

Village of Newport Special Fire District meeting – June 6, 2017

The Special Fire District meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on June 6, 2017 @ 6:09 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Absent – Tricia Foster

Town of Norway - Lora Grower, Judy Gokey, Perry Siver, Gary Snyder, Scott Crossett, Craig Gillespie
Town of Newport – Nanette Roesler, Mike McEvoy, Tom Lindsay, Gene Stock, Patty Goodman
Newport Fire Dept. – John Gorinshek, Dick McDonald, Jim Edwards Sr., Doug Theory

Supervisor Gokey had concerns of equal representation when appointing the initial Fire Commission Board. It was agreed on that the board should consist of 5 members. 1 from the Town of Newport, 1 from the Town of Norway, 1 from the Village of Newport and 2 from the fire company.

Supervisor Gokey also inquired about startup cost of office equipment and office location. There was brief discussion on the Fire Committee using the fire house for Fire District Business and Meetings.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, resolved, a joint resolution of the town board of the Town of Newport, the town board of the Town of Norway, and the village board of trustees of the Village of Newport to conduct a joint public hearing;

WHEREAS, Town Law §189-a authorizes the town board of town or the town boards of more than one town, and the board of trustees of an incorporated village located in such town or towns, to establish in such towns and village a joint fire district for the purposes stated in such law provided all of the territory in such joint fire district shall be contiguous; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2017, Town Board of the Town of Newport, the Town Board of the Town of Norway, and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Newport conducted a joint meeting of the respective boards that was duly scheduled, noticed, and convened pursuant to law for the purpose of considering jointly proposing the establishment of a joint fire district; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Town Board of the Town of Newport that the consideration of the establishment of a joint fire district may be in the public interest and that a joint public hearing should be conducted with the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Newport and the Town Board of the Town of Norway at one location within the proposed joint fire district for the purposes of hearing all persons interested in the establishment of a joint fire district and for considering whether the establishment of a joint fire district is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Town Board of the Town of Norway that the consideration of the establishment of a joint fire district may be in the public interest and that a joint public hearing should be conducted with the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Newport and the Town Board of the Town of Newport at one location within the proposed joint fire district for the purposes of hearing all persons interested in the establishment of a joint fire district and for considering whether the establishment of a joint fire district is in the public interest; and

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WHEREAS, it appears to the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Newport that the consideration of the establishment of a joint fire district may be in the public interest and that a joint public hearing should be conducted with the Town Board of the Town of Newport and the Town Board of the Town of Norway at one location within the proposed joint fire district for the purposes of hearing all persons interested in the establishment of a joint fire district and for considering whether the establishment of a joint fire district is in the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Newport, the Town Board of the Town of Norway, and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newport hereby determine, by a majority vote of each board, to jointly consider the establishment of a joint fire district and further, that said boards shall meet jointly on the **21st day of June 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Norway Community Center 3114 Military Rd. Newport, NY 13416**, which location is within the proposed joint fire district, and at that time and place **shall conduct a joint public hearing** for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the establishment of a joint fire district and for considering if the establishment of a joint fire district is in the public interest, and that the statutory notice thereof be given by the respective Town Clerks and Village Clerk as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Notice of Joint Public Hearing shall be posted and published and shall state that the description of the boundaries of the proposed joint fire district shall be that area within the Town of Newport currently designated and referred to as Newport Fire Protection Districts FD160 and FD170; that area within the Town of Norway currently designated and referred to as the Newport Fire Protection District; and the entirety of the area of the Village of Newport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notice of Joint Public Hearing shall state that the description of the objects for which it is proposed that a joint fire district be established is to provide for a uniform, equitable, and stable system for the governance and funding of fire protection and emergency services as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notice of Joint Public Hearing shall state that the description of the purposes for which it is proposed that a joint fire district be established is to ensure the continued provision of fire protection and emergency services by the dedicated volunteers serving the community by establishing a board of fire commissioners of the joint fire district to serve as the authority having jurisdiction over the provision of such services and operations as provided bylaw.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods
Abstained: Trustee Roberts
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 6:30 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Roberts
Village Trustee