

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport - July 21, 2014

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on July 21, 2014 @ 7:04 pm by Mayor Ashley Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor - Ashley Hennings
Trustee - Steven Woods
Trustee - Heidi Worden

Cathy Asaro(Deputy Clerk), Michele Weakley(Treasurer), Herm Harris(Street Superintendent), Barb Curran(Historian), Linda Hennings, Greg Lang(Planning Board), Audrey Dunning(Village Attorney), Christine Shaheen_Wood(ZBA), Shirley Lewis, Tom Lewis, Cliff Cuda(Planning Board), Peg Garlock(Planning Board), Ellen Harris, Kim Farrell(ZBA), George Farley(Codes and Zoning)

Absent: Tricia Foster (Village Clerk), Mike Woods(Water Superintendent).

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for June 16, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept minutes as written for regular meeting held June 16, 2014, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed : None

Motion carried.

Department heads report:

History Center:

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

Water Department:

Mike Woods report placed on file. Trustee Worden stated that the dioxin testing that was discussed at the last meeting cannot be performed at Cornel Labs according to her information..

Trustee Worden also wants to see the reports on chlorine and turbidity testing that is done.

Trustee Worden also questioned why Charlie Gage was present during the water leak repair that was done on Sunday July 20, 2014, and this could be a liability for the village. Herm stated that

Charlie Gage is trying to learn about older water systems and how to repair them, that he was there on his own, not as an employee of village. Trustee Worden also wanted to know what

happened with the leak, was a permanent fix done. Herm said it could not wait until the

completion of the water project so a permanent fix was done not a temporary one and it was done

on Sunday due to traffic issues on route 28. Trustee Woods asked what the Village coverage

would be if we needed to hire people to flag, etc. in that situation. Mayor Hennings stated that

Jim Sullivan from insurance company would be at meeting later to discuss the Village insurance policy.

Street Department:

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

Planning Board:

Met last week, no minutes received as yet.

Codes/Zoning:

George Farley submitted his report to be placed on file.

Fire Department:

The Field Days are coming up next week and Mayor Hennings thanked the Fire Dept. for doing so much to raise funds which helps the Village hold down the cost of funding them, asking for everyone's support.

Recreation Department:

The summer program is in full swing with 7 county employees. Trustee Worden questioned why the open position was not advertised instead was given to the employee from last year. She stated that as a municipality we have to advertise open positions. Trustee Worden also wants to know the status of the Recreation Department checking account. Mayor Hennings stated that we are looking into this.

Who owns the account as it does not have the village tax ID number. Michele Weakley (Treasurer) stated that she has been working at resolving this issue.

Treasurers Report:

Michele Weakley submitted her report to be placed on file.

Water abs. 2 vouchers, 10-13, \$1070.09, checks 3191-3194.

Water abs. 2 vouchers, 26-49, \$10144.51, checks 9963-9985

Resolution #29

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, **RESOLVED**, to transfer from General Fund Balance-encumbered funds \$3450.00 to A3410.2 fire equipment 2900.00 and A7610.4 Recreation CE \$550.00.

Codes/Zoning:

George Farley has a sample law that Audrey will look over, sections 9 & 11 may need to be modified. There will be a water project update meeting on August 20, 2014, can hold the hearing for the local law at that time.

Water Project Update:

The tank is complete. Trustee Worden wants to know when the street will be fixed. Mayor Hennings stated that V&B does that. Trustee Worden complained that no updates are being given, poor communication from Jack and George. A lengthy discussion took place about the need for blacktop and area clean up. There will be a construction update meeting on August 6,

2014.

East Street Project;

Trustee Worden states that it needs to be completed by fall, and should we add intersection by North St to it. Dodson hasn't given a design for project yet. Trustee Woods states that we need to address the issue and get project done right, not in a hurry.

Resolution #30

Trustee Woods moved, seconded by Mayor Hennings, RESOLVED that the Village increase the scope of the project of East St. and School St. to include the Norway St intersection with East St..

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

Opposed: none.

Motion carried.

Playground bathroom update:

No plan to do anything until fall as this is inside work.

Field Days:

Mayor Hennings suggested that the village pay for a band for the parade and/or fireworks Saturday night after the parade to increase attendance. A lengthy discussion took place whereby it was decided the village can afford it through. Trustee Worden has concerns about using village monies for this as the Fire Dept. is already funded by the village. Mayor Hennings stated that the village funds them for fire protection, and owns the trucks and building, the Fire Co. chooses to spend the money raised by the Field Days on training and equipment which decreases the amount the village has to pay for this. Trustee Woods stated that from Fire Co. does not open their books so nobody knows what they raise.

Trustee Woods suggested that we try it and see if it will be successful.

Resolution #31

Trustee Woods moved, seconded by Mayor Hennings that we approve hiring a band to march and then perform for 1 hour after parade at a cost not to exceed \$1500 and fireworks after the parade at a cost not to exceed \$3000, and ask the Fire Department if they can contribute to this.

All In favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Motion carried.

Jim Sullivan from NBT Insurance presented the contract options for the Village insurance policy which expires on August 1, 2014. Copies were given to Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, and Trustee Woods to examine and discuss. Attorney Dunning asked questions regarding the policies.

Public Comment not to exceed 30 minutes was opened at 8:46pm.

Thomas Lewis asked for a time frame on the Water Project fixing their yard as it is a mess- storm drains are plugged, rocks are washing into their yard, etc. When 2nd building went up the

problem became much worse. Trustee Woods states that George should be attending our meetings and communicating better. Mayor Hennings said she would call Jack in the morning to discuss.

Trustee Woods also stated that we should ask Jack Dodson if he is too busy to do the East St Project as we have not heard anything from them on it either.

Trustee Worden stated that the Balance Sheet was missing from the Treasurers Report and she wants to see a list of things being paid each month at each meeting. Mayor Hennings replied that it apparently did not print and Cathy Asaro will print and give her a copy when we adjourn.

Mayor Hennings moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 pm, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Asaro

Deputy Clerk