

A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport Board - May 20, 2013

The Village of Newport board meeting was called to order on May 20, 2013 @ 7:04PM by mayor Hennings. With the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings

Trustee – Heidi Worden

Trustee – Kim Farrell

Others present: Tricia Foster (clerk), Howard Stave, George Farley (zoning and codes), Barb Curran (historian), Clara Hill, Ellen Harris, Linda Hennings, Tom Roberts, Steve Woods (ZBA), Mike Woods (water supt.), Herm Harris (street Supt.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hennings told everyone they minutes are going to start being put in the Village website. Will start this process as soon as we can.

April 15, 2013 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Worden to accept minutes as written. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

April 29, 2013 Budget meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made Trustee Farrell, Seconded by Mayor Hennings to accept the minutes as written. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Department heads reports:

Treasures report: David Reid left his report and it will be placed on file.

ZBA: Christine Woods is out of town. We were told that the day care sign of Main St is looking for a variances for a bigger sign

Planning Board: Are just going through zoning laws and updated them.

Codes and Zoning: George Farley gave his report and will be placed on file. The old Borden's building on Bridge Street is being reviewed by the village attorney and will get back to him. The items listed on the report as not complete will be cleared up with a visit the property addresses. Property of 7454 Main St is on hold Owner was told to go to the planning board, he needs to make a complete decision on what he

Plans on doing there first after that it will go back to the planning board.

Historical Society: Barb Curran was there to give her report. She is thinking about coming up with a report to put on file. She is still waiting to hear about help from the county for the summer.

Fire Department: no one in attendance.

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

Water Superintendent: Mike Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file. Mike did tell us the he has gotten no return call about the meters, he has a new phone number and will this week. Water quality report needs to be included with the water bills and need to be placed in the mail by May 31, 2013.

Recreation committee: They had their meeting last week to discuss their 2012-2013 budget. They came up with a list of things that they needs, list included gas grill, water cooler, ping pong table. Mayor Hennings thought that it might be a good idea to have a couple of water cooler outside at the playground. Perhaps a wood house made to place the water inside out with a lock.

Fran Donley from the Town of Russia to tell us about a first aid and CPR call that they will be having on June 21, 2013.

Resolution # 38

Motion made by Trustee Farell, Seconded by Mayor Hennings, RESOLVED that mayor Hennings and Trustee Farell will be the signers on all accounts with both M&T Bank and NBT Bank. With all accounts at both banks there is going to be a 2 signatures required on all checks written and transfer done. Any new accounts opened will have both names on the account as signers and the 2 signatures required will be added to any new accounts as well.

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

Opposed: None

Update on water project:

Everything in now in the department of health's hands, hoping the review in done by the end of May. The EFA lawyer needed information from our lawyer and she has responded to them.

Parking issue downtown: Are in the process of taking down the shrubs in front of Asaro's. Need to see what we need to do to move the no parking zone in front of the Town Tavern moved farther down the street. There is a visability problem and we don't want any more issues when turning off of Bridge Street.

The board is looking into a lockbox at the Fire Department water bills to be placed in.

Mayor Hennings met with Stuart Card from the Masonic Temple. He would like to work with the village to do some community use at the temple. The temple is currently being used about 5 days per month now with different things going on there. They are going to talk more about planning something and getting the specfic details on that.

Motion made by Trustee Farell, seconded by Mayor Hennings to go into executive session @ 7:36PM.

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

Opposed: none

Motion made by Trustee Farell, Seconded by Trustee Worden to return from executive session @ 7:46 PM.

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

Opposed: None

Resolution # 39

Motion made by Trustee Worden, Seconded by Mayor Hennings, RESOLVED to post the current open position for Village Treasurer to candidates in all of Herkimer County.

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

Opposed: None

Lawn mowing bids:

We had two local companies placed a bid for the 2013 mowing season. First one was Real Deal Landscaping; bid was the season was \$1,949.00 for job specified by Village, also included with the bid was a worker compensation policy. Second bid was from Adirondack Landscaping, bid was for \$2,100.00 for job specified by the village, also included with his bid was a Certificate of Liability insurance policy. Adirondack Landscaping also included in the bid amount was the following services: fall clean-up & mulching of leaves at the end of the season, clearing off all walkways & driveways from grass debris.

Resolution # 40

Motion made by Trustee Worden, Seconded by Trustee Farell, RESOLVED, to accept the bid from Adirondack Landscaping which included the correct insurance paperwork for the Village lawn mowing for the 2013 Season.

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

Opposed: none

From Trustee Worden from a training that she attended on May 1, 2013 in the Town of Schuyler. Solid waste was telling about different sorting, though being Left over Express could start have more sorting for next year. Snowmobile trails, four wheelers want to go on these trails. The property owners are worried about damage on property. ATV needs to form Association like the snowmobiles clubs do. Maybe this is something that we could do in the Village, could work with the local Chamber.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:08PM, by Mayor Hennings.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Worden, trustee Farell

Opposed: none

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk

