

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

Street superintendent:

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

Water superintendent:

Mike Woods was absent but his report was given and will be placed on file.

Codes & Zoning:

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

ZBA:

No new business

Planning Board:

No new business

Fire Dept.:

The annual firemen filed days will be held on August 5th, 6th & 7th. Mayor Hennings told us that they are looking into smoke alarms in firehouse.

Recreation:

About 1 week into the summer programs. They are working with the library to have shared activities between the two of them.

Treasurer:

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

Current fire equipment: need to transfer the funds in this account into the general savings; this is no longer needed for Village equipment.

Budgetary transfers:

Resolution # 18

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to move the amount of \$3,272.73 from vehicle and equipment (village part) into general savings.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Absent: Trustee Woods

Motion carried

Water abs 2 vouchers 4-8 \$1309.57 checks 3324-3328

General abs 2 vouchers 21-36 \$6248.91 checks 10474-10489

Awarding bid for demolition / removal project for Hans Flaatrud Property Tax Map 094.46-1.25 and 094.46-1.26:

Mayor Hennings said that the village board has reviewed all the bids presented to the Village: Reviewed the lowest 3 bids: the board removed the bid from Main St metals because of lack of references or work history. The next 2 came from Ritter & Paratore for \$35,890.00 and TJ Allen for \$35,900.00 difference between the 2 companies were \$10.00. Discussion had said the Ritter & Paratore has experience in the field with every person on site. 40 hours of asbestos certificate, an insurance and workers Comp., Air Monitor \$500.00 - \$700.00 per day

Resolution # 19

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to accept the bid from Ritter & Paratore for the demolition / removal project.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Absent: Trustee Woods

Motion carried

Public Comment to start @ 7:20 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Bill Wilder asked about the permit application the owner sent in regarding the Flaatrud property. Mayor Hennings stated the owners were put on notice, no response was received, the Village attorney did speak with a representative and they stated the family didn't want to move forward. Discussion ensued.

Bill Wilder asked about Borden's building, Mayor stated that on the Codes/Zoning Officer had contact with owner and to date nothing had been received by the ZBA nor Planning Board. Discussion ensued

Tammy Gornishek asked about the East Street project in regards to the flood damage and water runoff. Mayor Hennings stated that we are actively seeking bids for a temporary fix as we continue to look to secure grants for funding. To date, we have 1 bid. Discussion ensued.

Craig Fehlhaber asked about the correspondences and decisions regarding the Flaatrud property. Mayor Hennings stated that the building had been condemned and has begun falling down and apart this past winter. Discussion ensued.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk