

Newberry Village Council
Public Hearing – to hear comments on the 2019 Budget
December 17, 2018
302 East McMillan Ave.
6:10 p.m.

Present: President Stokes, Trustees: Brown, Dishaw, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Hitts.

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager – Vallad, Superintendent WWTP - Blakely, Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Fossitt, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement - Watkins, Clerk – Schummer, Treasurer - Medelis, Gary Moulton, Ken Stokes, Sterling McGinn, Rebecca Handa, Don Ratliff, Catherin Freese, Bruce Lane, Carolyn Martindale, Jean Simi, Scott Ouellette, Michelle and Tim Baynton, Eric Buckler, Mike Schnoor.

Open Public Hearing: Moved by Dishaw, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to open the hearing. Ayes: All.

Call to Order: President Stokes called the hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited earlier. President Stokes asked for public comment.

Public Comments: The following is a synopsis of comments heard:

Eric Buckler, Newberry – Stated he has concerns regarding the present budget as presented, some of his concerns have to do with the recommendations and requirements of the Michigan Department of Treasury, the most recent audit report and a corrective action plan.

Mike Schnoor, Newberry – Asked who wrote the budget.

Carolyn Martindale, W. John, Newberry – Stated because she is not on the internet she doesn't get the information most people are privy to, she can't comment on the budget because she didn't get to see it. She also asked if the Trustees were aware of six letters received from Michigan Department Treasury, she felt they should have been able to review them, if in fact there were such letters.

Don Ratliff, E. Truman, Newberry – He also doesn't have Internet and feels he and half of population are left in the dark. He stated that a copy of the budget should be delivered to each Village resident.

Chuck Pipes, Newberry – Feels the public should hear from each Council member as to what part he or she had in putting together the budget. He also stated, according to an ordinance, the Council is not to have interaction with any of the Village employees.

President Stokes asked three times for any further comment, none heard.

Close Public Hearing: Moved by Brown, support by Hitts, **CARRIED**, to close the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. Ayes: All

These minutes are unofficial until voted on at the next meeting.

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Lori Stokes, President