

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2016

Present: President Anderson, Trustees: Brown, DeWitt, Hendrickson, Medelis, Olson, Village Manager Cleaver and Clerk Schummer.

Absent: Zimmerman.

Also Present: Superintendent Vallad, Fire Chief Wendt, Chuck Lawson (C2AE), Larry Vincent, Don Ratliff, Charles Morrison, Vicki Fall, Dave Fall, John Trynoski (AECOM).

Call to Order: President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Office building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A Public Hearing was held at 5:45 p. m. prior to the regular meeting.

President's Minute: President Anderson cautioned those in attendance of people selling natural gas in the area. This company wanted a permit from the Village to solicit this past summer but was denied. Anderson stated they are going just outside of the Village limits and that you should read the contract carefully before signing it. She also stated that people have been receiving emails from someone posing as the IRS. The IRS does not contact you via email or phone as a rule, be careful of such a scam.

Minutes: Moved by Medelis, support by DeWitt, CARRIED, to approve the January 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes as corrected: page 2, Management Reports: D, line 3, reads: IRS mileage has been lowered from .571/2 to .55. Page 2, Management Reports: D, line 3, corrected, reads: IRS mileage has been lowered from .57 ½ to .54. And Page 3, F.) line 2, reads: to approve the 2015 Fourth Quarter Amendments, page 3, F.) line 2, corrected reads: to approve the 2015 Water and Light Fourth Quarter Amendments. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

Bills: Moved by DeWitt, support by Hendrickson, CARRIED, to approve the January 2016 bills as presented. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

Guest Comment: Vicki Fall, representing the Tahquamenon Valley Cruisers, asked permission for a road closure for the car show. Moved by DeWitt, support by Hendrickson to give Council approval to apply to MDOT to close M-123 from Truman Bld. to Railroad Street on July 16, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

New Business: (agenda items moved to accommodate out of town guests)

A.) **Water System Improvement, Invoices (Pay when paid) SRF Request #13:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by DeWitt, CARRIED, to approve payment of Invoice #61632, dated 1-29-16, in the amount of \$2,074.88 to C2AE Engineering. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

Moved by DeWitt, support by Brown, CARRIED, to approve payment of Invoice #61450 dated 01-07-16, in the amount of \$8,762.97 to C2AE Engineering. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

Moved by Brown, support by DeWitt, CARRIED, to approve payment of Invoice #1421414, dated 1-31-16, in the amount of \$59,810.93, to DeVere Contractors.

Discussion followed with Chuck Lawson answering questions. Lawson explained that the Contractor Violation from Michigan Department LARA would in the end be paid by DeVere. He stated the work was up to code but the documentation was not. Lawson

also discussed and explained the problem with the digester and the foam that formed, which is a biological problem. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

B.) Water System Improvements, Phase 5 Invoices (Pay when paid) USRD Request #9:

John Trynoski, of AECOM, gave an update and answered questions. He stated Oberstar is 92% done and will be starting in late April to finish up the project. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Olson, CARRIED, to approve payment of invoice #37698041, dated 02/04/16 in the amount of \$9,242.08 to AECOM Engineering. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

Moved by Olson, support by DeWitt, CARRIED, to authorize President Anderson to sign the Permit Application for Water Supply Systems. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

Management Reports:

A.) Treasurer Report: Report was accepted as read.

B.) Fire Chief: Chief Wendt discussed the recent letter to the editor regarding the fire trucks escorting the Hockey team into the Village after winning the U.P's. The Board approves of this practice, as it is believed the value of the positive experience for the Village and its youth is worth it. The fire trucks are covered by insurance for these runs. The department was approved for a AAA grant in the amount of \$3,277 for stabilization and extrication equipment. A Fireman retired at the end of January. An ad will be in the paper for a replacement.

