

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2017  
302 East McMillan Ave.  
6:00 p.m.

**Present:** President DeWitt, Trustees: Baynton, Brown, Downey, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson.

**Absent:** Medelis.

**Also Present:** Village Manager - James-Mesloh, Assistant Village Manager - Vallad, Clerk - Schummer, Superintendent WWTP - George Blakely, W&L Superintendent - Perry, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement - Watkins, Jim Diem, Mike Schnorr, Don Ratliff, Donald Jones, John Holland, Scott Ouellette.

**Call to Order:** President DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.

**Minutes:** Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the September 18, 2017, regular meeting minutes as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.  
Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the September 25, 2017, special session minutes as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Mike Schnorr, 306 E. Truman – Presented a FOIA request for a complete list of Village employees, job titles and job description and salary package.

**Village President's Announcements:** President DeWitt stated he still had some vacancies on committees.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

- 1.) Village of Newberry – Monthly Bills. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown **CARRIED**, to approve the September 2017 bills as presented, in the amount of \$125,028.97. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- 2.) Village of Newberry - Cash Balance – August 2017. Reviewed.
- 3.) Water & Light monthly bills for September 2017. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to pay September payables in the amount of \$361,345.46. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- 4.) Water & Light – Cash Balance - August 2017 - Reviewed.
- 5.) Treasurer's Report - Accepted by Council as presented.
- 6.) Restoration of Excavated Areas for Water Project:
  - a. Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of AECOM invoice #41-976336, dated September 30, 2017, for the amount of \$1,902.20. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.

- b. Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of Oberstar PA #17, dated October 1, 2017, in the amount of \$135,178.47, final payment. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- 7.) a. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to pay C2AE invoice #65085, dated September 29, 2017, in the amount of \$4,195.76. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- b. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Downey, **CARRIED**, to pay C2AE invoice # 64914 in the amount of \$3,290.16. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- c. Moved by Brown, support by Baynton, **CARRIED**, to pay All Purpose, invoice #2249, dated July 20, 2017, in the amount of \$932.00. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- d. Moved by Brown, support by Baynton, **CARRIED**, to pay Rasmussen Electric LLC, invoice #24051, dated July 13, 2017, in the amount of \$2,032.88. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- e. Moved by Downey, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to pay Rasmussen Electric LLC, invoice #24199, dated July 13, 2017, in the amount of \$1,570.00. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.
- f. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to pay C2AE request #24 in the amount of \$237,445.06. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.

**Petitions and Communications:** None

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:** None.

**Reports of Village Officers and Management:**

- A.) Fire Chief: Chief Wendt gave the report. He stated the Village might want to reassess the mutual aid agreement with Columbus Township.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: James-Mesloh gave the report.
- C.) Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement: Watkins gave a written as well as a verbal report.
- D.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant: Blakely gave a verbal as well as written report.
- E.) Superintendent of Water & Light: Perry gave a verbal as well as written report.
- F.) Superintendent of Parks and Recreation: James-Mesloh gave a verbal report.
- G.) Assistant Village Manager: Vallad gave a verbal report as well as chart presentation.
- H.) Village Manager: James-Mesloh gave a verbal as well as written report.

**Reports of Boards:**

- 1.) Water & Light Board Meeting from Tuesday, October 10, 2017: James-Mesloh gave the report. Vallad presented the proposed updates to the Newberry Water and Light fee schedule, which was recommended by the W&L Board at it's Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Brown moved and rescinded a motion for a vote on the recommendation. Council decided they needed more time to study the proposed updates and would vote on them in a special meeting in the next week or so.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: James-Mesloh gave the report.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) DPW/WWTP Committee: None.
- 2.) Finance Committee: None.
- 3.) Fire Committee: None.
- 4.) Management Committee: None
- 5.) Ordinance Committee: None
- 6.) Project Rising Tide: James-Mesloh gave a verbal report.
- 7.) Strategic Health Alliance: Watkins gave a verbal report.
- 8.) Safety Committee: None.
- 9.) Save the Bells: James-Mesloh gave a verbal report. The fund is now at \$18,743.81.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

1. Water & Light Board Vacancy: Water & Light Board recommended Eric Feldhusen to be appointed to the Board. DeWitt stated he is appointing Feldhusen to the W&L Board, at-large position.

**Public Comment:**

Scott Ouellette of 418 ½ W. John Street, voiced his concerns regarding the rental deposits.

Donald Ratliff of 309 E. Truman, voiced his concerns regarding the W&L rates.

Donald Jones of 514 E. Ave. B, stated the Council might want to look into the definition of owner.

**Comments by Council Members:** None.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Hardenbrook, support by Baynton, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.

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

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Terese Schummer, Clerk

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John Dewitt, Village President