

**Village of Newport Special Meeting for appointment of village lawyer and fire commissioner –
October 2, 2017**

The special meeting of the Village of Newport was called to order on October 2, 2017 @ 6:32 PM by Mayor Hennings with the following members present:

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

Tricia Foster (clerk), Barb Curran (historian), Craig Felhaber, Tammy Gorinshek, Dick Foster

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hennings stated that this meeting was to make to appointments one for the village lawyer and the second for appointment of fire commissioner.

Resolution # 37

Motion made by Mayor Hennings , Seconded by Trustee Roberts, RESOLVED, to appoint Daniel Burgess as village lawyer for a term of October 2, 2017 until April 1, 2018 not to exceed \$10,000.00 prior to board approval.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Resolution # 38

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appoint Norman Mastromoro as legal advisor for the fire district and the west street property issues, not to exceed \$6,000.00 prior to board approval.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Resolution #39

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOLVED, to appoint Tammy Gornishek

Dick Foster interrupted asking if we could hold off voting. He then asked if this position is an administrative position to protect the village residents. He states that he has no pressure from others, if it's for the best interest of the residents and with his experience he feels that he is the most qualified for this position. Trustee Roberts stated that each candidate had plus and minus, and all were considered. Dick Stated that he had wrote grants, served on the fire commission and dealt with fire budgets. Trustee Woods stated that a treasurer/secretary has been filled with someone who has volunteered their time and has a lot of experience with fire districts in this position. Mayor Hennings stated that treasurer/secretary has not voting rights and were there to help advice the board. Discussion ensued.

Resolution # 39

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Woods, RESOVLED, to appoint Tammy Gornishek as fire commissioner.

All in favor: Mayor Hennings, Trustee Woods

Opposed: none

Abstained: Trustee Roberts

Motion carried

Dick Foster asked what the reason was for Trustee Roberts abstaining from the vote. Trustee Robert stated that he knows the financials and also being a member of the fire department, Trustee Roberts also stated that NYCOM said that it would not be an issue if he did vote on this matter but decided to abstain.

Motion made by Mayor Hennings, Seconded by Trustee Roberts to close the meeting @ 6:49PM.

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

Opposed: none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted

Tricia L Foster

Village clerk