

A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – September 19, 2016

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on September 19, 2016 @ 7:04 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (Clerk, Absent), Cathy Asaro (Deputy Clerk), Michele Weakly (Treasurer), Barbara Curran (Historian), Herm Harris (Street Superintendent), Michael Woods (Water Superintendent), George Farley (Codes & Zoning), Linda Hennings, Audrey Dunning (Attorney), Heidi Worden, Tammy Gorinshek, Craig Fehlhaber, Ellen Harris, Dick Foster, John Gorinshek

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes, with changes to correct department head titles and corrected wording under Fire Department, held on August 15, 2016 seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to amend the minutes of June 20, 2016. Changes are as follows: Openings of Bids for demolition/removal project *Hans Flatrud*, Tax Map: 094.46.-1.25 & 094.46-1.26.; TJ Allen - \$35,900 plus \$2000.00 for prevailing wage and \$8000.00 for NYSDOL Notification fees if not waived; Ritter & Paratore - \$35,890.00 (*redacted the remainder of the line*). Seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to amend the minutes of July 18, 2016. Changes are as follows: Awarding bid for demolition/removal project *Hans Flatrud* Tax Map: 094.46.-1.25 & 094.46-1.26; spellings errors within the same paragraph. Seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mayor Hennings stated that she received information from the Mayor of Gloversville regarding procedures to turn the library building over to the library board. She stated that the Village of Gloversville had a very similar situation.

Department heads Report:

History Center:

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.

Street Superintendent:

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

Herm said the Fire Extinguishers will be recertified this month.

Codes and Zoning:

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

Fire Department:

Dave Jones was present. No report to file.

Recreation:

Halloween Monster Mash will be held on Sunday October 30, 2016 from 2pm-5pm.

Trick or Treating will be held on Monday October 31, 2016.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs 4 vouchers 16-21 \$2,781.63 checks 3336-3341

General abs 4 vouchers 58-80 \$14,358.71 checks 10512-10536

Mayor Hennings stated that the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss the Water Project litigation.

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to go into Executive Session to discuss Water Project litigation, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to leave Executive Session at 7:28, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mayor Hennings stated there was no resolution to Water Project litigation but that hopefully it will be settled by soon.

Mayor Hennings stated that all demolition bids had been vetted for the West St project.

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to award the contract for the demolition of West Street Tax map #094.46-1.25 and tax #094.46-1.26 be awarded to Main St, Metals at a cost of \$35,00.00, to be all inclusive for project. The Village to be responsible for air quality monitoring from an alternate company at an additional charge.

Trustee Roberts stated that John Rowe did some temporary repairs to help with the drainage issues on East St. and they have helped, even with the recent heavy rains. The Gorinscheck residence is having a problem with the driveway entrance due to our repairs whereas their cars are scraping now that hopefully can be resolved. John Rowe will also repair damage to Harris Ave from the Water Project trucks.

Trustee Roberts stated that the DOT just responded to our request for "solar" speed signs and approved them but the Village must fund them. Mayor Hennings asked that he contact the state and the county for temporary "speed" signs, hopefully to be in place by Halloween.

Mayor Hennings opened the meeting to public comment, not to exceed 30 minutes at 7:39pm.

Heidi Worden questioned why a temporary fix was done on East/School St. Didn't we hire Dodson Firm at a cost of \$8500.00 to do a plan for this project? Mayor Hennings stated that the study was done and it would involve a cost of roughly \$3 million, approximately \$1.2 million for section of East St. between School and Mechanic alone and we are looking for grant money from NYS with a recommendation to complete the project in 3 phases. Short discussion ensued.

Heidi Worden questioned George Farley about permits and why was only one approved for 2016? Mr. Farley stated that he keeps permits with him until they have been completed and then provides them to the Village office. Short discussion ensued.

Heidi Worden wants to know if he has any permits for renovations at The Market Place and wants copies of it. She also wants to know what was done about Borden property and lack of permits. Mr. Farley stated that he had sent them a letter. Trustee Woods asked if you need a permit for a new roof, Mr. Farley said for repairs it's not needed, only for changes. Heidi Worden wants to know if you need a permit for outside furnace, Trustee Woods stated they are not legal, if she means the pellet stove storage buildings, yes you need a permit. Short discussion ensued.

Craig Felhaber questioned who is doing the air quality monitoring and at what cost to taxpayer for West St demolition.

Mayor Hennings stated that the money will come from the General Savings Fund. Craig Felhaber wants to know how we can award demolition contract without the air quality contract in place. Trustee Woods stated that he is getting proposals, has contacted HNY of Utica. Craig Felhaber wants to know about the removal of above ground tanks at Snyder Fuel and whether DEC permits were obtained. Mr. Farley stated that the owner had submitted proper plans from the project engineer. Short discussion ensued.

Dick Foster questioned how we can pay for the West St demolition out of the Reserve Fund. Mayor Hennings stated that it is not the reserve Fund it is a Savings Fund and legal to use without a referendum, which is only needed if we go over budget.

Dick Foster wants to see a copy of the signed lease agreement for new fire truck, Mayor Hennings stated there is no signed agreement for payment. Short discussion ensued.

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting at 7:58 , seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Asaro
Deputy Clerk