

A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport Board – November 18, 2013

The Village of Newport Board meeting was called to order on November 18, 2013 @ 7:04 PM by Mayor Hennings, with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Heidi Worden
Trustee – Kim Farrell

Tricia Foster (Clerk), Michele Weakley (Treasurer), Cathy Asaro (Deputy Clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Steven Woods (ZBA), Chris Lynch, Peg Garlock (planning board), Ellen Harris, Linda Hennings, Michael Woods (Water superintendent), Audrey Dunning (Village Attorney), Amanda Fries (OD), Bill Keiffer, Pat Lang, Tyler Harvey, Dick Foster, Herm Harris (street superintendent), Michael Skwara

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting on October 21, 2013, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Department heads report:

History Center: Barb Curran gave her report and it will be placed on file.

Water Superintendent: Mike Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file. Inspection on the spring boxes on Friday November 22, 2013 will take place with the State health dept. They called two weeks ago to set up this appointment with Mike. Thinks that the inspection is done every 3 years he was not here for the last one and found no paperwork on it. The last cleaning of the spring boxes was done in June.

From Mayor Hennings about Harris Dale Farm, we need a full billing cycle in order to start charging them. A notice will have to be placed for the meter to be placed. Trustee Worden said that the Town Barn is also receives Village water and is not billed for it. Mayor Hennings said that she thinks the Town Barn should not be charged a water bill.

Street Superintendent: Herm Harris gave his report and it will be placed on file. Herm said that he is still doing leaf pick up and hopes this will end soon but by the way the weather was this year soon leaves are just falling.

ZBA: Steven Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Planning board: They had no meeting in October

Codes and zoning: George Farley was unable to make the meeting but dropped off his report and it will be placed on file.

Fire Dept.: Annual fire dinner will be held in January

Recreation Committee: They just purchased crafts for the kids to do during the Village stroll, to be held at the Masonic Temple.

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

Water abstract 6 vouchers 22-26 checks 3143-3147 \$514.72

General abstract 6 vouchers 116-137 checks 9785-9804 \$6598.05

Time Warner Agreement: This has been up on the website since August. This will be for 10 years. Agreement will be placed on file. Agreement read by Mayor Hennings.

Resolution #56

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to accept the Time Warner Agreement as written.

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

Opposed: none

Resolution # 57

We, the undersigned members of the Village Board of Trustee of the Village of Newport, New York approve that the unpaid taxes for the year 2013 be relieved by the county of Herkimer. Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED.

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

Opposed: None

Budgetary transfers:

Resolution # 58

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to make the following budgetary transfers: From A5110.4 Street Maint. To A5110.4 Chips \$9,117.47,

From A1990.4 Contingent to A7510442 Historical phone \$200.00,

From F8340.2 Transportation and Dist. Equipment to F9055.8 Unemployment \$200.00

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Motion passed

Water project update:

The State and County Departments of Health have both approved the final plans for the project. Dodson and Associates have printed and provided the bids for advertisement. The bids will be sent to the Telegram to be posted this week. The bids for contract are due by December 18, 2013 at 10:00AM. We hope to awards the bids in January 2014. There are two different bid packets. The first containing contracts 1, 2, and 3 and the second containing contract 4.

Website update:

The website is currently being worked one. Hope to get a fresh new look and bring it up to date.

Holiday Stroll:

Will be held December 7th and will be village wide with most business open. Businesses that are unable to be open are going to be making baskets to be raffled off; they will be located in the Furniture store. Crafts and hot drinks to be help at the Masonic Temple.

Insurance update:

Update on Terrorism Policy, Mayor Hennings Read email for the insurance company which read: - would have to a certified act of terrorism – certified by the Secretary of the Treasury & Attorney General of the US to be an act of Terrorism. The terrorism act would have to be in excess of \$5M aggregate and a violent or an act that is dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure and committed to coerce the population of the US to influence policy or government of the US.

Your carrier offers this coverage and it is not mandatory and can be deleted. You would have to decide if you have any type of exposure that may make you a target for a terrorist act. Currently your policy shows this coverage in place.

Everyone is in agreement to sign this paperwork for the coverage. Will be signed and sent to the insurance company.

Ski Club Insurance:

The underwriter has sent it to the carriers for final approval, should hear about this by the end of the week.

Trustee Worden asked if there would be a rotation of the kids that are going if it is to become full. Wants to know that it will be fair and everyone will get there turn. Pat Lang said that they don't fill a bus, they would love to, and if you bought a season pass then you would have the first spot on the bus. If they can to the point where the bus was filled they would get another bus. Pat a lot told us that the kids have already started some fundraising to put toward the busses. After we get this up and running we can reach out to other business / organizations for donations.

Resolution # 57

Motion made by Trustee Worden, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, for the Ski insurance to cap at \$1,200.00 for the community ski club for the 2013 – 2014 season.

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

Opposed: none

Library appraisal:

Mayor Hennings is looking into names for this to get done. We have some very old books that need to be looked at for the correct value to be placed on them.

Office Furniture update:

Trustee Worden told us that everything has been ordered and would be in the week of December 7th.

East Street / School Street Project:

We will need to figure out what we want to be done on this. Trustee Worden saw an article in the OD about money being available for projects like this; she is going to scan this and sent it to the other board members.

Flooding on West Street:

Where the flooding is happening it borders two county streets. There was a problem with this in July, it is happening in the middle of the 1st and 2nd house on West St. Behind Rick Mocks it is coming off the hill into a county culvert. Bill Keiffer thinks that there was a drain behind Mocks house, maybe it is covered over.

NYS Safe Act:

Mayor Hennings thinks that maybe we could send a letter to the state on where we stand on this. Trustee Farrell thinks that's it good to make our voices heard. Trustee Worden said that many municipalities have talked as a board on how they stand and let the state know. The board would like to do some research and bring this back to the December meeting.

Village Law books:

Mayor Hennings thinks that we should hire someone to look into this and find any laws that we don't have in the book we have, thinks that it would be something we will pay for but will last.

Star Program:

Deadline to apply for the star program is December 31, 2013. Everyone needs to reapply this year, even if you have already applied for this before. Information is listed on our website.

Parking:

The Village Parking Enforcer may issue parking tickets on any Village road/street within the village limits, including Rt. 28

Public Comment:

Started @ 8:14 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Dick Foster thinks that we need to go ahead with this and any mistakes we can learn from for next year, Either with the bus being full and kids being left out. Also thinks a water meter is already in place at the Town Barn.

A discussion about the fire contracts took place as well as the firehouse payments.

Mayor Hennings called the meeting to close @ 8:30 PM

The vouchers were reviewed and signed and the bank statements and balance sheets were reviewed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk