

Village of Newport regular meeting – September 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on September 18, 2017 @ 7:02 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Michael Woods (water superintendent), David Jones (Newport Fire Dept.), Tammy Gorinshek, John Gorinshek, George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Craig Felhaber, Michele Weakley (treasurer), Dick Foster (arrived @ 7:30PM), Christine Wood (Arrived @ 7:30PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

Attorney Norman Mastromoro from Little Falls came to board to the board to offer advice on the West St property.

He told us that we have 2 options, one is to place a lien which is a notice that has been filed, has no final right it's a claim for a purpose. The other option is judgement for monies which come from a court order. As of now the Village has no lien notice filed against the property, we would need a local law in order to do this but it doesn't mean that we are out of luck. Getting a judgement for the monies owed would have to go through Supreme Court, the cost of the demo; working and attorney fees could all be added into this. He stated that the best way to move forward if we wanted to is that we could go after the cost of the demo for unsafe construction this would not be under a court order but for emergency. Also said that if paid weren't paid in November that we could sent to the county and they may reimburse us and go on the county taxes.

Department heads report:

History:

Barb Curran gave her report and it will be placed on file.

Water Superintendent:

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

Streets Superintendent:

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

Also stated that the fire extinguishers needed to serviced this month.

Lower Main St Project has a start date of September 27th.

Zoning Board:

No new business

Christine Wood was there and she gave the board her letter of resignation. Board thanks her for her time and her years of service.

Codes & Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

David Jones gave the report and stated that the new engine is now in service and training for the new truck is also completed.

Recreation:

No new business

Recreation project: Boulder Consultants come and met with Trustee Woods and Herm Harris and went over what needed to be done. Trustee Woods has plans drawn up and went over that needed to be done. They quoted us \$1,000.00 for the cost to do this but it needed up being \$650.00. The next step would be for the board to approve it; it would cost \$1,900.00 for specs and the bid packet (2 separate) one for the big building and one for the smaller building. They would take out the furnace and vent to move air, need exit lights, window on the playground side. Mayor Hennings stated that we took down the lights at the playground but thinks that we need to put some new ones up ASAP, would like some by the basketball court and then some on the building itself. Would like to see the ones similar to the ones we put in at the fire house. Trustee Woods stated that he would get a price on this.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs 4 vouchers 15-19 \$5411.10 checks 3394-3398

gen. abs. 4 vouchers 69-80 \$12091.24 checks 10745-10756

Mayor Hennings that both NBT Mang and workers comp insurance companies have reached out and would like to come and do site visits within the next couple of weeks.

Fire District:

This is moving forward and the village will need to pick their choice as a representative. The following have expressed interest, Dan Spellman, Tammy Gorinshek and Dick Foster. Craig Felhaber asked if we advised this so the village people knew about this and the board could set up times to meet with interested parties. Told us that the Town of Newport put a notice in the paper on September 7th in the news In brief part of the paper. Mayor Hennings stated that we didn't and Trustee Woods said that he would take care of this and we would place it on the village website.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 27th @ 6:30 PM for interviews for Village Lawyers and Fire Commissioner

October 2nd @ 6:30PM for appointment of Village Lawyer and fire commissioner

Public Comment to start @ 7:54PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Craig Felhaber asked about the Comptroller plan and if it would be available for vie wing, Mayor Hennings stated that we were having trouble with the Village emails and when systems are up and running that they would be. Stated that he was worried about IT problems and classified information on the emails and they we needed to find out what happened. West St property he was happy to see that things are moving forward. Asked about the bathrooms at the playground and removing the furnace, said that we should ask about how to prepare for winter that they should provide it to us and we could fall back on them if something happens. Asked about the lighting and stated that with the high school getting new lighting that maybe there is something there that we may be able to use, doesn't know what they were doing with it. Discussion ensued.

Dick Foster asked about the sidewalks between Tranquil Moment and Asaro's service and asked if there was something that could be done with it, they sidewalks are unsafe there. Asked about the attorney and her not working for the village anymore, asked from the water project if Bruce Weakley got paid. Mayor Hennings stated that everyone had been paid from the water project, he was a 3rd party and we had nothing directly to do with his work. Asked about the fire district and what transfer had been done, Mayor Hennings stated that we had to wait until fire commissioners have been elected for anything to happen. Discussion ensued.

Craig Felhaber asked about the water project and if we had a letter in the folder indicating that the engineer was satisfied with the materials used from Bruce Weakley. Said that it would be in a change order. The fire District asked if we had an itemized account of things that we own; Mayor Hennings stated that she believed that it was done 3 years ago. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting at 8:17PM.

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

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