

W&L 1-10-17

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2017

**Present:** Sharon Brown, Lisa DenBoer, Jim Johnson, Charles Medelis

**Absent:** Lawrence Vincent

**Also Present:** Superintendent Vallad, Village President/Interim Village Manager DeWitt

**Call to Order:** Chairman Medelis called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Office followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Motion by Brown, support by Johnson, CARRIED, to approve the December 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent.

**Guests:** Dennis Hendrickson, Jennifer James-Mesloh

**Public Comment:** Dennis Hendrickson relayed an opinion put to him by the past W&L Superintendent, Eric Buckler, regarding the budgeting of W&L and the utilities in the new Village office building. Hendrickson also relayed a complaint from a resident on K Street regarding plowing. Discussion followed.

**December 2016 Bills:**

A.) Motion by DenBoer, support by Johnson, CARRIED, to approve payment of the Electric Fund in the amount of \$233,042.22. Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent.

B.) Motion by Brown, support by Johnson, CARRIED, to approve payment of the Water Fund in the amount of \$1,882.98. Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent.

**Reports:**

- A. **Superintendent report:** Vallad gave a verbal report as well as written report.
- Vallad presented the Board with an inventory of the Christmas lights. Discussion followed regarding the repair and how to fund the repairs needed on the lights.
  - The extension of the Trees, Inc. contract was discussed.
  - Vallad and Medelis met with Glenn Keates about electric rates. It was reiterated that the bond payments were not figured into the past electric rates and as a result the electric rates will need to be increased. A lengthy discussion followed.

B. Update on other common items: None.

**Electric Operation:**

A. **Update:** Moved by DenBoer, support by Johnson, CARRIED, to recommend to the Village Council that upon further input from Glenn Keates to the Village Council, that we accept his proposed electric rate increases and implement them immediately. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent. Vallad will try to get Mr. Keates here or appear by phone before the Village meeting on January 16, 2017.

B. **Action taken:** Moved by DenBoer, support by Brown, CARRIED, to implement the new energy semiannual adjustment rate for January as recommended by the Superintendent. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent.

**Water Operation:**

A. **Action taken:** Moved by Brown, support by DenBoer, CARRIED, to recommend to the Village Council an increase in the base water rate to \$27.91 and the per one-thousand gallon rate to \$9.28, effective immediately. Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent.

**Other Agenda Items:**

**Unfinished business:** It was decided to move forward and explore changing the way we calculate the water billing, going from a per-thousand system to an REU system.

**Other business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by DenBoer, support by Johnson, CARRIED, to adjourn meeting at 6:54 p.m.  
Ayes: All. Absent: Vincent.

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

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Terese Schummer, Clerk

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Charles Medelis, Chairperson

## Newberry Water and Light Board and Council Meeting Superintendent Buck Vallad

Dec 1 to Dec 31

December was a busy month with everything from plowing streets and parking lots and other Village properties. We also finished and maintained all Christmas lights for the month.

- No peak shaving for the month of Dec
- Miss digs
- Work orders
- Trees Inc finished brushing on the North line
- Brushed
- Water samples
- Meeting with Glenn Keates about electric rates
- Worked on manager hiring and interviews
- Repaired two hydrants
- Maintained all snow plowing equipment
- Cleaned and removed snow from downtown area
- Cleaned and removed snow from water and light
- Removed five trees from the area North of substation