

A Regular meeting of the Village of Newport – October 17, 2016

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on October 17, 2016 @ 7:04 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), Linda Hennings, Ellen Harris, Bill Peek (Newport Vol Fire), Michael Woods (water superintendent), John Gorinshek, Tammy Gorinshek, Audrey Dunning (Village Attorney), Craig Felhaber, George Farley (codes & Zoning)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Mayor Hennings to accept the minutes as written for the special meeting held August 24, 2016, seconded by Trustee Woods.

All In favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods,

Opposed: None

Abstained: Trustee Roberts (was not present for that meeting)

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 it will be placed on file.

Street Superintendent:

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

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

Bill Peek was here from the Fire Dept. Mayor Hennings has been working with Bill and other members of the fire dept. to apply for a grant through FEMA. We have hired a grant writer Julie Benzo from Benzo Consulting, and she is hopeful that the dept. can get between \$100,000.00 - \$250,000.00. Her cost is \$4,500.00 to write the grant and she will need \$2,000.00 down before she will make the final submission of the grant, the grant has already

been written and is ready for submission. With the funds the Fire Dept. would hopefully be able to get personal protective equipment; this would include 6-8 air packs, 6-8 new turnout gear and a washer for the Fire house this would allow the gear to last longer. Julie is known for helping fire depts., writing grants, and has been very helpful to the dept... Trustee Roberts told us that she would follow this straight through until they get a check in hand; she is also a lobbyist so she would go and lobby for this as well. There is also a possibility for a rescue truck grant right now they are going to send Mayor Hennings a sample letter for her to send in.

Resolution #24

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to make a payment to Benzo Consulting for \$4,500.00 for their grant writing service for the Fire Dept. FEMA grant.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Recreation:

The Village Halloween party will be held on Sunday October 30th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the playground. Village wide trick or treating will be held on October 31st from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, please have outside lights on if handing out candy. Letter has been sent to the sheriff's dept. for patrol coverage for that night as well. Bill Peek told us that the fire Dept. will again be handing out candy on the corner by Snyder's again this year.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs 5 vouchers 22-26 \$1330.98 checks 3342-3346

General abs 5 vouchers 81-102 \$19530.11 checks 10537-10557

Demolition / removal project – West St.

Hans Flaatrud (tax map #094.46-1.25: 094.46-1-25; 094.46-1-27.2)

Trustee Woods is working with Mr. Carusso from Main St Metals for getting the insurance and Liability paperwork. He called him Saturday and Trustee Woods said he would bring the contract to Trustee Woods at his house or he would be at the meeting tonight with the paperwork, he then called before the meeting and said he was working in Syracuse and would not be able to make the meeting. The completion date was supposed to be October 31st and now it is going to be changed to November 12th. The board thought if the project wasn't completed by November 12th that they would have to reconsider who they can get to complete the project. Trustee Woods called the air monitoring company that Main St Metals gave him several times and there was no answer as well as couple others. Audrey Dunning said that we should give him 5-7 business days to get the proper paperwork to the village and if he fails to do that then the board should have a special meeting and award the project to the next bidder. They would need to give something in writing with paperwork and a start date on there. Mayor

Hennings asked if there was any way that they could put a penalty on this if he fails to complete the project on time. Mayor Hennings said that she would draft a letter if he doesn't meet with Trustee Woods tomorrow then would send out tomorrow to him. Trustee Woods stated that Mr. Carusso has been a pleasure to work with but just hasn't gotten anything done, he is supposed to meet with him tomorrow to get the paperwork from him. Mayor Hennings asked if the board were all in agreeance if we received nothing from him within 5 days then we would hold a special meeting, everyone was in favor of this.

Election:

There are two seats that are up, they are Mayor (2 year term), and Trustee (2 year term)

Radar speed signs:

Trustee Roberts told us that the flyers that Mayor Hennings provided does not meet NYS DOT requirements. He had called up to Blue Mountain Lake that they were using signs and they told him that they cost \$7,500.00 and that the state would not pay for them. He also stated that he had a letter that is going to be sent to have a temporary sign for the village and will get that sent in. If we receive the sign thinks it should be placed on Main St because that's where the most complains are.

Public comment not to exceed 30 minutes:

Craig Felhaber asked what the grant writer name was and the company, Julie Benzo from Benzo Consulting. Asked how the village was going to recoupe the money from the West St project (Hans Flatrud) Audrey Dunning stated that is would fall under public auction, could contact Charlie Crandall at the county for more details. Craig stated that if the property defaulted it would go to the county and that we may want to check with the county for that. Asked about the Air monitoring and what company we were going to use, Mayor Hennings stated that GYMO out of Watertown is the only company that has called us back. He suggested that we have our attorney help with the letter being sent to Main St Metals, and that we should already have in place the air monitoring so that is ready to go when the project starts. Asked what the fee is for GYMO, Mayor Hennings stated that is was \$2,800.00 for 5 days on site. Also asked if water to Borden's was being provided, Mike Woods stated that we were not and it is turned off at the main.

Tammy and John Gorninshek would like to thank the village for correcting their driveway and the work they completed on East St.

Bill Peek wanted to let the board know that the dog warden was called by 2 different people on the same night and had no call back; Tammy Gorninshek stated that she had a message from him. Mayor Hennings stated that if he could not be reached that they could always call the state police.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 7:39PM.

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