

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport Board – October 21, 2013

The Village of Newport Board meeting was called to order on October 21, 2013@ 7:02 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), Christine Wood Shahin (ZBA), Margaret Garlock (Planning Board), Linda Hennings, Ellen Harris, Chris Lynch, Michael Woods (Water Superintendent), Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), George Farley (codes officer)

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Trustee Worden to accept the minutes as written for the regular monthly meeting on September 16, 2013, seconded by Trustee Farrell.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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. They have 11 more meters to fix, have already fixed 16 of them.

Street Superintendent: Herm Harris gave his report and it will be placed on file. Herm has put up the drop box for us. Mayor Hennings said that the cost was \$237.36 which came in way under budget. Box will be used for water payments or anything else that needs to get to the Village. Mayor Hennings is going to have a plaque made to say no cash is to be placed in box.

ZBA: Christine Wood Shahin gave her report and it will be placed on file.

Planning Board: They had no meeting in October due the holiday.

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

Fire Dept.: Mayor Hennings told us that she had talked to Chief Butler and had no new news. Annual dinner will take place in January.

Playground: Looking to purchase ornaments for the village stroll. Will provide cookies and Santa at Masonic Temple after the tree lighting.

Treasurer's Report: Michele Weakley gave her report and it will be placed on file. Trustee Worden asked about a bill for sidewalk project, Michele was going to look into it.

General fund abs. 5 vouchers 95-115 \$11282.86 checks 9765-9783

Water fund abs. 5 vouchers 20-21 \$108.01 checks 3141+3142

Resolution on Tobacco Free: Mayor Hennings read the policy aloud.

Resolution # 54

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Worden, RESOLVED, to accept the tobacco free policy as written.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Insurance Form:

Our insurance company went through our policies to make sure we have everything that we need. They found that one thing that they strongly suggest that we have was not purchased by the Village. We are missing insurance for Terrorism; the cost would be \$166.00 per year. The question was asked what this amount would cover. Mayor Hennings was going to look into this and get back to us at the next meeting.

Planning Board seat:

The position has been posted on the website since August. Mayor Hennings told us that there were 3 people interested in the position, two lived in the Village and one lived outside the Village. Trustee Worden asked if we had the certificates for training for the ZBA and Planning board. Mayor Hennings told her that they are in the Village office.

Resolution #55

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED, to appoint Jonathan Crossett to the Planning Board for the period 10-21-13 to 03-31-14.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: Trustee Worden

Motion carried

Time Warner Cable agreement:

The realm has been changed from 15 years to 10 years. The courtesy service is added on after the agreement is finalized. Those services would include the fire house, library, and the playground.

Water project update:

The paperwork is in the hands of the State Dept. of health and we should receive a response by the end of the week.

Website: Mayor Hennings is going to meet with him and see if we can fix some of the things we aren't able to do

Skiing update:

Our insurance company didn't have anything that would cover that. They did find one company that would cover this. The cost would be \$750.00 but based on how many people are going. We would have to have some sort of cap on the number of people that could be on the bus. The club plans on raising the funds needed to use the bus which is \$250.00 per trip. It would be every Thursday from 3:30 – 9:00Pm @ Woods Valley. Woods Valley would have everyone sign a release form and a code of conduct. The Village would have to come up with a code of conduct as well.

Office Furniture:

No date for delivery yet

Oil Bids and Trustee Positions:

Notices will be sent into the paper this week

Halloween / Trick or Treating Hours:

The hours for Trick or Treating will be from 5:30 – 7:30 PM on Halloween night October 31st.

Please have your outside lights on if you are going to be giving out candy.

NYS Star Program:

The website information is on our website. Everyone needs to reapply this year, even if you have already applied for this before. Deadline is December 31, 2013

Fire budget meeting:

This meeting will be held on Thursday October 24, 2013 with the Town of Newport board @ 7:00PM at the Town of Newport office.

Replacement program for fire trucks, our trucks are now 1994 or 1995 and may need to be replaced soon. We have 3 payments left on the fire truck. If we were to purchase a new truck the payments wouldn't start until 3 years out.

East St. Grant:

Trustee Farrell would like to re submit with the changes that we would like to make. The board was in agreement with the fact that something needs to be done with this problem even if this grant doesn't work out. Mayor Hennings said that maybe we could look into infrastructure grants.

Trustee Worden suggested that we put a RFP (request for proposal) out there and see what comes in. Steven Woods said that something should also be done with School St, maybe both streets could be done at the same time. Maybe there is some funding we could get from the floods in June. Mayor Hennings will look into this and have more information at the November meeting.

Public comment:

Started at 7:48 Pm not to exceed 30 minutes.

Mayor Hennings called the meeting to close @ 7:51PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster

Village Clerk

