

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2019

**Present:** Board members: Vincent, Brown, Dishaw, Medelis, Wendt.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Clerk -Schummer, Village Manger – James-Mesloh, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement – Watkins, Samantha Peariso, Dennis Hendrickson.

**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 Minutes:** Tabled until next regular meeting.

**Water and Light Chairperson Announcements:** Chairperson Vincent discussed the MML fact sheet presented to the Board, regarding work sessions.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None.

**New Business:**

1. Letter regarding issues to be addressed: A letter written by Samantha Peariso with items she would like the Board to address. Medelis felt the issue of having electrical maters not being easily accessible should be addressed at the next W&L meeting. He also addressed the Tenant/Landlord clarification on liens to property. James-Mesloh stated that the Village attorney advised that if a property is sold and there is an existing balance owed the new owner cannot be refused service, there is a due process issue regarding this. Putting a lien on the property was discussed. Some felt the bill should go with the account holder. It was suggested that the W&L Board be a Utilities Board for all enterprise funds.
2. Ordinance A – Revisions: Medelis wanted to know if there was a schedule as to which board seat expires and when. James-Mesloh stated that Medelis would expire Oct. of 2019, Wendt expires Oct. of 2020 and Vincent expires Oct. 2021. Discussion followed.

Proposed Ordinance A Revisions:

A:1:1b – Need to have ‘Customer’ defined.

A:1:8 – first sentence – change ‘banking day’ to ‘Village business day’

A:1:8 – first and second sentences, - change word ‘Clerk’ to ‘Manager’

A:1:10 – eliminate completely

A:1:9 – eliminate sentence #2

A:1:12a – first sentence - eliminate the words ‘Village President and’

A:1:12c – second paragraph, first sentence – change ‘(\$5,000.00)’ to ‘(\$10,000.00)’ - check to see if there had been a Council Resolution or change in an Ordinance which already addresses this.

A:1:6 – first paragraph, sentence 2 – eliminate ‘of the following:’ change to ‘signed by persons as approved by Council resolution’.

A:1:6 – second paragraph – change ‘Water and Light Board accounts’ to ‘Village of Newberry accounts’

A:2:4d – no change – suggested that the time-line and enforcement of moving meters be discussed at the next meeting.

A:2:4a – add ‘garbage collection’ to end of paragraph

A:4:4 – first and fourth sentences – insert the word ‘garbage’ after ‘or charges, for water, sewage,’ will read – ‘or charges, for water, sewage, garbage or electrical service’

A:3:1 – last sentence – change ‘misdemeanor’ to ‘civil infraction’

A:3:2 – last word in paragraph – change ‘misdemeanor’ to ‘civil infraction’

A:3:3 – change ‘misdemeanor’ to ‘civil infraction’

**Comments By Board Members:** Brown had questions about past discussions regarding the number of independent garbage haulers and times they are allowed to collect in the Village. Discussion followed.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Motion by Dishaw, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 7:07 p.m. Ayes: All.

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