

## A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – June 16, 2014

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on June 16, 2014 @ 7:00PM 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), Gregory Lang, Barb Curran (Historian), Tyler Grogan (WCV student), Ryan Moody (WCV student), Tim Fiorentino, Patty Fiorentino, Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), Michael Woods (Water Superintendent), Peg Garlock (Planning board), Clara Hill, Ellen Harris, Chris Wood-Shahin (ZBA board), Kim Farrell (ZBA Board), George Farley (codes & zoning)

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes of minutes for May 19, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on May 19, 2014, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### Department head reports:

#### **History center:**

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

Mayor Hennings told us that the village received a letter from a gentleman from Canada looking for items that are from the area. She is personally going and getting things together to send him from the Village and hopes to send it out this week to him.

#### **Water Superintendent:**

Mike Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Trustee Worden asked where the test bottles for testing Dioxins are going to, Mike told us that test is done at Cortland Labs. Verona Labs are only used for the bacteria testing.

#### **Street Superintendent:**

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

Mayor Hennings told us there are no coolers allowed on the playground, and signs are hung at the playground and have found that they are covering the signs that we placed there for no smoking and ticks. Alcohol was being brought on the playground grounds. John Joslin starting working with Herm on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and is doing a good job, his hours are 6:30 – 10:30AM. John is working for the Village right now and is on the village insurance. They were a mix up with the paperwork from the county and will start working for them at the end of June. New list of broken water meters are going to start being replaced in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Codes & Zoning:**

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

**Planning Board:**

There was no meeting in May and June meeting had nothing on the board for them.

**Fire Dept.:**

Memorial Day parade and BBQ went well. The Flags all held up for that weekend. Trustee Woods is working on getting new brackets and as soon as he had them will work on getting them up. He would like to see them but before 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He will call again in the morning. The fireman need to start looking on sealing the overhead doors to save heat costs, when it rains they is water coming in them. Fire house needs to have some maintenance done inside as well, look into painting the inside it has never been painted the primer is still on the walls. The Cleaning lady has washed the curtains for the meeting room and need to get some replacements blinds as well. There are some funds for this set aside; last payment on firehouse is going to happen this October.

**Recreation Committee:**

Looking on getting the playground building cleaned up and ready for the summer program. They made some purchases that were needed; a snow cone machine was purchased. They were using the machine and it had to be rented. They are going to swap machines as needed; the drama club has a cotton candy machine. The bathrooms need some updating as well. The village wants the different organization to be able to use the kitchen to be able to make money for them. Would like to look into purchasing a shed to store all the field equipment in. Would like to make a bathroom with an outside entrance so the whole building didn't need to be open while games are going on. Mayor Hennings was thinking the boys bathroom and to make it handicap accessible. The different organizations will have to make sure that it is cleaned up after uses.

**Treasurer Report:**

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

Water abs. 1 voucher 1 – 9, \$5,393.93 checks 3184 – 3190

General abs. 1 voucher 1 – 25, \$9,249.28 checks 9938 - 9961

Planning board seats

Resolution # 24

Motion made Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appointment Cliff Cuda to the planning board for a term of 2 years, starting June 16, 2014 until March 31, 2016.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: none

Abstained: Trustee Worden

Motion carried

Resolution # 25

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appoint Gregory Lang to the planning board for a term of 3 years, Starting June 16, 2014 Until March 31, 2017.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Motion carried

Water meeting update for the public

A meeting will be held in July when available. More to come on this

Fire files:

Michele Weakley found fire files on eBay from MVCC and Mayor Hennings confirmed and told to bid on them after talking to the board. She won one file at a cost of \$76.00, which is a saving for \$2,400.00 to \$3,000.00 for the village. Will work something out with the help of Herm to go and get these, possible we may have to rent a truck. We are not sure if they are lockable.

Payroll resolution:

Resolution # 26

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOVLED, that the Village of Newport does hereby fix salaries for the following officers and employees for the village of Newport for the year 2014-2015 beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015 at the amounts specified at the time specified:

