

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 2019

**Present:** Chairperson Lawrence Vincent, Harold Dishaw, Charles Medelis.

**Absent:** Sharon Brown.

**Also Present:** Clerk -Schummer, Village Manger – James-Mesloh, Assistant Village Manager – Vallad, Lori Stokes, Ken Stokes, Rebecca Handa, Scott Ouellette.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Vincent 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 Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda with the following changes: Move Appointment W&L Board and Utility delinquencies added to tax bill from # 2 & #4 of New Business to Chairperson announcements #3 & #4. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to approve minutes from the February 12, 2019 W&L meeting as presented with one correction: Under Public Comment – Ouellette – changes from E. John to W. John. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

**Water and Light Chairperson Announcements:**

- 1.) Response to Public Comment: Regarding a comment made at the February meeting regarding passing of ordinances. Vincent stated that the W&L Board could only make recommendations to the Village Council, Council has the final authority regarding ordinances.
- 2.) Open Meeting Act: Vincent had an updated booklet printed out for the Board Members.
- 3.) Appointment to W&L Board: 2 letters of interest were submitted. Moved by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **FAIL**, to recommend Matt Perry fill the W&L Board vacancy. Discussion followed. Ayes: Medelis. Nays: Vincent, Dishaw. Absent: Brown. Moved by Dishaw, support by Medelis, **CARRIED**, to recommend that Kirby Wendt fill the W&L Board vacancy. Ayes: Dishaw, Vincent. Nays: Medelis. Absent: Brown.
- 4.) Utility Bill Delinquencies Added to Tax Bill: Moved by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to recommend to Council that the 61, 2018 delinquent W&L accounts, totaling \$28,365.76, be submitted to Northern Credit Bureau for collection. Discussion followed. Ayes: Dishaw, Medelis, Vincent. Absent: Brown.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Ken Stokes –Newberry, Scott Ouellette – Newberry, asked to be on the record - stated that he felt the money saved by the Village signing the new energy contract should go towards taking the burden off of the costumers bills. He felt that the spike in delinquent bills is due to the rate hike. He would also recommend that the deposit charged customers be raised \$50.00 and that the bills shouldn't be allowed to get so big before something is done. Lori Stokes – Newberry.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

A.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – February 2019** - Motion by Dishaw, support by Medelis, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the February Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$105,405.18. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown. Motion by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the February Water Fund bill in the amount of \$3,559.78. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

B.) **Christmas Light Fund** is currently at \$14,527.82.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

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

**Reports of Village Management:**

- 1.) Superintendent of Water and Light: Joe Lively, working foreman, submitted a written report.
- 2.) Assistant Village Manager: Vallad gave a verbal report as well as presented charts.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Motion by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting and table the remaining items on the agenda at the April meeting, due to Medelis having to leave and no longer having a quorum present. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

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