

Village of Newport regular meeting – February 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on February 26, 2018 @ 7:00 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

Mayor – Ashley Hennings
Trustee – Thomas Roberts

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy Clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Tim McEvoy (Chief Newport Fire Dept.), Eric Newman, Daniel Burgess (village attorney), Darren Heildberger (Newport Fire Dept.), Craig Felhaber, Sue McKerrow

Absent: Steven Woods (Trustee), Michele Weakley (treasurer), 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 January 15, 2018 regular meeting, Seconded by Mayor Hennings.

All in Favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Trustee Woods absent

Department heads report:

History Center:

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

Mayor Hennings stated that Barb Curran would be retiring from her position as of April 1, 2018. The Mayor and Village Board would like to thank her for all of her time and hard work, she will be missed.

Water Superintendent:

No report for the month

Street Superintendent:

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

Addition to the report will need to purchase more cold patch.

Codes and Zoning:

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

Fire Dept.:

Mayor Hennings stated that on February 14, 2018 she came to an agreement with Pierce to extend the warranty until March 20, 2019. Also we will receive a credit from Churchville for \$2,500.00 for chief to use as he sees fit. Trustee Roberts wanted to thank Mayor Hennings and Chief Tim McEvoy for the many calls and emails about the truck and for this coming to a close.

Recreation:

Mayor Hennings stated that construction has started on the playground building. Had to do a change order but nothing major, changed door size and had to move the hot water heater. There will be no painting until the nicer weather gets here. In the spring we are going to plan a community help day with painting and cleaning up of the grounds.

Tim McEvoy from the Fire Dept. presented Mayor Hennings, Clerk Foster and Treasurer Weakley with a plaque from the Fire Dept. for supporting the Fire Dept. all these years. Many thanks to the Fire Dept. and everything that they do.

Treasurer:

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

Village Election:

The Election will take place on Tuesday March 20, 2018 from 12 Noon to 9:00PM at the Firehouse.

Newport Cemetery:

Eric Newman and Sue McKerrow were there to talk about the cemetery and the hardship that they are facing, due to lack of selling plots and also the cost of the mowing. They are starting the season with about \$2,000.00 in the bank, they have 3 CD accounts and make about \$1,300.0 per year off of them. They have \$101.00 in checking account and \$1,500.00 in the money market; they could go on for 5-10 years with their CD assets. They had a fundraiser last year and made around \$3,000.00. If the cemetery was to be abandoned it would fall back onto the Town. They said that any help would be appreciated. Mayor Hennings said that she would like to talk with Trustee Woods before making a decision about this, June 1st is the start of the year for the Village so they could look at doing something then. Eric Newman wanted to give thanks to the Village Board and a special thanks to Herm Harris stating that he takes great pride in our village and we are lucky to have him. Mayor Hennings stated that she would like to talk with Mike McEvoy of the Town of Newport and get back to them.

Public Comment to start @ 7:26PM not to exceed 30 minutes:

Craig Felhaber asked about what open seats we had, Mayor Hennings stated that we have planning board and ZBA seats open. Craig asked if we thought about posting in the Telegram.

Playground project: Craig Felhaber asked about the change order, the rate of the contractor and if the codes officer has been present on the project. Discussion ensued. Craig Felhaber

asked about what painting needs to be done. Mayor Hennings stated that all of the inside was part of the project and that the kitchen was not in the scope of the project and that needs to have new flooring and painting in the kitchen and the outside part off the of the kitchen.

Craig Felhaber asked about the West St property and what was taking place with the property. Mayor Hennings stated that the Village had approved and signed paperwork with the County to take-over the two parcels where the structures had been removed and had been asking about the 3rd, smaller parcel. She stated that Village would assess what, if any needs the Village had with the property and if the Village found no use for it, we would eventually put it out to auction according to the municipal laws. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, to close the meeting @ 7:43 PM.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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