A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – May 16, 2016

The village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on May 16, 2016 @ 7:02 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Michele Weakley (Treasurer), Barbara Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Audrey Dunning (village lawyer), William Wilder, Pam Marko, Malcolm Harris, Robert Franklin, Dick Foster, Craig Felhaber, William Dunnon, Heidi Worden, Jessica Eiss

Absent: Michael Woods (water superintendent)

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the re organizational meeting held on April 11, 2016, the Special meeting held on April 11, 2016 and the regular meeting held on April 18, 2016, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None Motion carried

Department heads report:

History Center:

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

Water superintendent:

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

Street superintendent:

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

Zoning board:

No new business

Planning board:

No new business

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

No new business

Recreation:

Facility is up and running for little league and softball

Treasurer:

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

Water abs 12 vouchers 71-74 \$1563.31 checks 3317-3320 General abs 12 vouchers 231-246 \$7929.16 checks 10438-10452

Budgetary transfers:

Resolution #15

Motion made by Trustee Roberts, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to make the following budgetary transfers:

FROM: A1110.11 JUSTICE PR \$325.00 TO: A1110.4 JUSTICE CE \$325.00

FROM: A1990.4 CONTINGENT \$1,660.00 TO: A1420.4 ATTORNEY \$1,000.00, A1210.4 MAYOR CE \$250.00, A1920.for DUES \$155.00, A7310.4 RECREATION \$100.00 A9040.8 WORK. COMP. \$155.00

FROM: F8340.1 TRANS. PR \$10,650.00 TO: F8310.14 FOREMAN PR \$5,135.00, F8310.4 ADMIN CE \$2,000.00, F9055.8 UNEMPLOYMENT \$35.00, F8330.4 PURIFICATION CE \$3,480.00

FROM: F8340.2 TRANS. EQUIPS \$10,000.00 TO: F8330.4 PURI. CE \$1,175.00, F8340.4 TRANS. CE \$8,825.00

FROM: F9550.9 TRANSFER \$14,605.00 TO: F8340.4 TRANS. CE \$14,605.00

All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods, Trustee Robert

Opposed: None Motion carried

Salaries Resolution:

Resolution # 16

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, that the Village of Newport does herby fix salaries for the following officers and employees for the Village of Newport for the year 2016-2017 beginning June 1, 2016 and ending May 31, 2017 at the amounts specified at the time specified:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mayor	Ashley Hennings	\$4750.00	yearly
Trustee	Thomas Roberts	\$2625.00	yearly
Trustee	Steven Woods	\$2625.00	yearly
Clerk	Tricia Foster	\$7050.00	yearly
Dep. Clerk	Cathy Asaro	\$15.00	hourly
Treasurer	Michele Weakley	\$7750.00	yearly
Water Supt.	Michael Woods	\$21.00	hourly
Street Supt.	Floyd Harris	\$17.00	hourly
Bldg. Code	George Farley	\$3250.00	yearly
Zoning Enf.	George Farley	\$2500.00	yearly
Historian	Barbara Curran	\$250.00	yearly
Election Insp.	Two officers	\$200.00	yearly
Dog Control	Robert Kelmer	\$1000.00	yearly
Parking Enf.	Anthony Bugeya	\$450.00	yearly
Public health Off	Kathleen Esty	\$100.00	yearly
Laborer		\$14.00	hourly

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

Opposed: none Motion carried

Water relevy: Resolution #17

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to relevy a; outstanding past due water rents in the amount of \$967.90 to the 2016-2017 village taxes.

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

Opposed: none Motion carried

Playground staffing:

Mayor Hennings said that if the positions through the Youth Bureau through our county legislator do not come through, we have some options with funding it through the Village funds. Other suggestions would be using working solutions.

Weekend events:

3rd annual Village wide garage sales are going to be held in the Village and surrounding village. Will also have vendors, BBQ and open houses being held.

Tax collection:

Tax collection will begin on June 1st and go until July 1st without penalty.

Trash day:

The spring trash day be will held on Friday May 27th; please have trash out on Thursday night as pick up will begin at 5:00Am on Friday morning.

Executive session:

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to go into executive session @ 7:18 PM to discuss a legal matter with V&B regarding litigation around water project and possible litigation regarding a zoning violation with a property on West St., seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: none Motion carried

Dick Foster asked about zoning violation and that shouldn't be part of executive session, Mayor Hennings said that it was possible legation and that it is a matter of executive session, Attorney Dunning agreed.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to come out of executive session @ 7:39 PM, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none Motion carried

Mayor Hennings reported the results of the executive session, the West Street property would be put out for bids to have the property demoed and removal. The V&B issued is being forwarded to the insurance carrier to possibly provide aide and defense.

Town Tavern sewer:

The Health dept. declined the request by the business and the village will work with the Tavern to help work through some possible solutions.

Public Comment to start @ 7:40 PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Discussion ensued regarding the West Street property. Bill Wilder asked if the village was going to assume all the cost associated with the demo and removal of the property in the right way as the Village expected of the property owner. Mayor Hennings said that it was just going out to bid as of now and that the village is going to assume that it is done correctly and follow any and all laws and guidelines as appropriate.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget, salaries of Village employees beginning June 1st, and the court consolidation.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 8:26PM.

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