

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – October 20, 2014

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on October 20, 2014 @ 7:00 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Steven Woods
Trustee – Heidi Worden

Tricia Foster (clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Barb Curran (historian), Chris Lynch, Herm Harris (street superintendent), Ellen Harris, Michael Woods (water superintendent), George Farley (codes & Zoning)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for September 15, 2014

Motion made by Trustee Woods to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on September 15, 2014, Seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Department head reports:

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.

Street Superintendent:

Herm Harris gave his report and it will be placed on file. Trustee Worden asked about the pipe for skunk hill that was purchased. Herm Harris told us that the Culvert pipe was state bid and he helped V&B with fixing the pipe, he used village crusher run so he didn't have to purchase that.

ZBA:

Don Fauville has resigned

Planning Board:

There was no meeting in October due to Columbus Day

Codes & Zoning:

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

Trustee Worden asked if we could keep a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy in the village office and he said us that he had just brought some files to be kept in our office.

Fire Dept.:

There is some maintenance that needs to be done. Bill Moody has given us an estimate to fix the garage doors to stop the leaking water coming through the doors. Total for all 8 doors was \$800.00. All Board members was ok with this.

Recreation:

Are going to be holding a Halloween Bash on Halloween night at the playground from 7:00-9:00. The legion and the auxiliary have asked if they can help but we are not sure in what capacity. Mayor Hennings said that she would like to rent a couple of lights to light up the area around the building for safety measures, she is going to talk to Todd Cable about this. All Board members are ok with this.

Treasurer:

Michele Weakley gave her report and it will be placed on file.
Water Abs 5 vouchers 26-31, \$6043.23 checks 3207-3212
General Abs 5 vouchers 93-118, \$8733.26 checks 10027-10052

Local Law:

It has not been 30 days yet so this will be posted and voted on during the December meeting. Trustee Worden asked why it took the Village lawyer so long to get the fee schedule information back to them, she said this would be send by the 14th and the board just received it today. Thinks that she need to have some accountability and this has been voiced in older minutes as well. Trustee Worden thinks that maybe there should be a workshop before the law is posted. Wanted to know how we came up with the fee schedule, George Farley offered what he had and Audrey took it a step farther from a legal standpoint. Mayor Hennings asked the board to look at this and provide any feedback or opinion. Also said that any work that was previously done we can't change anything about it. Due to build by those standards.

Water project:

We are waiting on National Grid, we can't go online until National Grid provides services and contractors can't finish work until we are online. Trustee Woods told us at the construction meeting Jack Dodson gave everyone until the 29th of this month to have everything where it needs to be. Also asked if they are asking for more Money for George, as of right now we are \$3000.00 over on him. They said his time is going down because he doesn't need to be here as much. Also asked if we could ask George to verify his hours weekly? Trustee Worden said that George should be getting a report for his work and that Dodson should be sending something to the Village about this. Trustee Woods said that they are shooting for the 3rd week in November for everything to be online if everything goes right. Mayor Hennings has followed up with National Grid and will continue.

Election Resolution:

The Village Election will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2015

Resolution #34

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOVLED, that the following positions will be up for election in 2015. Mayor 2 year position and Trustee 2 year position

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Public comment to start @ 7:29PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Herm Harris told us that he met with George Farley and Jim Edwards prior to the meeting at the playground to see about the bathroom project. They think that they have another idea on how this will work and still stay in codes. Asked if the board could meet with him up there and let them know what they are thinking. Trustee Woods is going to meet with Herm tomorrow and draw it out and present it to the board.

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

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

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