

## **A regular meeting of the Village of Newport – September 21, 2015**

The Village of Newport regular meeting was called to order on September 21, 2015 @ 7:00 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings  
Trustee – Steven Woods (absent)  
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro Deputy clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (Street superintendent), Audrey Dunning (village lawyer), Michael Woods (water Superintendent), George Farley (codes & Zoning)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on August 17, 2015, seconded by Mayor Hennings.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Trustee Woods absent

### **Department heads report:**

#### **History center:**

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

#### **Water superintendent:**

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

Mayor Hennings asked Mike if he spoke with Jack Dodson before she was able to if he could ask him if NY Leak Detection can go against the water project. Mayor Hennings said that we are waiting on final inspection from the engineer; V&B says that all of their work is finished.

#### **Street superintendent:**

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

#### **Codes & Zoning:**

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

#### **Planning board:**

No new business

#### **ZBA:**

No new business

**Recreation committee:**

Trick or treating hours will be the same as last year 5:30-7:30; will hold another community Halloween party at the playground. We had a lot of food left over so the cost should be minimal.

**Treasurer report:**

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

Water abs. 4 vouchers 26-34 \$20728.66 checks 3273-3281

General abs 4 vouchers 71-90 \$5537.46 checks 10275-10295

**Sidewalks:**

Mayor Hennings had no response for who she reached out to and was not able to get into contact with Jack Dodson. Trustee Roberts said that we could try and call the county and see if someone could come and look at it.

**Village Court:**

The new court clerk started on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Hennings spoke to her to see how she was doing and if she needed anything and said that she was doing ok was reading ledger books to input in the computer and haven't read them in years so it was taking more time than she thought it would.

**Public Hearing:**

There is talk in the Village that a petition was going around to dissolve the Village. Mayor Hennings wanted to know what the thought was to get a study done and see what kinds of savings it would be to the village. If we do the study and see what we could save, there is grant money out there to do the study. It was discussed that we would want at the very least 10-20% of the population before moving forward. It was also suggested that this could go on the village elections as a public referendum and could find out the cost before election time of the study. Trustee Roberts said those villages that are in financial stress are the ones doing this. Discussion ensued. Decided to discuss further before making any decisions. Discussed whether we should move forward with public hearing for the dissolution of the court. Decided we would move forward with the public hearing on the court.

**Garage day:**

Will be held Friday September 25, 2015

**Signs:**

Trustee Roberts told us that the state might be able to replace for free asked if we could put a 1 in front of the 2 for changing some of the signs and said that if we had a resolution that they may be able to replace of no cost.

Resolution #40

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to accept the quotes for needed signs in the village up to \$1,000.00.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Trustee Woods absent

Public comment:

Started @ 7:26Pm not to exceed 30 minutes

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 7:27PM

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Trustee Woods absent

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster

Village Clerk