

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – March 17, 2014

The village of Newport meeting was called to order on March 17, 2014 @ 7:04PM by Mayor Hennings, with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Heidi Worden
Trustee – Kim Farrell

Tricia Foster (clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), John Flannagan, Barb Curran (historian), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Tom Roberts, Erin Roberts, Herm Harris (street superintendent), Tony Bugeya, Peg Garlock (planning board), Ellen Harris, Chris Lynch, Mary Foster, Audrey Dunning (village lawyer), Tim Fiorentino, Patty Fiorentino, George Farley (codes & zoning), Linda Hennings

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from February 17, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Worden to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting on February 17, 2014, Seconded by Trustee Farrell.

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

Opposed: none

Motion passed

Department head report:

History Center:

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

Mayor Hennings told us that we are trying to move old files from the history center down to the village office. So of the old minutes and maps are in a fire safe cabinet there already and didn't want them to be moved until we had another fire safe file cabinet at the office.

Resolution # 66

Motion made by Trustee Worden to purchase a legal size fire safe cabinet to the village office, Seconded by Trustee Farrell.

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

Opposed: none

Motion passed

Water Superintendent:

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

There have been more freezing with the water this year than normal.

Trustee Worden asked about if we had received any of the testing from Chris Demie, Mike told us that we haven't received anything yet but sometime it can take a couple of months.

Street Superintendent:

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

ZBA:

Their normal meeting was changed from Monday March 17, 2014 and will be held Monday March 21, 2014 @6:00PM at the Newport firehouse.

Planning Board:

John Flanagan gave us the minutes and they will be placed on file.

John told a few things that the planning board is working on; the zoning law book is from 1989. Talked about the possibility of using a special use permit, this allows for temporary use of the land and can be used for something different than what it is zoned for. Could be good for up to 6 months and may be re-issued for another 6 months if they see fit.

Trustee Worden told us that she has maps from zoning. Mayor Hennings said that there is a need to update our maps.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Need to look at a new local law about fire prevention; George gave a file to the board.

Fire Dept.:

Mayor Hennings told us that the Department had been called out today for a structure fire in Poland, the firemen have been at the fire house all day. Mayor Hennings has been working over the last couple of months with John Butler and now Mark Farrell on the fire contacts. We have called National Grid and Re emailed them about the lights for the firehouse. The Village office is growing and is out of room, we are working with Chief Farrell to get some more storage for us.

Recreation:

No update

Treasurer:

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

Budget is due on March 20, 2014. Mayor Hennings told us that she has talked to both Newport and Norway about the fire contacts and are working on a plan to decrease taxes over years.

Trustee Worden asked about the need to accept the treasurer report. Mayor Hennings said with the acceptance of the minutes that means you were accepting everything that is included in it.

Water Abstract vouchers 44 – 50 \$3,270.54 check # 3167 – 3173

General Abstract vouchers 200 -216 \$9806.33 check # 9864 – 9878

Ski Club:

They had a dinner / Dance On Friday March 14, 2014 at the masonic Temple, they didn't have a great turn out. They hope to plan a movie night soon.

The Village is also working with the masonic temple for shared use of the building and putting in a handicap ramp.

Water project update:

There is a pre-construction meeting on Thursday March 20, 2014 @ 10:00AM at the firehouse. As weather permits they will get started on the project. Trustee Worden asked about contract 1 and not having address listed and asked Audrey's option on this. Audrey wasn't sure what she was asking and

said that she thought they changed their name a few years ago. Mayor Hennings told us that Jack had worked with these companies before. Contract 1 contractor was discussed, Trustee Worden brought up that the length of the time in business was short, conversation told place that the company had went through and name change.

Election:

The village election will be held March 18, 2014 at the firehouse from 12:00 – 9:00

Garbage day:

Mayor Hennings told us that she talked with Patti Marko about maybe having village wide garage sales in conjunction with the Village of Poland on May 17, 2014 and then having trash day the week after. This would allow the cleanup of whatever you couldn't get rid of. And we could look at this year after year.

Lawn Mowing Bid:

Are going to get this posted and will decide at the next monthly meeting on April 21, 2014

Upcoming meetings:

April 1, 2014 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM for the Budget hearing and right after the re organizational meeting. Fire Dept. has their monthly meeting at 7:30 but didn't think that we would take that long.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to hold the budget meeting with the re organizational meeting right after on April 1, 2014 @ 6:00PM at the Newport firehouse, seconded by Trustee Farrell.

All In favor: Ashley Hennings, Trustee Worden, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: None

Motion passed

Public Comment

Started @ 7:50 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Barb Curran asked about the overnight parking on front of the history center. Are they not being given tickets for this, it hard to clear the sidewalk. Tony Bugeya also told us that there is a problem in front of the flower shop with the tenant parking his truck in front so he can plug his truck in. And then still in front of the Town Tavern on Rt. 28. Tony said that he is going to talk to these people and she if they can't work something out before a ticket is issued.

Erin Roberts said that maybe at the next water info hearing we could tell what kind of tests is being done on the water, just to clarify for the residence. With the special events permits would hope that would come with guidelines. For more office space maybe putting something in the lot next to the firehouse. Wanted to know when the water report had to be done by, it is done annually and has to be out by May 31th.

Chris Lynch wanted to know about the ZBA special meeting and there being a legal notice and posting around town.

Tommy Roberts talked about a master plan and there was a committee and to maybe ask Bill Keiffer about this.

Tim Fiorertino asked about where we were at with variances application being turned into the zoning board for Worden, Mayor Hennings said one had been turned in.

Motion made at 8:19 by Mayor Hennings to move into executive session to talk about a legal matter, seconded by Trustee Farrell.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to come out of executive session at 8:33, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mayor Hennings said a discussion happened but will be decisions from professionals.

Mayor Hennings called the meeting to close @ 8:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster

Village Clerk