

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018
302 East McMillan Ave.
6:00 p.m.

Present: President DeWitt, Trustees: Downey, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Medelis.

Absent: Brown.

Also Present: Village Manager - James-Mesloh, Assistant Village Manager - Vallad, Clerk - Schummer, Superintendent WWTP - Blakely, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement - Watkins, Superintendent of Water & Light – Perry, Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Fossitt, Jim Diem, Steve Stiffler, Don Jones, E. Buckler, Mike Schnorr, Don Ratliff, Greg Rathje.

Call to Order: President DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Downey, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

Minutes: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Downey, **CARRIED**, to approve the December 18, 2017, regular meeting minutes as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown. Moved by Downey, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the January 3, 2018, Special Session meeting minutes as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Comments heard from: E. Buckler – 412 W. Ave. C.

Village President’s Announcements: President DeWitt asked for a moment of silence in honor of W&L Board member Jim Johnson’s wife Pat, who recently passed away.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- 1.) Village of Newberry – Monthly Bills. Moved by Medelis, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the December 2017 bills as presented, in the amount of \$111,136.17. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.
- 2.) Village of Newberry - Cash Balance – November 2017. Reviewed.
- 3.) Water & Light monthly bills for December 2017. Moved by Medelis, support by Downey, **CARRIED**, to pay December payables in the amount of \$193,354.62. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.
- 4.) Water & Light – Cash Balance – November 2017 - Reviewed.
- 5.) Treasurer’s Report - Accepted by Council as presented.

Petitions and Communications:

- 1.) FOIA Request – Eric Buckler
- 2.) FOIA Request – Pentland Township
- 3.) Letter from Eric Buckler

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Downey, **CARRIED**, to adopt the Resolution for the Village of Newberry’s 2018 appointments to the Newberry Water & Light Board, the Planning Commission, and the Committees. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Water & Light Board Meeting from Tuesday, January 9, 2018: Medelis gave the report.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018.

Reports of Village Officers and Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: Nothing to report.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Fossitt gave a verbal report.

- C.) Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement: Watkins gave a verbal as well as written report.
- D.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant: Blakely gave a verbal as well as written report.
- E.) Superintendent of Water & Light: Perry gave a written as well as a verbal report.
- F.) Superintendent of Parks and Recreation: Still waiting for grant reimbursements for Atlas Park and TORC.
- G.) Assistant Village Manager: Vallad gave a verbal report as well as charts given to Council.
- H.) Village Manager: James-Mesloh gave a verbal report as well as written report.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Management: DeWitt gave a verbal report.
- 2.) Save the Bells: The Save the Bells fund balance is now at \$14,969.43. A circus is going to be held in Newberry on July 2, 2018 to raise funds for the Save the Bells project.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- 1. Trustee Vacancy: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to approve Kelsey Autterson, for the Village Council vacancy, as recommended by Village President DeWitt. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

Public Comment: Comments were heard from: Don Ratliff – 309 E. Truman, Don Jones – 514 E. Ave. B, E. Buckler – 412 W. Ave. C, Greg Rathje – Pentland Township.

Comments by Council Members: Comments heard from: Medelis, Hendrickson.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Medelis, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

John Dewitt, Village President