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Mayor	Ashley Hennings	\$4750.00	yearly
Trustee	Heidi Worden	\$2625.00	yearly
Trustee	Steven Woods	\$2625.00	yearly
Clerk	Tricia Foster	\$6800.00	yearly
Dep. Clerk	Cathy Asaro	\$14.00	hourly
Treasurer	Michele Weakley	\$7500.00	yearly
Court Clerk	Nancy Foster	\$6300.00	yearly
Justice	Malcolm Harris	\$5200.00	yearly
Justice	Michael LaPorte	\$1200.00	yearly
Water Supt.	Michael Woods	\$20.00	hourly
Street Supt.	Floyd Harris	\$14.00	hourly
Bldg. Code	George Farley	\$3150.00	yearly
Zoning Enf.	George Farley	\$2350.00	yearly
Historian	Barbara Curran	\$200.00	yearly
Election Insp.	Two officers	\$470.00	yearly
Dog Control	Robert Kelmer	\$1000.00	yearly
Parking Enf.	Anthony Bugeya	\$450.00	yearly
Registrar	Nanette Roesler	\$25.00	yearly
Public health Off	Kathleen Esty	\$100.00	yearly

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Water project:

Mayor Hennings told us that the water project is moving along nicely. They is going to be a construction update meeting on Thursday June 19, 2014 @ 10:30AM to be held at the firehouse, public is welcome but there will be no public comment for this meeting. Trustee Woods asked if George could come to a meeting so we would be able to ask him questions.

East St:

It has been surveyed so we will see what that comes back to look like.

West St:

The street is still flooding; water is coming from by Diane King's house and going to the other side. By the Mock's there is some problem there, culvert is flooding the back yards. Mayor Hennings stated that the residences around there are all willing to dig a ditch. Hoping to get a contact at the county and get an answer on what needs to be done.

Change order:

The water project needs to change in the pipe type being used. This will not cause any increase to the project and may result in a credit at the completion.

Resolution #27

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Worden, RESOVLED, to accept the change order from the water project as written.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Town tavern:

Denise Goggin-Crist has applied for a liquor license for the Town Tavern with hope of opening the business back up. The village is sending a letter in favor of this.

Playground bathrooms:

We should get estimates from a couple different contractors for this project. The bathrooms need to be something that is easy to clean and durable. Herm told us that the toilets are 3 years old and can be used again, and the sinks are standard sinks and also should be able to be used again.

The estimate of the door was \$700.00. The building has always been dark so would like to get something that was bright and add lights. Mayor Hennings said that the fire house was looking into new light maybe getting that same ones to use at playground.

Public comment to start @ 7:40 not to exceed 30 minutes

There was a discussion about the playground bathrooms. Maybe wall hung stinks would work better and there would be no plumbing changes. There is no damage to the bathrooms just about 20 years old and would like the outside entrance and handicap accessible. The walls are made of plywood and would like it to be something that could be washed down. The men's bathroom would turn into 1 stall possibly.

The baseball equipment needs to be put in one place that is not inside the building. Would like to look into a shed. Trustee Woods thought at one point the village did look into getting a shed from Amish in St. Johnsville, and he said that he would stop again and get prices. Mayor Hennings made a suggestion for the cost of the shed would be around \$2000.00 to \$3000.00 and Trustee Woods thought that total project would cost around \$8000.00.

Resolution # 28

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to spend no more \$8000.00 on playground storage and bathrooms.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Worden  
Opposed: none  
Motion carried

Tim Fiorentino asked what the status for the cease and desist order for the Worden property. Mayor Hennings told us that are now in legal hands.

Barb Curran stated that she has a bat that says playground bat on it. Thought maybe we could hang it at the playground.

Trustee Worden asked about the attorney's contracts that were signed. There was nothing from last year and she thought she would be attending meetings. Mayor Hennings told us the Audrey has been sick that's why she has not been to the meeting and is starting to come back and trying to get caught up. Trustee Worden asked if we have sent a retainer for this year, Mayor Hennings told us not this year and thought that it was September or October 2013 that is was last time it was signed.

Trustee Worden asked several questions pertaining to the water project. Mayor Hennings stated Herm and Mike were not responsible for those answered. The cable lines ran on top of the water lines and had to dig through cable to get to the water. Herm & Mike told us that bank broke and that was the cause the of cable outage. The Information was passed along to the known managers and the residents were told to call the mayor if they have any questions. Also thought that a letter should be sent to the Lewis's about their property, Herm told us that V&B told them that they would take care of it and it would be better than it was before.

Mayor Hennings wanted to make sure that everyone knows that no one from village can be on any of the sites. They are working sites and are closed areas.

Executive session:

For possible action on 7389 West St., cable line where there are water cables.

Motion made by Trustee Worden to go into executive session at @8:00PM, seconded by Trustee Woods.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Worden  
Opposed: none  
Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Worden to come out of executive session @ 8:26PM, seconded by Trustee Woods.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Worden  
Opposed: none  
Motion carried

Mayor Hennings told us that no discussion was made and letter will be sent.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to close the meeting @ 8:26PM, 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  
Tricia L Foster  
Village Clerk