

A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport – June 15, 2015

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on June 15, 2015 @ 7:02PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Steven Woods
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Tricia Foster (Clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Barb Curran (historian), George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Herm Harris (street superintendent), John Gorinshek, Tammy Gorinshek, Michael Woods (water superintendent), Clara Hill, Audrey Dunning (village attorney), Mark Oakley, Shelley Oakley, Rich Abbott, Richard Foster(arrived @ 7:10)
Absent: Michele Weakley (treasurer)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the Fire Budget meeting on April 27, 2015, Budget Passing meeting on April 27, 2015 and the regular meeting held on May 18, 2015, Seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Department head reports:

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.

This report will also serve as the water project update as well.

Street Superintendent:

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

Zoning:

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

Planning:

No new business

ZBA:

No new business

Fire Dept.:

They will hold their annual firemen filed days on July 31th to August 2nd.

The American Legion held a flag burning ceremony on June 14, 2015 at the firehouse.

Recreation:

They have started doing some clean-up for the summer program, supplies have been ordered.

The floor needs to be painted; Mayor Hennings said maybe this can happen in the fall.

Treasurer:

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

Mayor Hennings told us that we are looking into getting a credit card for the Village of purchase, card would be through one of our banks M&T Bank, and all were in favor of getting a credit card for Village expenses.

East Street / school street project:

Mayor Hennings told us that we are using a grant writing firm in Cortland and are in the process of doing this now.

Sidewalks:

Flower shop to post office needs to be fixed. Are going to be in contact with the person that did the project in the first place, he is hurt right now but see who else we could use for this project.

Rich Abbott told us Glenn Stevener is used in the Village of Poland. Trustee Woods asked if would could get and estimate on Bridge Street as well, this should be done by the county.

Cleaning:

Mayor Hennings said that the cleaner is asking to add an additional hour a week and this could be charged back to the fire budget. Everyone was in favor of giving her the additional time.

Trustee Woods said maybe she could clean the bathroom at the playground as well, Mayor Hennings said that during the summer project that this job is done by the summer help but could re visit this if there was another need at the playground.

Signage:

Update on the signs in the village, Trustee Roberts is going to take care of this.

Parking:

Mayor Hennings would like to have the 2 hour parking changed. Trustee Woods is working on the parking tickets.

Audrey said that we could change this street by street or just change a certain area.

Public Comment:

Started @ 7:18Pm not to exceed 30 minutes

Shelly and Mark Oakley were inquiring about their neighbor's citation and the status. Mayor Hennings and Mr. Farley stated that the neighbor was given 30 days from when the citation was received and that they had called and stated that they hired an engineer and were waiting for the engineer's report. Discussions ensued and Mr. Oakley said he would follow up with Mr. Farley.

Mr. Richard Foster asked about the sidewalks, he was told they were being looked into and that a prior discussion had taken place during this meeting, by Mayor Hennings. He also asked about the water leak on Mr. Mike Woods' property, Mayor Hennings stated that any responsibility owed by the homeowner would be billed back to the homeowner by the village. Asked about the Fiscal Year not being completed – Mayor Hennings said that we hadn't closed the Fiscal Year as we were only 15 days into the new Fiscal Year, short discussion ensued. Mr. Foster asked about sitting down with the Village Treasurer. Short discussion ensued.

Mrs. Tammy and Mr. John Gornishek asked about the water issues on East Street and Mechanic Streets. Mayor Hennings stated that the East Street was being looked into for the grants and that Mechanic Street hadn't been a problem for a length of time. Mr. and Mrs. Gornishek agreed and thought it may have been around 3 years. Discussion ensued. Mayor Hennings asked Trustee Woods if he would look into the Mechanic street issues with Herm Harris. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting at 7:48 PM.

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