

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2020
Electronic Public Meeting – Due to COVID-19 Virus
***NOTE – All votes were done by Roll Call Vote**

Present: Board members: Vincent, Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr. All members called in from Newberry, MI.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Clerk -Schummer, Village Manager – Watkins, Lori Stokes – Via Zoom – All called in from Newberry, MI.

Call to Order: Due to no Chairperson being seated at this time, Clerk Schummer called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., using Zoom audio teleconferencing, permitted by Executive Order 2020-15, which temporarily authorizes remote participation in public meetings and hearings. The meeting was delayed twenty minutes because of connection issues. Moved by Vincent, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to appoint Catherine Freese to act as alternate acting Chairperson for this meeting. Ayes: Vincent, Hardenbrook, Schnorr. Abstain: Freese.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Vincent, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Vincent, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes for the September 8, 2020 W&L meeting as presented. Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent.

Water and Light Chairperson Announcements: None.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – September 5 to October 9, 2020** - Motion by Vincent, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the September 5 to October 9, Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$375,208.88. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent. Motion by Vincent, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the September 5 to October 9, 2020 Water Fund bill in the amount of \$176,608.15. Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent.
- B.) **Bond payments:** Bond payments included in October Payable list - for review only.
- C.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – October 10 to November 6, 2020** - Motion by Vincent, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the October 10 to November 6, 2020, Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$32,316.62. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent. Motion by Vincent, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the October 10 to November 6, 2020 Water Fund bill in the amount of \$16,872.52. Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent.
- D.) **Christmas Light Fund** – Fund balance as of 10/31/2020 - \$14,673.33

Petitions and Communications: None.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

Reports of Village Management:

- 1.) **Superintendent of Water and Light:** W&L Superintendent Dan Kucinkas, submitted a written report and charts. Discussion followed.
- 2.) **Interim Village Manager:** Watkins gave a verbal and written report. (She was Interim Village Manager in October).

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) **Update on water valve replacement E. Truman and Vulcan:** Watkins gave a report.
- 2.) **Code of Conduct and Ethics for Water & Light Board:** Freese stated it was still a work in process.
- 3.) **W&L Board Seat - Customer, Non-Elector seat is up for appointment in November:** Moved by Schnorr, support by Vincent, **FAIL**, to recommend Village Council appoint Kirby Wendt as the Customer, Non-electoral Board member. Discussion followed. Ayes: Schnorr. Nays: Freese, Hardenbrook, Vincent. Vincent added an explanation of his Nay vote; it is because he doesn't know if there are any other applicants.
- 4.) **W&L Board Seats – Council seats:** Approval of those seats will take place at the November Village meeting

New Business:

- 1.) **W&L Board Chairperson Selection:** It was decided to table the selection until the seats are filled at the next Village Council meeting.
- 2.) **Budget Adjustment:** The Water & Light fund budget adjustments were for review only. Discussion followed.

Public Comment: None.

Comments By Board Members: Comments heard from Schnorr and Freese.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Vincent, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 7:24 p.m.
Ayes: Freese, Hardenbrook, Schnorr, Vincent.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Alternate Acting Chairperson