

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

Present: Trustees: Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes.

Absent: Freese, Puckett.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk - Terese Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Christine Rathjen.

Call to Order: President Pro Tempore Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Cameron, support by Schummer, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Stokes, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, regular meeting, as written. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Freese, Puckett.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: None.

Special Schedule Topics: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the February 18, 2023 – March 17, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$241,735.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Freese, Puckett.
- B.) **Bond Payments:** Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the Bond interest payments in the amount of \$35,418.75 (2014 Sewer for \$33,625.00 and 2003 Electric for \$1,793.75) Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Freese, Puckett.
- C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 02/28/23 - \$12,921.84. Saves the Bells expense and deposit tracking for 2017 through 2022 was presented. Discussion followed.
- D.) **Treasurer's Report:** February 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented. Delinquent taxes paid at the County as of March 1, 2023. The Village no longer accepting cash payments – check, money order or cashier's check only.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **Clean Water SRF Project – C2AE:** Update by Watkins. She stated that there needed to be two Public Hearings, regarding the project, by April 18th. Watkins will be attending a MML CAP Conference on April 18th. To accommodate the Village Manager the April meeting date will be changed. Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to move the next Village Council regular meeting from Tuesday, April 18th, to Monday, April 17th, with the two public hearings being held before the regular meeting beginning at 5:30 pm. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Freese, Puckett.
- b.) **W&L Vehicle:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **Downtown Trees – Survey:** Update by Watkins. The surveys are scheduled to be included in the April bills and on-line by April 7th.
- d.) **NFD – Cascades System Electric work:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **W&L Apprentice:** Update by Watkins.
- f.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None needed.

New Business:

- A.) **Village Garbage Truck:** Update by Watkins. Moved by Stokes, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve the Village Manager move forward with selling the Village garbage truck through a bidding process. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer.

Absent: Freese, Puckett.

- B.) 41 Lumber Roof Replacement: Moved by Cameron, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to table this action until the April 17th meeting for review of inspection reports. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Freese, Puckett.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: No February meeting. Next meeting is April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
a. Zoning Steering Committee –No February meeting. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: March 9 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 04/06/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
2.) Infrastructure Committee: No March meeting. Next meeting is 04/12/2023 @ 10:30 a.m.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary T. Immel.
B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No reporting until April 2023.
C.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Blakely.
D.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinskas.
E.) Village Manager: Verbal and written report by Watkins.

Public Comment: None.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: None needed.

Comments by Council Members: Comment heard from: Olson.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Freese, Puckett.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Lori A. Stokes, President Pro Tempore