

## **A regular meeting of the village of Newport – October 19, 2015**

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order at 7pm on 10/19/2015 by Mayor Ashley Hennings with the following members present:

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

Cathy Asaro(deputy clerk), Michele Weakley(treasurer), Barb Curran(Historian), Herm Harris(Street Superintendent), Audrey Dunning(Village lawyer), Michael Woods(Water Superintendent, George Farley(codes and zoning), Kathy English, Jim Fitzsimons, Lori Burritt.

Absent: Tricia Foster, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on September 21, 2015, seconded by trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

### **Department Heads Reports:**

#### **History center:**

Barb Curran gave her report and it was placed on file.

#### **Water Department:**

Mike Woods gave his report and it was placed on file.

Trustee Roberts said he has had a few residents ask him whether the chlorine level has been higher than usual. Mike said that it has not but people may be noticing white particles due to higher pressure. Mike also stated that he is working on the Finalization report on the water project.

#### **Street Superintendent:**

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

Herm will be doing some cold patch this week and will pick up the flower pots this Friday so they will not be damaged over Halloween.

#### **Codes & Zoning:**

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

**Planning Board:**

No new business.

**Fire Department:**

No new business.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

Water Abs 5 vouchers 35-40, \$3,618.86 checks 3282-3286

General Abs vouchers 91-114, \$11,451.38 checks 10297-10321

**Recreation Department:**

Trick or Treating is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 on Saturday October 31st. There will also be a party at the playground from 6pm till 8pm.

**Water Project Update:**

Paving will be done next week.

**Sidewalk update:**

Trustee Roberts spoke with Herkimer County and they won't send an engineer to even look at the situation, so Trustee Woods will meet with Don Ehre from Boulder Consultants tomorrow at 10 am. If he is reasonable we will hire him, Art Bass has already agreed to do the actual labor at no cost. Boulder consultants should cost approximately \$400-\$500.

**Village Court:**

It was discussed whether or not to move forward with dissolving the court being there are discussions around the feasibility study. Decision is to move forward with court dissolution and with Town of Newport. A meeting will be scheduled.

Garbage day went well.

Insurance Audit: Playground fence top needs to be covered for safety. Will do this in the spring as cost is less than \$200. Money can come from recreation department budget. Other issues have been addressed.

Election: Mayor Hennings said that there was no resolution that needs to be made. However a trustee position with a two year term is up for election. The village justice position is also currently open but we are currently looking to dissolve the village court so this position may not be posted if the court is agreed to dissolve.

Signs: Trustee Roberts obtained quotes from state and will order new signs for village boundaries. A formal resolution as to times on signs can be made at next meeting.

Public Comment at 7:36 PM.

Lori Burritt asked about the salt situation on sidewalk by flower shop until repairs are done. Herm will supply and do as often as he can and Lori said she would be glad to do whenever it needs it too. Trustee Roberts said he would let her know as soon as the engineer has looked at the area.

Mayor Hennings moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:39 PM, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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

Opposed: none.

Meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Asaro

Deputy Clerk