

## **MINUTES**

### **Village of Newport Regular Meeting**

**October 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on October 21, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Butler with the following members present:

Mayor – Marc Butler

Trustee – Steven Woods

Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Maureen Damone (Clerk), Richard Foster (Deputy Clerk), Herm Harris (Streets), Travis Coleman (Street Superintendent), George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Lynn Murphy (Treasurer), Christine Lynch (ZBA Secretary)

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

A motion was made by Trustee Woods to accept the September Minutes; seconded by Trustee Roberts and unanimously approved.

Public Comments: There was a continuation of the discussion from the 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing regarding new parking regulations. Residents on School Street are concerned about current water run-off. Some residents requested that curbs and sidewalks be removed as they feel the curbs are now much farther away from the sidewalks than they had been prior to their replacement. There was a discussion about whether or not to make the street one-way or have no parking on the street. Bruce Moody offered to change the corner by his business at his own expense, offering pictures of the current layout (attached). As he owns property by the old elementary school, S. McEvoy requested something in writing from the Village releasing him from liability if parking is allowed there.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

1. Mayor Butler reported that there are several grants totaling close to \$500,000 to go towards the demolition of the old elementary school.
2. Mayor Butler advised that there will be a Public Hearing held on November 14, 2024 at the Community Hall/Masonic Temple.

#### **Department Reports:**

Water: Report submitted

Streets: Report submitted

Zoning Board/Planning Board: Report submitted. Ralph and Mark went to the Town of Webb training seminar. No report submitted.

Codes/Zoning Officer: Report submitted.

Treasurer: Report submitted

At 7:32 p.m. Trustee Roberts made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Woods seconded it, and the motion was unanimously passed. At 7:50 p.m. Trustee Woods made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Roberts. Unanimously passed.

- Motions:

1. To adopt the new Local Law No. 6 to Amend Zoning Code Section 11 - C-1 under Site Plan Review to include breweries and distilleries under Section B Site Plan Review Uses (*see attached*)

Trustee Roberts proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Woods. Unanimously passed.

2. To set Trick-or-Treating hours at the Village Office on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Woods proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Roberts. Unanimously passed.

- Resolutions

- (1) Resolution No. 2024-10 establishing Village parking regulations (*see attached*).

Trustee Woods proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Roberts. Unanimously passed.

- (2) Resolution No. 2024-11 to pay Maureen Damone \$189 for the Treasurer's duties she performed from June through July, 2024.

Trustee Woods proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Roberts. Unanimously passed.

- (3) Resolution No. 2024-12 formally hiring Lynn Murphy as Village Treasurer at an hourly rate of \$20.

Trustee Roberts proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Woods. Unanimously passed.

A brief discussion was held concerning a better form of communication between the Village Board and the citizens.

Trustee Woods requested the General Meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Trustee Robert and unanimously passed. The General Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS 101 – 130 were approved for payment.