

A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport – November 16, 2015

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on November 16, 2015 @ 7:00 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), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Audrey Dunning (village lawyer), Kathy English, George Farley (codes & zoning), Heidi Worden (arrived @ 7:07PM), Dick Foster (arrived @ 7:10PM), Steve & Shawna Williams (arrived @ 7:10PM)

The meeting was videotaped by Heidi Worden

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on October 19, 2015, 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.

Trustee Roberts asked if she could look and see if there was anything at the history center that talked about local laws and resolutions on Village parking

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.

Told us that he has given Lori Burritt @ Flowers for You 2 bags on rock salt.

ZBA:

No new business

Recreation committee:

Had a great turnout at the Village Halloween Party, ha 200+ at the party. The morning after Halloween the Village looked good.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Treasurers report:

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

Water abs. 6 vouchers 41-48 \$10489.30 checks 3287-3294

General abs 6 vouchers 115-133 \$8232.38 checks 10322-10338

Budgetary transfers:

Resolution #41

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfers be made.

From General fund balance \$693.00

To A7310.4 Recreation CE \$693.00

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Perm 32

Resolution # 42

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, to impose the Perm 1 (2/12) Undertaking For the benefit of The New York State Department of Transportation In Connection with work affecting state highways, RESOLVED as written (NYSDOT PERM 1, rev. 2/12)

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

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Tax relieved to county:

Resolution # 43

We, the undersigned members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Newport, New York approve that the unpaid taxes for the year 2015 be relieved by the county of Herkimer.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Paperwork was signed by Board and will be forwarded to county

Sidewalks:

Trustee Woods reported that he called Humperville and no return call was made as of the meeting.

Public comment to start @ 7:13PM not to exceed 30 minutes.

Dick Foster asked the Mayor if she had heard back from the engineer regarding the tank site and fencing being buried in the site. She said she had and there was a small piece in there, the village engineer had spoken with the NYS state DEC engineer. He asked about some other items being buried in the space and Mayor Hennings stated that to the best of her knowledge, she had not heard anything regarding other items being buried. Dick asked if there was a public hearing regarding the dissolution of the court. Mayor Hennings had done research for the last year and half, consulted other villages and discussed the possibility of dissolution with the Justices and the Town of Newport; and said the Village Board had discussed it and met with the Town of Newport and then a resolution was made. Dick asked Audrey Dunning if that was legal and Audrey said that it was. Conversation ensued. Mayor Hennings stated the Village was looking to consolidate services and save money where we could to in order to use that money for community building and other budgetary needs. Discussion ensued.

Heidi Worden asked if there was a report on the current fire code laws and the inspections that have taken place. Mayor Hennings and George Farley stated we will be looking to move forward on those. Discussion ensued regarding the fire code. Heidi asked about the court and when discussions took place. She asked about the office hours and we were going to change as she had asked last year.

Dick continued discussions regarding the court.

Dick asked Audrey if the Old School case was still open. Audrey stated it was closed.

Heidi asked what was going on with the Fire Truck specs and build. Mayor Hennings stated that the fire company had a committee formed and the process had slowed but they were still moving forward.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, to closed the meeting @ 7:42PM.

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