

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2017

Present: Chairman Medelis, Sharon Brown, Jim Johnson, Lawrence Vincent.

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent - Perry, Assistant Village Manager - Vallad, Village Manager - James-Mesloh, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement - Watkins, Clerk - Schummer, John DeWitt, Brian LaBoeuf, Keith Grensa.

Call to Order: Chairman Medelis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Offices, 302 East McMillan Avenue, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Brown, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda with no changes. Ayes: All.

Minutes: Moved by Brown, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to approve the September 12, 2017, regular meeting minutes as written. Ayes: All.

Water and Light Chairperson Announcements: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) Water & Light Monthly Bills – September 2017: Motion by Vincent, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the Electric Fund in the amount of \$200,058.08. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Motion by Brown, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to pay the Water Fund in the amount of \$161,287.38. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- B.) Christmas Lights Fund is currently at \$18,743.81.
- C.) Water & Light – Cash Balance – September 2017.
- D.) Moved by Brown, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to pay, AECOM, final payment, invoice # 41-976336, dated September 17, 2017, in the amount of \$1,902.20. Ayes: All. Moved by Vincent, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to pay Oberstar, final payment, PA #17, dated October 1, 2017, in the amount of \$135,178.47. Ayes: Brown, Johnson, Medelis. Nays: Vincent.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Brian LaBoeuf, who owns a laundry and rentals within the Village stated the new water rates are putting a strain on his rentals. Discussion followed.

Petitions and Communications:

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Reports of Village Management:

Village Manager: James-Mesloh gave a verbal report.

Assistant Village Manager: Vallad gave a verbal report.

Superintendent of Water and Light: Perry gave a written as well as a verbal report. Perry stated Joe Lively has been promoted to foreman, a much deserved promotion. Discussion regarding lineman wages and on-call time was held.

Reports of Committees:

- 1. Policy Committee – Policy Revisions Updates: Medelis gave verbal report. Vallad presented the proposed updates to the Newberry Water & Light fee schedule. Moved by Vincent, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to recommend to Village Council to update the W&L fee schedule as presented. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Vacancy on Water & Light Board. Moved by Brown, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to recommend the appointment of Eric Feldhusen to the Water & Light Board. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.

New Business: Water and Light ordinance – discussed during Report of Committees.

Public Comment: Terese Schummer discussed the possibility of doing fundraisers to help senior citizens with their W&L bills. Discussion followed.

Comments by Board Members: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Vincent, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 7:09 p.m. Ayes: All. These minutes are unapproved until voted on at the next meeting.

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Charles Medelis, Chairperson