

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – May 18, 2015

The village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on May 18, 2015 @ 7:05PM 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), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Linda Hennings, Christine Shahin Wood (ZBA), Mark & Michelle Oakley, Craig Fehlhaber, Heidi Worden

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for April 6, 2015

Motion made by trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for Re organizational meeting held on April 6, 2015, Seconded by trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Approval of minutes for April 20, 2015

Motion made by trustee woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on April 20, 2015, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Department heads reports:

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.

Mayor Hennings asked if he could in the next meter reading if he could include the meter reading that are not being charge a fee.

Codes & Zoning:

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

ZBA:

No new business

Recreation:

The new scoreboard has been put up and 2 new platforms that will hold water for 5 gallons water pitchers have been placed at the playground as well. This is all from an Eagle Scout project done by Parker Esty and he did a great job. The shed has also been ordered after we received the 3 quotes.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs. 12 vouchers 59-67 \$8237.53 checks 3240-3248

General abs 12 vouchers 245-266 \$14861.63 checks 10183-10203

Budget Transfers:

Resolution #30

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to make the following budget transfers.

From A1990.4 contingent \$3102.00

To: a5110.1 street PS \$1000

A7510.42 phone \$2.00

A8790.4 Reynolds rent \$2100.00

From: a1640.4 central garage \$600.00

To: a8790.4 Reynolds rent \$600.00

From: f8340.2 trans. and dist. equip \$6970.00

To: f8310.14 foreman PS \$3770.00

To: f8330.4 purification CE \$800.00

To: f8340.4 Trans and dist. Ce \$2400.00

From; f8340.1 Trans and dist. PS \$580.00

To: f8340.4 Trans and dist. Ce \$500.00

To: f9055.8 unemployment \$80.00

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Water relevy:

Resolution #31

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to relevy all outstanding past due water rents in the amount of \$2704.10 to the 2015-2016 taxes.

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

Opposed: none
Motion carried

Garage day:
Will be held on Friday May 22, 2015

Salaries resolution:
Resolution #32

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, that the Village of Newport does hereby fix salaries for the following officers and employees for the Village of Newport for the year 2015-2016 beginning June1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2016 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	\$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
Public health Off	Kathleen Esty	\$100.00	yearly

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

Insurance review:

The village had an inspection, Herm Harris took them around the village and then Mayor Hennings meet with him for a review. A couple of things that he came back with that we need to look into fixing, the boiler at the library, tops for the playground fence, need to have something to protect and also shared services with the Town for things like plowing. The insurance guy from Mang is also the mayor for Gloversville and was going to look into how they gifted the library building to the library and see if this is something that our Village would like to look into to.

Water project update:

There is 4ft left to fill in the tank. Jack Dodson suggested that we hire a leak detection agency, this would cost anywhere from \$5000.00-\$25000.00, we have money left in the water project fund that could be used for this. They would come out at night when the water usage is low, some things they could find is old pipes or pipes that ae left uncapped. V&B will be onsite starting tomorrow and will be there for the next 4-5 weeks to finish the landscaping and also to loop in the pipes.

Resolution # 33

Motion made by Trustee Roberts, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to hire NYS Leak Detection Agency to the exceed \$25000.00 to be paid out of the water project budget.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

East St/ School St project:

We have contacted and hired the grant writing company from Cortland. They need to have their paperwork in be July and then we won't hear anything until the fall time.

Lawn Mowing Bid:

We had a quote from Real Deal Landscaping the company that we used last year, their bid remained the same as last year of \$1900.00 for the season and their quotes also included a certificate of Liability.

Resolution # 34

Motion made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to accept the lawn mowing bid from Real Deal Landscaping as written for \$1900.00 for the season.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Public comment:

Started at 7:26Pm not to exceed 30 minutes

Michelle Oakley stated that her neighbor had put their house on the market and stated that the neighbor had done some work on the retaining that we had discussed last fall. She didn't believe that they had contacted the Village to ask what needed to be done nor did they apply and receive any permits to complete the work originally. She stated that she was under the understanding that the neighbor could not use the Bridge pieces that he had been using. She also said that although he hadn't contacted the Village he had done some work to the retaining wall. Discussion between the board and the Oakley's ensued. Mr. Farley said that he would look into the issue and would contact the Village attorney to discuss how to proceed. He would also like a second opinion from a professional engineer. A discussion continued.

Heidi Worden asked who was financially responsible for fixing the water lines. Mayor Hennings said that it depended on where the leak was located. She also asked if she could get a copy of the transfers done. Mayor Hennings stated that they would be placed in the minutes. She asked about an email she had sent asking for some information. Mayor Hennings said she would send her a copy of the letter. Heidi asked if anyone looks at the property taxes after permits are issued. Mayor Hennings said the Village uses the Town assessment.

Mayor Hennings asked Mr. Felhaber if he had sent any information regarding his water lines. He said that his engineers were working on it and that he had not sent anything to the Village.

The meeting was called to close @ 7:42PM by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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