

MINUTES
Village of Newport Regular Meeting
December 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Butler with the following members present:

Mayor – Marc Butler
Trustee – Steven Woods
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Maureen Damone (Clerk), Lynn Murphy (Treasurer), Richard Foster (Deputy Clerk), Travis Coleman (Street Superintendent), Christine Lynch (ZBA Secretary), Susan Fellows (ZBA Member)

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comments: There was a suggestion that in the future the Village host a Tree Lighting night, perhaps joining with Middleville and Poland or the Kuyahoorra Valley.

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor Butler reported that the Village Christmas Party held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at the Community Center was not a huge success, with only about ten children attending. However, all children left with a prize, and those who were there enjoyed the day. It was suggested that the Village gain more of a presence with its residents, perhaps via Facebook, *The Rome Sentinel*, or other means of advertising events such as this.
2. Mayor Butler advised that Rick Lynch has been doing a great job with the back office of the Village Offices, and heating units will be coming.

Department Reports:

Historical: (none)

Water (M. Woods/T. Coleman)r: Report submitted. Travis Coleman advised that water bills went out, and all seemed to be going smoothly.

Streets (T. Coleman): Report submitted. There was a little bit of snow, which was cleared. The swings on the playground will be removed, and the gazebo will be finished in the Spring. Trustee Roberts suggested a gate be built to help avoid vandalism, like graffiti, which occurred on Halloween night.

Zoning Board/Planning Board (C. Lynch): No meeting was held

Codes/Zoning Officer (G. Farley): Report submitted. There is a scheduled Court date on December 17, 2024 regarding the ongoing situation on West Street. Mr. Farley and the Mayor will make a site inspection at 5:00 p.m. just prior to the Court proceeding.

Fire: (none)

Recreation: (none)

Treasurer: Report submitted

Library: (none)

Discussions:

1. Two poll inspectors and one alternate must be selected at the next meeting. A list of potential candidates will be sent by the County Board of Elections. M. Damone will follow up with them.
2. A discussion was had about the West Street Project.

Resolutions:

- (1) Resolution No. 2024-18 Abolishing Registration Day for the March 18, 2025 Election

Mayor Butler proposed; 2nd by Trustee Roberts. Unanimously passed.

- (2) Resolution No. 2024-19 Establishing the Place and Hours for the March 18, 2025 Election, which will be held at the Newport Firehouse, 7370 Main Street, Newport, New York 13416, between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Butler proposed; 2nd by Trustee Roberts. Unanimously passed.

(3) Resolution No. 2024-20 Establishing the salary of Village Treasurer Lynn Murphy as \$608.00 per month beginning January 1, 2025.

Trustee Roberts proposed; 2nd by Trustee Woods. Unanimously passed.

Trustee Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Woods, and unanimously passed.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS 161 - 189 were approved for payment.