

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport board – September 16, 2013

The village of Newport board meeting was called to order on September 16, 2013 @ 7:07PM 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), Jennifer Moody, Sandy Satterlee, Jason Burke, Pat Lang, Audrey Dunning (village attorney), Barb Curran (historian), Erin Roberts, Mary Foster, Jim Sullivan (Mang insurance), Melissa McCredie (NBT Bank), Jackie Jacobs, Richard Foster, Paul Joslin, Chris Lynch, Margaret Garlock (planning board), John Flanagan (Planning board), Linda Hennings, Clara Hill, Ellen Harris, George Farley (codes officer), Bill Keiffer, Mike Woods (water superintendent), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Christine Shahin Wood (ZBA), Barb Terzioski, Diane Lockwood

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to accept the Time Warner minutes as written for July 15, 2013, seconded by Trustee Worden.

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

Opposed: None

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to accept the minutes as written for August 19, 2013, seconded by Mayor Hennings.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: Trustee Worden, had Audrey Dunning as present and she was not.

Motion made by Trustee Farrell to accept the minutes for August 19, 2013 with the removal for Audrey Dunning as present, seconded by Mayor Hennings.

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

Opposed: None

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.

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

ZBA: Christine Wood gave her report. Minutes are on file. They would like to change the time of their monthly meeting from 6:00PM the 3rd Monday of the month to 6:30PM on the same Monday. Audrey said that she would have to look into this. We will come back to this at the October Meeting.

Planning board: John Flanagan gave his report. October and November meetings both fall on holidays this year, the next meeting will be held in December. Should anything come up before December we will place a notice to have a meeting in November on another day. Minutes will be posted on website.

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

Fire Dept.: Mayor Hennings said that the 911 ceremonies was very nice and went very well.

Playground: There was an issue with lawn mowing. Lawn was not mowed due to rain and on the weekends with games going on the lawn was too high. Lawn will be mowed by the end of week to be ready for any weekend activities going on there.

Treasurer report: Michele Weakley gave her report and it will be placed on file. The water bills were sent out with a new format.

Trustee Worden wanted to know if there was any updated service schedule on water service since 2007. There are some water units that are not single and wanted to know if they were charged the correct amount. Michelle told us that they were coded in the water book and were charged correctly.

water abs. 4 vouchers 15-19 \$1458.12 checks 3136-3140

General abs. 4 voucher 70-94 \$59330.93 checks 9742-9764

Harris Dale Farm they still has no water meter on their property. Trustee Worden said that this was this was not only a residences but a running business as well. Audrey said that she would not act on this until she looked into it more, she would like to look back at in her files and see if she had anything in there about this matter.

Parking Tickets: Need to make a decision on fees that would be charged.

1st offence warning

2nd offence \$15.00

\$5.00 for every 30 days not paid.

RESOLUTION #53

Motion made by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Worden, RESOLVED, to make illegal parking within the village fees to be as followed:

1st offense warning

2nd offense \$15.00

\$5.00 for every 30 days not paid

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

Opposed: None

Time warner agreement is on website.

Insurance:

The village insurance carrier Day, Scarafile & Read was sold to Mang Insurance (a part of NBT Bank) Jim Sullivan from NBT insurance is here to tell us about our new insurance company and what to expect.

Day, Scarafile & Read are not doing insurance anymore for Towns, Villages or schools and Mang insurance was asked to take over these accounts.

Jim gave the board a packet on current coverage and will be placed on file.

Water project update: Working with EFC to payoff bond payment, this will be paid off on 9-21-13. Any additional funds from EFC they will put into our accounts to pay out as needed.

Mayor Hennings read us an email from Jack Dodson and that will be placed on file.

Ski / winter recreation:

Would like to start having some community events in area.

The ski club was cut by the school and the village has been approached for maybe some help from village on continuing this club. The Town of Trenton currently runs a program very similar to this, they use their school buses and the insurance fits under their umbrella. Woods Valley is where they would go and they would have them sign a waiver that once they are there if anything happens while they are there the village would not be liable.

How the program will work with Woods valley, is that you could pay \$130.00 for the season or \$19.00 per visit, this would include transportation and lessons if you wished. The cost to use the schools buses would be \$2200.00. The bus would leave at 3PM and return at 10PM, they usually had 30 kids' grades 7-12.

The village will get quotes on insurance and discuss at the October meeting.

Cat contact: 2 weeks ago we had 5 stray cats in the village. We have a contact with the humane society and we can spend up to \$400.00 per year.

Update on grant: Trustee Farrell has talked to Seward's office again. The original money was for West St., would like to be able to see if we could revise it and use it for East St. She will keep working on this.

Kuyahoorra Valley Chamber: Supports local business and have been asked to join. The cost is \$40.00 per year and our names on their website and in the booklets. Trustee Worden did let us know that the Town of Newport decided not to join.

Motion made by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Worden to submit application to join the Kuyahoorra Valley chamber.

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

Opposed: none

New York State had passed a new law that comes into effect on October 10, 2013. The law states that between the hours of sunrise and sunset if one of more children under the age of 12 is present on a playground there is to be no smoking. There is a program that offers free signs to be posted at the playground, and as soon as we get them they will be posted.

Public comment: Started at 8:42 PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Melissa McCredie did tell us that the Town of Norway and the Village of Middleville are member of the Kuyahoorra Valley chamber.

Erin McEvoy just wanted to make a comment that she thinks that Mayor Hennings is doing a great job as Mayor. Also that Herm Harris did a great job on the sidewalks and thought the article in the paper was very distasteful. Barb Terzioski agreed and thought that Mayor Hennings was going a good job and Herm Harris did a good job with the sidewalks.

Ellen Harris said for the ski program that if we have other Villages / Towns join we should ask them help with the costs. Maybe split the cost for the use of the buses or have something on their insurance as well.

Bill Keiffer asked if someone could explain the new format to the water bill. Michelle Weakley said that if he called she could explain it to him.

Diane Beoplle wanted to thank Mayor Hennings for taking care of the cat issue in a timely manner.

Erin McEvoy just wanted to verify the parking, and how you would get a ticket. They would be from parking on the streets from November 1st until March 31st. In winter there is no parking on the streets, no parking to the corner and no parking on sidewalks.

Dick Foster asked for an update on the old school property. Audrey told him that MEID needed to remove one thing in the garage. The fee was paid.

Meeting called to close @ 8:50 Pm by Mayor Hennings

Respectfully submitted

Tricia L Foster, clerk