

Village of Newport regular meeting – September 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on September 17, 2018 @ 7:15PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), George Farley (codes & zoning), Bill Keiffer, Barbara Gaston, John Capetielle, Craig Felhaber, Dick Foster, Herm Harris (street superintendent), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Daniel Burgess

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the August 20, 2018 regular meeting Seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Dept. Heads Report:

History:

No report

Water superintendent:

Michael Woods gave his report and it will be placed on file.

Mayor Hennings stated that there was an Eagle Scout that was doing his project about painting the fire hydrants and with putting reflective tape on the top of them. In conjunction with this he is going to make a map of where all hydrants are located.

Street Superintendent:

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

Herm stated that the fire extinguisher had taken place, there are 2 in the fire dept., 1 in the village truck and 1 in the library that is being worked on and we have loaner in their place until we have our back in service.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

Mayor Hennings stated that Ed Falk had passed away and the memorial service was going to be held at the firehouse. Trustee Roberts stated that he had talked to the fire district and they stated that they were going to get Mayor Hennings a key to the storage room so the Village could access our stored files.

Recreation:

Spoke about the sign at the playground and asked if it would stand up in court if need be. Barbara Gaston asked what classified as an adult. Daniel Burguss asked if this was a public park, stated that a local law would be in the best interest of the village and a posted sign wouldn't be a substitute for that or be legally upheld. Mayor Hennings stated that she would like to see the pavilion by the Telephone co. have a similar set of rules there too. Also she would like to come up with a list of projects that need to happen at the playground and start there. Discussion ensued.

Treasurer:

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

Trash day:

Village wide fall trash day will be held on Friday September 21th starting @ 5:00Am

Public comment not to exceed 30 minutes:

Bill Keiffer stated that years ago there was a set of rules that the recreation committee had come up with, the board stated that they have not seen anything official in any of the records they had went through. Barbara Gaston asked who paid for the sign, Trustee Roberts stated that the sign was done by his self and Trustee Woods. Discussion ensued

Dick Foster asked about any work being done on the baseball fields at the playground and stated that he thought that this should happen in November. Mayor Hennings stated that there was some interest with local people / local companies to help with this but are looking for some things to be in place before this can happen.

Dick Foster asked about the old school and if there was any way to set up funding to do something and get this taken care of. Barbara Gaston stated that there is a lawsuit going on with this property right now. Dick Foster stated that it is something that should be taken care of that it is a burden on the Village. Discussion ensued

Craig Felhaber stated that he had carried back the message from the August meeting about the fire extinguishers being inspected and also the issue of the keying of the storage room and the village getting access to this room. Also wanted to remind us that the budget meeting for the fire district on September 18th @ 7:00Pm meeting will be held in the fire truck bay.

Craig Felhaber asked how many hydrants the village has, Michael Woods stated 41-42. Asked if any report has ever been given to the chief and if not maybe something that we should do

going forward. Mayor Hennings stated that she had full intention of sharing the report and mapping being created. Asked about the list of projects that need to be completed at the playground, Mayor Hennings stated that she needs to prioritize the list.

Craig Felhaber asked about the codes officer report and about the Bridge St property and if the area around the building where they removed building is safe? Also asked about 7445 Main St property renovations and if they were going to be using CO2. Discussion ensued

Barbara Gaston asked about the rock wall in front of her house on Main St. and if the village had any ideas on how to fix this. Mayor Hennings stated that she didn't think that the village could get involved in this or supply any equipment but offered some places to contact that may be able to help.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia L Foster
Village Clerk