

## Master Plan meeting of the Village of Newport – June 26, 2017

A special meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order by Mayor Ashley Hennings at 7:09 pm on 6/26/2017, for the purpose of discussing a Master Plan for the village, with the following member present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings  
Trustee - Thomas Roberts

Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent)

Absent: Tricia Foster (clerk), Steven Woods (trustee)

Mayor Hennings asked for input and ideas:

Herm Harris, Street Dept. said additional expenses for the street department would be replacing (by trade-in) the bobcat. A discussion followed and the bob-cat needs to be re-appraised with an 8/1/2017 trade-in target date with bids to be accepted seeking the state contract price. He also said the chipper needs replacing but that he can get 1 more year out of it and to plan for it in the 2017-18 budget. The dump truck is only 5 years old with low mileage and it was recommended that the rust prevention undercoating be done this fall to prolong its life.

Downtown Revitalization was discussed. Trustee Roberts stated that eventually he would like to see a separate building for the village office/garage and move out of the firehouse. Also need more parking at the firehouse and library. We could pursue grants to help with

Mayor Hennings stated that the village should consider giving the library building to the library board and that Pat Mahardy plans to donate land to the library board that could eventually be used for parking.

Many street, drainage, and sidewalk conditions and issues were discussed: West Street, the Mock property, School Street resurfacing, side walk removal in front of the old elementary school.

Historian Barb Curran requested a map case for the History Center. She has been laminating the old maps and needs storage for them. Mayor Hennings will look into the purchase of a case.

Mayor Hennings also would like to improve conditions at the playground by removing the stone dust at the ball field and replace/maintain the street lights to stop the vandalism there.

Mayor Hennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, Seconded by Trustee Roberts.  
All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts  
Opposed: none  
Motion carried  
Absent: Trustee Woods

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Asaro  
Deputy Clerk