

Village of Newport regular meeting – January 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on January 15, 2018 @ 7:00 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Barb Curran (historian), Michael Woods (water superintendent), George Farley (codes & Zoning), Craig Felhaber

Absent: Michele Weakley (treasurer), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Daniel Burgess (Village Lawyer)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the December 18, 2017 public hearing and the December 18, 2017 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Woods.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Department heads report:

History center:

No report for the month

Water Superintendent:

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

Water shut offs are trying to be done on Saturday mornings and a lot of the shut offs are old ones.

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 place on file.

Mayor Hennings asked what options we have when we know that an apartment building is deemed unlivable on one side of it. George stated that he needed a request from the board and an address of the building, Mayor Hennings stated that the board gave him permission to look into this.

Fire Dept.:

Mayor Hennings asked Craig Felhaber if he knew if the Fire District had gotten the proper insurance yet, he was unsure Mayor Hennings stated that she would contact the treasurer on this.

The fire truck is back at the firehouse what was found is that there was a pinch in the overhead which was fixed. Extended warranty was given but only until November Mayor Hennings is trying to extend that to January 2019 and a credit was given by Churchville which should cover the repairs needed to the 3rd pumper. The new truck is going to have the equipment over from the old truck to the new one.

Recreation:

Boulder Consultants are working on the playground project, are in the process of getting the insurance and documents for the low bidder and gave them 15 days to get it to them.

Treasurer:

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

Water abs #8 vouchers 36-39 \$1238.80 checks 3426-3428

General abs #8 vouchers 137-154 \$19609.96 checks 10815-10831

We have interest that is owed to the fire district which should be \$0.75 and \$5.31.

Election Resolution:**Resolution # 49**

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appoint Patricia McKerrow and Betty Dow election inspectors to serve at the Village of Newport Election on March 20, 2018 from 12:00PM to 9:00PM.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Resolution # 50

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to accept the proposal of Herkimer County regarding the transfer of tax parcels 094.46-1-25 and 094.46-1-26.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Resolution attached.

Bill Weakley spoke to Crandall as well and was in favor of this, and Mayor Hennings stated that she talked to Mark Butler as well.

Parking update:

Our biggest issue is on Bridge Street; Mayor Hennings stated that she called the sheriff dept. because it is a county road. We need to figure out the rates and parking time frames.

Public hearing date on parking:

A public hearing will be held on February 26, 2018 @ 6:45PM, prior to the regular monthly meeting.

NYMIR:

The preformed their annual review and found that nothing needed to be fixed so nothing that we need to do.

Public Comment to start @ 7:28PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Trustee Roberts asked if everyone received their invite to the firemen dinner if not please let him know.

Craig Felhaber asked about the water bills and wondering if the lawyer might write a letter for this matter if that would work better. Discussion ensued

Craig Felhaber asked about item concerning the fire district with removal of the snow and grass cutting, use of building, and cleaner for the building. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, seconded by Trustee Roberts, to close the meeting @ 7:48 PM.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster

Village Clerk