

A Special meeting of the Village of Newport Board – June 3, 2013

The Village of Newport board meeting was called to order on June 3, 2013 @ 7:01 PM by mayor Hennings. With the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Kim Farrell

absent: Trustee Worden

Other Present: Tricia Foster (clerk), Dick Foster, Craig Fehlhaber , Bill Keiffer, Barb Curran (historian), Clara Hill, Linda Hennings, Christine Woods (ZBA)

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Mayor Hennings @7:03PM to go into executive session, Seconded by Trustee Farrell
All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell
Opposed: none

Back from executive session @ 7:26PM

Resolution # 41

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOVLED to appointment Michele Weakley to the position of Village Treasurer for the term of June 3, 2013 to March 15, 2015.
All In favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell
Opposed: None

Resolution #42

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOVLED to not include any health benefits with the village treasurer position or to have it in lieu of a salary.
All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell
Opposed: None

Resolution # 43

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell, RESOLVED that the water bills are to be included with the position for Village Treasurer.
All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell
Opposed: None

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:32 PM by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Farrell
All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell
Opposed: None

Meeting called back into order by Mayor Hennings @ 7:35 PM

Discussion:

There was a long discussion about the position of Village Treasurer. Dick Foster wants to know why the village doesn't want to pay someone with 22 years of experience what she is worth. Thinks that having someone new to the position would be a lot but not to someone with the years of experience. Wants to know why other people how have applied for the job have not been given a chance. Mayor Hennings said that she had only received 3 resumes in the 2 months and all of them were considered. Bill Keiffer wants to make sure that the appointment of the new Treasurer was the correct thing to do and doesn't want any check being signed by her to be void if this was not the correct way to appoint them. Mayor Hennings did say that training would be given to the new Treasurer and the auditors suggested using QuickBooks as part of the training. Craig Fehlhaber said that 24 hour notice on a Sunday in 2 places was not enough and thinks more notice was needed on a Sunday. Also think that if you are going to go into excessive session that it should be placed on the agenda.

Water project:

Mayor Hennings said that she is in contact with Dotson and health department weekly. Craig Fehlhaber thinks that the village should hold Dotson accountable and that we don't have the proper documents. Thinks that the bids when they come in should be reviewed by someone other than Dotson, someone else to check on him. Christine Wood said that her son Radney Wood who is a lawyer offered to be a second set of eyes on the document if the village wished for that service. Craig also offered to be the second set of eyes on this as well. Mayor Hennings did say that she asked Dotson to come to the next meeting.

Resolution # 44

Motion made by Trustee Farrell, Seconded by Mayor Hennings, RESOLVED to rescind the appointment of the Village Treasurer to Michele Weakley for the time until local laws can be researched.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Farrell

Opposed: none

Meeting called to close by Mayor Hennings @ 8:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Tricia Foster
Village Clerk