

## Village of Newport regular meeting – October 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the village of Newport was called to order on October 16, 2017 @ 7:04 PM by Trustee Woods with the following members present:

Trustee – Steven Woods  
Trustee – Thomas Roberts  
Absent Mayor Hennings

Tricia Foster (clerk), Cathy Asaro (deputy clerk), Michele Weakley (treasurer), Herm Harris (street superintendent), Michael Woods (water superintendent), Tammy Gorinshek, Dan Spellman (Newport Fire Dept.), Andy Topia, George Farley (codes & zoning), Craig Felhaber, Dick Foster, Daniel Burgess (village lawyer)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on August 21, 2017, Seconded by Trustee Woods.

All in favor: Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: None

Mayor Hennings absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Roberts to accept the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on September 18, 2017, Seconded by Trustee Woods.

All in favor: Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Mayor Hennings absent

Motion carried

### **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.

Trustee Woods asked what the annual inspection included; Michael Woods stated it was for the treatment plant, water shed and the storage tank.

#### **Street Superintendent:**

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

Trustee Roberts stated that there was a metal pole sticking up across from the Hydro plant asked is Herm could take a look at it, maybe could be removed or put a cone over it.

#### **Planning Board:**

No new business

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**ZBA:**

No new business

**Codes & Zoning:**

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

**Fire Dept.:**

No new business

**Recreation:**

Trustee Woods stated that we have the final plan for the playground building. Scott Crawford is going to put lights at the playground for security reasons. Trustee Roberts stated that maybe in spring we should install security cameras there as well. Asked Herm Harris what he worked out with left over express about the garbage at the playground, Herm stated that we are going to place a lock on the dumpster and left over with have a key and the village will have a key.

**Treasurer:**

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

Water abs 5 vouchers 20-26 \$8500.35 checks 3413-3418

General abs 5 vouchers 81-100 \$12374.28 checks 10757-10775

**Trick or treating hours:**

Village wide trick or treating hours will be held on Halloween night from 5:30PM – 7:30PM, please have outside lights on if you will be handing out candy

Motion made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Roberts to go into executive session to discuss a matter with the Village lawyer @7:15PM.

All in favor: Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Mayor Hennings absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Roberts to come out of executive session @ 7:30PM.

All in favor: Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Mayor Hennings absent

Motion carried

**Resolution # 40**

Motion made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Roberts to appoint Daniel Burgess as Village attorney until April 1, 2018 at a rate of \$90.00 per hour.

All in favor: Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Mayor Hennings absent

Motion carried

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Public comment to start @ 7: 35PM not to exceed 30 minutes

Craig Felhaber asked about the purchase of the bobcat. Trustee Roberts stated the total \$24,105.53 good thru 2019, 1 year bumper to bumper warranty and 3 year 3000 hour drive time. Tire width is 64.7 inches Herm stated that this is too wide for the bridge. The S450 has the smaller horsepower and a tire width of 56.6 inches. Craig asked if the cost of \$25,000.00 was on state contact, Trustee Roberts stated that it was.

Dick Foster asked the board is there was any way that a study could be done for the dissolving of the village. Trustee Woods stated that if there were enough signatures that the board would consider it, Trustee Roberts with only one person asking that the village would need more. Dick stated with NYS pushing for consolidation that it would be something to consider, Trustee Woods stated that he would talk to the Mayor, Board and Village Lawyer.

Craig Felhaber asked about Scott Crawford and the purchasing of lights, Trustee Woods said it was not to exceed \$3,000.00 had left messages with other electricians with no answer back.

Craig Felhaber asked about the planning and ZBA boards is open spots and if the members had done the required 4 hour training, Trustee Woods said that we would look into this. Craig also asked about the response to the auditor's report and the reply going out in August and he could not find this online and would like to see a copy of it.

Dick Foster asked about the sidewalks on Main Street near Asaro's service station, asked if there could be a letter to Mr. Butler sent. Stated that if there was an inch of snow and an elderly person falls. Herm Harris stated that he placed cold patch there, the sidewalk is the state right away.

Craig Felhaber asked about the grant writer and if we had gotten anywhere with it and when it was going to be awarded. Trustee Woods stated that he thought we were still going with it.

Trustee Roberts stated that a sidewalk between North St and Harris Ave has been asked of the state, the state is considering it to be fixed at the end of 2018 with more to come.

Motion made by Trustee Woods, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 7:55 PM.

All in favor: Trustee Woods, Trustee Roberts

Opposed: none

Mayor Hennings absent

Motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia L Foster

Village Clerk

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