

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018
302 East McMillan Ave.
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager – Vallad, Superintendent WWTP - Blakely, Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Fossitt, 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 Brown, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with the addition of an Appointment to Council, under New Business. Ayes: All.

Minutes: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to approve the October 15, 2018, regular session minutes as written. Ayes: All.

Village President's Announcements: President DeWitt stated he would like to make an appointment to the Village Council. Moved by Brown, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to appoint Lewis Hitts to the Village Council. Discussion followed. Ayes: Brown, DeWitt, Dishaw, Hendrickson. Nays: Hardenbrook. Abstain: Hitts.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Eric Buckler – Newberry, Michael Winn – Newberry Ave., Mike Schnoor – E. Truman, Carolyn Martindale – W. John, Lori Stokes – W. John, Scott Oullette, Julie Craig – W. C, Terese Schummer – W. Truman.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- 1.) Village of Newberry – Monthly Bills. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve the October 2018 bills as presented, in the amount of \$90,129.59. Ayes: All.
- 2.) Water & Light monthly bills for October 2018: Moved by Dishaw, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation of the W&L Board to pay the October Electric and Water Funds in the total amount of \$436,976.68. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 3.) Christmas Lights Fund – as of 10/31/18 - \$14,506.66.
- 4.) Treasurer's Report – September 2018 – Treasurer Medelis gave the report. The 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 Hitts, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of request #29, Alpha-Tran Invoice #5748, in the amount of \$920.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 6.) Request for Disbursement of Funds – Stormwater/Asset Management/Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program. Moved by Dishaw, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of Request #7, October 1, 2018 – October 31, 2018, C2AE Invoice #67049: \$7,354.56, C2AE Invoice #67050: \$745.10, Oudbier Instrument Co. Invoice #8909: \$663.20, Air-Land Surveys Invoice #0087430: \$19,025.00, for a total of \$27,787.86. Ayes: All.

Petitions and Communications:

- 1.) FOIA Request from Lori Stokes, Letter of Interest to serve on Village Council
- 2.) Legal Memo from Village Attorney: Officer and Trustee Terms
- 3.) Legal Memo from Village Attorney: Appointed Trustee Terms
- 4.) Legal Memo from Village Attorney: Trustee Appointments

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

- 1.) Resolution: Trustee Vacancy Due to Expiration of Term: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Brown, discussion followed. No vote taken, was tabled until next meeting.
- 2.) Resolution: Trustee Vacancy Due to Resignation: Tabled until next meeting.

- 3.) Amendment and Restatement of Ordinance 16: Junk Vehicle: Moved by Brown, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, move that we approve the new Ordinance addressing junk vehicles, with one amendment, as follows: Section 16:3 Definitions: under Junk vehicle, second line, change mobile home to recreational vehicle. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 4.) Revision to Ordinance 24: Dangerous Buildings: Moved by Brown, support by Hardenbrook, to approve the revision to Ordinance 24, for the purpose of discussion. No vote taken. Tabled until the Ordinance Committee can review this Ordinance.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Water & Light Board Meeting from Tuesday, November 13, 2018: Brown gave the report. The results came back from our PFAS testing (Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) we are non-detect. A new lineman has been hired, he has 25-years of experience.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: The October 22, 2018 meeting was cancelled.

Reports of Village Officers and Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: Chief Wendt submitted a written report.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Fossitt gave a verbal report. He stated that he would be working with the plow crew at night on occasion regarding parking violations and snowmobiles running after 11:00 p.m. He also asked the Council to give him direction as to hiring an attorney for hearings that are a result of the tickets that are issued. Council stated he should hire on a rotation basis between the local attorneys for the purpose of the hearings.
- C.) Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement: Watkins submitted a written report. FOYA update report presented.
- D.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant: Blakely submitted a written 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.
- G.) Superintendent of Parks and Recreation: James-Mesloh submitted a written report.
- H.) Village Manager: James-Mesloh submitted a written report.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Project Rising Tide: The next meeting is Monday, December 10, 2018.

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) Appointment to Water & Light Board: Moved by Dishaw, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation of the Village President and appoint Lawrence Vincent as the Chairperson of the W&L Board. Ayes: All.

New Business:

- 1.) Budget Amendments: Moved by Brown, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to approve the year-to-date budget amendments as presented. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 2.) Deficit Elimination Plan Review: Moved by Brown, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to adopt the General Fund and Sewer Fund Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution. Discussion followed. Ayes: Brown, DeWitt, Dishaw, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Hitts.
- 3.) Elected Officials Oath of Office: Clerk Schummer administered the oath of office to the following elected officials: President Lori Stokes, Treasurer Charles Medelis, Trustees – Harold Dishaw, Daniel Hardenbrook, Dennis Hendrickson and Lewis Hitts.

Public Comment: Comments were heard from: Deb Singleton – M28 Newberry, Laverne Haggart – W. John, Carolyn Martindale – W. John, Terese Schummer – W. Truman, Michael Winn – Newberry Ave.

Comments by Council Members: None.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was abruptly adjourned during Public Comment due to meeting becoming unruly. The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

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