

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2018  
302 East McMillan Ave.  
6:00 p.m.

**Present:** President DeWitt, Trustees: Brown, Dishaw, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Hitts.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Village Manager - James-Mesloh, Assistant Village Manager – Vallad, Director of Human Resources and Community Engagement - Watkins, Clerk – Schummer, Treasurer - Medelis, Lori Stokes, Sterling McGinn, Rebecca Handa, Don Ratliff, Catherin Freese, Bruce Lane.

**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 Dishaw, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

**Minutes:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to approve the September 17 Village Council & Planning Commission Workshop minutes with the following two corrections: Hitts removed from Present – marked as absent **And**, page 2 line 42, read – Being a city property to you pay personal property tax? Now reads: Being on city property do you pay personal property tax? Ayes: Brown, DeWitt, Dishaw, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson. Abstain: Hitts. Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the September 17, 2018, regular session minutes with the following correction: Hitts removed from Present – marked as Absent. Ayes: Brown, DeWitt, Dishaw, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson. Abstain: Hitts. Moved by Hardenbrook, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to approve the October 3, 2018 Village Council Special Session minutes as written. Ayes: All. Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to accept the October 4, 2018 Village Council Special Session minutes with the following correction: New Business #1, line 2, first word - read ‘accept’, now reads ‘approve’. Ayes: All.

**Village President’s Announcements:** None.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Don Ratliff – 309 E. Truman.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

- 1.) Village of Newberry – Monthly Bills. Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the September 2018 bills as presented, in the amount of \$281,169.32. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 2.) Water & Light monthly bills for September 2018: Moved by Brown, support by Hitts, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation of the W&L Board to pay the September Electric Fund in the amount of \$221,879.83. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation from the W&L Board to pay the September Water Fund in the amount of \$4,002.97. Ayes: All.
- 3.) Christmas Lights Fund – as of 8/31/18 - \$14,499.38.
- 4.) Treasurer’s Report – September 2018 – Treasurer Medelis gave the report and answered questions. Medelis asked Council to consider changing the past-due date from September 15 to September 30 to align with the Township past-due date. Discussion followed. Council accepted the report as presented.
- 5.) Request for Disbursement of Funds – Drinking Water Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Funds. Moved by Brown, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of request #28, which includes 4 invoices, in the amount of \$21,948.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 6.) Request for Disbursement of Funds – Stormwater/Asset Management/Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program. Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment request #6, which includes 3 invoices, in the amount of \$17,526.43. Ayes: All.

**Petitions and Communications:** Cloverland Electric Cooperative - Resolution RUS Approval to Retire Capital Credits. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve negotiating with Cloverland to collect the past debt. Discussion followed. Ayes: All

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- 1.) Review Draft Version – Ordinance A: Ordinance Relative to the Management Control, and Use of the Water and Light Plant and Distribution Systems of the Village of Newberry. Tabled until the next meeting.
- 2.) Resolution about Public Act 152 of 2011 – Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. – Moved by Brown, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the resolution to opt out of PA152. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 3.) Resolution for Replacement of Tahquamenon River Bridge – M-123 Scenic Byway Corridor. Moved by Brown, support by Hitts, **CARRIED**, to approve the resolution, with the word ‘replacement’ removed, title now reads: Village of Newberry, Tahquamenon River Bridge M-123 Byway Corridor Resolution. Also remove the word ‘replacement’ in the paragraph 5, line 2, in the body of the Resolution. This bridge is located at the mouth of the Tahquamenon. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 4.) Resolution for Pure Michigan @ Trail Town Designation. Moved by Brown, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve the Resolution for application for the Village to be designated by the DNR as a Pure Michigan Trail Town. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.

**Reports of Boards:**

- 1.) Water & Light Board Meeting from Tuesday, October 9, 2018: Brown gave the report.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: The Village Manager gave a verbal report from the September 25, 2018, meeting.

**Reports of Village Officers and Management:**

- A.) Fire Chief: Chief was absent, DeWitt gave a verbal report.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Fossitt submitted a written report.
- C.) Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement: Watkins gave a verbal as well as a written report. FOYA report presented.
- D.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant: Blakely submitted a written report. Vallad gave a verbal report.
- E.) Superintendent of Water & Light: Joe Lively – Working Foremen, submitted a written report. Vallad gave a verbal report.
- F.) Assistant Village Manager: Vallad gave a verbal and written report and presented charts. Vallad stated that the alley leaf cleanup is tentatively set for the last week of October through the first week of November.
- G.) Superintendent of Parks and Recreation: James-Mesloh gave a verbal and written report.
- H.) Village Manager: James-Mesloh gave a written as well as a verbal report. The Village Manager stated that there will be an electronic recycle event on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the old 41-Lumber building. Discussion followed.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Project Rising Tide: The next meeting is Monday, October 22, 2018.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1.) Payment of Delinquent Utility Accounts: The Village Manager gave an update.
- 2.) Committee Appointments: DeWitt provided a list of committees and who was appointed to which committee.

**New Business:**

- 1.) Appointment to Water & Light Board: Moved by Hardenbrook, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation of the Village President for the appointment of Sharon Brown and Harold Dishaw to the W&L Board. Ayes: All.

**Public Comment:** Comments were heard from: Lori Stokes – 301 W. John, Donald Ratliff – 309 E. Truman.

**Comments by Council Members:** Comment heard from Dishaw.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Hitts, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: All.

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