

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

**Present:** Village President – Freese, Trustees: Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.

**Absent:** Village Manager Watkins.

**Also Present:** Clerk - Terese Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Scott Ouellette.

**Call to Order:** President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with changing 10: a, b, c, and d from Action items to Updated items, and one spelling error corrected. Ayes: All.

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

**Village President's Comment:** Moments of silence held in honor of past Village President, Bob Cameron and Retired Sheriff, Kevin Erickson.

**Special Schedule Topics:** None.

**Accounts Payable and Financial Updates:**

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the 06/15/2024 – 07/12/2024, bills, in the amount of \$184,391.39. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Treasurer's Report:** June 2024 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.
- C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 06/30/2024 - \$16,118.17.

**Consent Agenda:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. Ayes: All.

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session June 18, 2024.
- B. Petitions and Communications – None
- C. Reports of Boards
  - a. Planning Commission – Meeting June 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m., next meeting TBD.
  - b. Zoning Steering Committee – Did not meet – next meeting TBD.
- D. Reports of Committees
  - a. Ordinance Committee – Did not meet - next meeting August 7, 2024 @ 9:30.
  - b. Infrastructure Committee – Did not meet – next meeting August 14, 2024 @ 9:30 am.
- E. Reports of Village Officers and Leadership
  - a. **Fire Chief:** Written report submitted by Secretary T. Immel.
  - b. **Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** Written report submitted by Fossitt.
  - c. **Working Superintendent of DPW:** Written report submitted by Hollingshead.
  - d. **Superintendent of WWTP:** Written report submitted by Blakely.
  - e. **Working Superintendent of Water & Light:** Written report submitted by Kucinkas.
  - f. **Village Manager:** Written report by Watkins.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a.) **Resurfacing Handy Street:** Update by Freese.
- b.) **41 Lumber Painting – Sanders Painting:** Update by Freese.
- c.) **WWTP Painting – Sanders Painting:** Update by Freese.
- d.) **WWTP Backup Generator Replacement:** Update by Freese.
- e.) **Fire Millage on November Ballot:** Update by Freese.
- f.) **2002 Case Loader Repair:** Update by Freese.
- g.) **2023 Audit:** Update by Freese.
- h.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Update by Freese.

- i.) 2024 EGLE Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for Lead Line Replacement: Update by Freese.
- j.) Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting: Resident expressed concern that property next door is blighted, and nothing is being done. Answer – RFP packages are currently out for bid for mowing services and blight removal services. Residents are always able to talk to their neighbors themselves, and report concerns to the sheriff’s office and LMAS Health Department.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** Comment heard from Scott Ouellette.

**Assignment of Public Comment Response:** Watkins or Freese will respond.

**Comments by Council Members:** Comment heard from: Schummer, Olson, Puckett, Freese, Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Puckett, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.  
Ayes: All.

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

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Terese Schummer, Clerk

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Catherine Freese, Village President