

Village of Newport regular meeting –November 21, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on November 21, 2016 @ 7:01PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Steven Woods
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Tricia Foster(clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), Barb Curran (historian), Linda Hennings, Bill Peek (Newport Fire Dept.), Michael Woods, (Water Superintendent), Christine Shanin Woods (ZBA), Audrey Dunning (Village Lawyer), Craig Felhaber, George Farley (codes & Zoning) Arrived @ 7:10

Absent:
Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept of minutes as written for the regular meeting held on September 19, 2016, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on October 17, 2016, 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.

Water Superintendent:

Michael Woods gave his report and will be placed on file.

Mayor Hennings asked about the water shut offs and he reporting that he is working on collecting payments. Mayor Hennings asked if he could get with Michele Weakley for the most up to date list.

Street Superintendent:

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

Mayor Hennings stated that the water heater may need to be replaced at the playground next year, they had some trouble with it for the Halloween party, and Herm stated that it was hot when he drained it for the winter but would check it next year.

Codes & zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

Mayor Hennings reported that the grant was sent the fire dept. will receive \$160,000.00 worth of equipment. She thanked Bill Peck and the firemen for all of their work and help with this. The firemen have asked about the replacement of the floors in the meeting room and the hallways. They had an estimate done and it was done in pieces of the floors. They looked at material and the kind that UCP used it holds up well. Trustee Roberts said that something should be done with the floors and the shape that they are in would like to get a couple more bids. The estimate that they firemen already got was for \$8,000.00 and that covered the meeting room and both hallways. Trustee Roberts also stated that the driveway would need to be sealed again this spring. Trustee Woods asked about more storage for the village if there was any room in the storage closet, Mayor Hennings asked Bill Peck if he would take this back to the Fire Dept.

Recreation Dept.:

Mayor Hennings stated that the Halloween party went very well, had about 40-45 kids come. A lot of people stated that they missed it being on Halloween Night.

Trustee Roberts stated that he talked to Herm Harris about the bobcat and it being 10 years old said that it has a good re-sale value. Not sure if this is something that the village wanted to look into with the budget season coming soon. Trustee Woods stated that there is a lot of money in the general savings.

Mayor Hennings stated that she took a class last week about Funds Balancing and are going to go through and see where money should be. Trustee Woods asked if maybe should have a meeting with board or dept. heads with open to public to see what to do with the funds.

Treasurer:

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

General abs 6 vouchers 103-122 \$51956.04 checks 10560-10580

Water abs 6 vouchers 27-33 \$1115.24 checks 3347-3353

West Street Demo / removal project:

Mayor Hennings reported that the project is complete for both parcels. The village worked with the DEC, had asbestos testing done which came back negative, we are currently working on re-copping funds. Trustee Roberts wanted to thank Trustee Woods for all of his help and work on the project and to thank Mayor Hennings or her work as well.

Relief of unpaid taxes to county:

Resolution #25

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 2016 be relieved by the county of Herkimer.

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

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Paperwork was signed by the Board and will be forwarded to the county

Trustee Roberts reported that he was able to shut off the power to the old reservoir.

Mayor Hennings stated that we were finally able to come to a settlement with V&B Construction for the amount of \$72,900.00. Bond & King helped with this process. This was the same amount as we had in February but we were waiting at that time for their signature on paperwork.

Public comment: started @ 7:39 PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Craig Felhaber asked about the demo project and air monitoring with the preliminary testing being done and talking with DEC, there was no need to have EMSL for preliminary testing being done there was no fee charged. Still would be from contractor is the cargo manifesto, Said the contractor should not get paid the full amount that the village should hold some back until he provides proper paperwork. Audrey Dunning said that she thought that the air monitoring was included in his bid. Mayor Hennings stated that the DEC was happy with the results and the only thing that they said not to do was dump materials into the old basement or bury any material. Also asked about the village replacing the flooring in the firehouse, Mayor Hennings stated that the fire Dept. collected the bid for the flooring not the village. Craig stated that the amount may be in the minutes and that could be unfair advantage for other bids collected. Trustee Roberts stated that there was no asbestos, tipping slips from Herkimer and Oneida County; Audrey Dunning said that normally contractor would provide this information.

Trustee Woods stated that the villages are part time positions and should consider an Administrative Assistant; Craig stated that he has put himself out there to be of help.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 8:09PM.

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