C.) Superintendent:

- Vallad displayed the new LED dusk-to-dawn lights, which was purchased for \$125. The Village purchased 8, and a tablet to control timing and brightness of the lights is included.
- Newberry Motors transformer is on-line.
- Two jobs were posted for the DPW and were filled internally.
- The old oil is still being drained from the Worthington generator.
- Vallad discussed a phone conference he, Manager Cleaver and two others had with ATC regarding the possibility of ATC purchasing the switching station near L.P. and the 69 line up to the substation. However the Village still has a bond on it. This is just in the exploration stage at this time.
- Vallad starting tracking loads of snow and stated that in one 8-hour shift they removed 69 loads of snow from the hospital area.
- Wednesday a free demo loader will be available to the Village, at which time the crew will remove snow from Newberry Ave.
- The possible treatment of the water with phosphates was discussed.
- There has not been a need for much overtime for snowplowing this year.

D.) Village Manager:

- Manager Cleaver stated he was the announcer for the recent dog race and he said it was very well attended.
- He went to a Maritime Preservation presentation. The group would like to expand the underwater preserve from Grand Marias to Whitefish point.
- Project Rising Tide - the information for the 90-second video was submitted.
- Discussed bringing in broadband.
- Discussed low-income senior housing.
- Preparing to move to the new Village Administrative Building within the next 2-weeks.
- Cleaver reviewed with the Board how the Village acquired, renovated and furnished the new Village office building. The new office address is 302 E. McMillan Ave.

Committee Reports:

- A.) DPW/WWTP Committee: None.
- B.) Finance Committee: None.
- C.) Management Committee: None.
- D.) Fire Committee: None. Next meeting to be in May.
- E.) Tahquamenon Area Recreation Authority – TORC Update: The January 6, 2016 TARA meeting minutes were provided to the Board. Moved by DeWitt, support by Hendrickson, CARRIED, to authorize AECOM to proceed with the scope of work for the Village of Newberry Atlas Park Engineering as described in AECOM's proposal 465237 dated February 15, 2016, with a budget authorization not to exceed \$8,000 under the general terms and conditions specified in the proposal. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.
Moved by DeWitt, support by Hendrickson, CARRIED, to pass the Resolution that we submit the Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan 2016-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anderson, Brown, DeWitt, Hendrickson, Medelis, Olson. Nays: None. Absent: Zimmerman.
- F.) Strategic Health Alliance: None.
- G.) Water & Light Board Rep's Report: Medelis reported that as a result of Paul List's resignation, he was voted in as the new Chairman of the Water and Light Board. Brown was voted in as Vice-Chairwoman. Lawrence Vincent is the new member on the Board. There was a committee formed to work on updating W&L policies. The cost of mailing the two-sheet bills was discussed. Online bill payment will be available soon. There is now a Water and Light Facebook page.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business (continued):

- C. 2015 Fourth Quarter Budget Amendments – Pre CPA Review: Moved by Brown, support by DeWitt, CARRIED, to approve the 12/31/15, Village of Newberry, Fourth Quarter Budget Amendments – pre CPA review. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.
Moved by Hendrickson, support by DeWitt, CARRIED, to approve the annual audit. Ayes: Anderson, Brown, DeWitt, Hendrickson, Medelis. Nay: Olson. Absent: Zimmerman.
- D. Deficit Elimination Plan: Moved by DeWitt, support by Olson, CARRIED, to rescind the Deficit Elimination Plan that was approved at the December 21, 2015 Village of Newberry Council Meeting, per State Treasury. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman
- E. Recreation Plan Approval: Done during Committee Reports-E.
- F. Request Letter of Support to Extend ORV Trail System: The letter was not signed. Moved by Olson, support by Hendrickson, to give a letter of support to extend the ORV Trail System. Board will reconsider after more information is received. Discussion followed. Ayes: Olson. Nays: Anderson, Brown, DeWitt, Hendrickson, Medelis. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion failed.

Public Comment: Mr. Ratliff discussed the need for more and better paying jobs in the area.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by DeWitt, support by Brown, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Zimmerman.

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