

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2018

Present: Chairperson Medelis, Brown, Feldhusen, Johnson, Vincent.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager – James-Mesloh, Assistant Village Manager – Vallad, W&L Superintendent - Perry, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement - Watkins, Clerk - Schummer, Mike Schnorr, Eric Buckler, Steve Stiffler, Michael Winn, Lori Stokes, Ken Stokes, Don Ratliff, Molly Gallup, Deb Singleton, Casey Cook, Corey Whitman, Michelle Huffman, Daryl Boerigter, Jean Simi, Julie Craig, John Bergman, Dan Hardenbrook, Chuck Pipes, Harold Osterhout, Barb Miles, Ed Miles, John Holland (MRWA), Bruce Lane, A.J. Downey.

Call to Order: Chairman Medelis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Offices, 302 East McMillan Avenue, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Johnson, support by Feldhusen, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda as submitted, with one change, to move item #7 – Public Comment to Agenda Items - up to position #5. Ayes: All.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Comments heard from: Lori Stokes – 301 W. John, Ken Stokes – 301 W. John, Eric Buckler – W. Ave C, Mike Schnorr - E. Truman, Michael Winn – 607 Newberry Ave., Don Ratliff – E. Truman.

Minutes: Moved by Brown, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to approve the February 13, 2018, regular meeting minutes as written. Ayes: All.

Water and Light Chairperson Announcements: The Chairman stated he would have to leave the meeting at 7:00 because he is on the Board of Review and they are also meeting.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

A.) Water & Light Monthly Bills – January 2018: Motion by Brown, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to recommend the Village Council, retroactively pay the amended January 2018 Electric Fund in the amount of \$298,020.05. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Motion by Vincent, support by Feldhusen, **CARRIED**, to recommend the Village Council, retroactively pay the amended January 2018 Water Fund in the amount of \$19,593.39. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Motion by Brown, support by Feldhusen, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the February 2018 Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$139,280.62. Ayes: All. Motion by Vincent, support by Feldhusen, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the February 2018 Water Fund bill in the amount of \$3,939.36. Ayes: All.

B.) Christmas Lights Fund is currently at \$16,320.55

C.) Water & Light – Cash Balance – January 2018, was reviewed.

Petitions and Communications: None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions: None

Reports of Village Management:

Superintendent of Water and Light: Perry gave a written as well as a verbal report.

Assistant Village Manager: Vallad gave a verbal report and presented charts for review.

Village Manager: James-Mesloh gave a verbal report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1.) 2018 Budgets

A.) Water: Moved by Brown, support by Feldhusen, **CARRIED**, to approve the 2018 Water Budget. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.

B.) Electric: Moved by Vincent, support by Brown, **CARRIED**, to approve the 2018 Electric Budget. Ayes: All.

2.) 2017 Water Rate Study – Mike Holland, of the Michigan Rural Water Association, gave a presentation regarding the water rate study and answered questions from the Board and public.

Public Comment: Comments were heard from: Eric Buckler – W. Ave. C, Michael Winn – 607 Newberry Ave., Mike Schnorr – E. Truman, Scott Ouellette – W. John Street, Ken Stokes – 301 W. John, Lori Stokes – 301 W. John, Don Ratliff – E. Truman, Terese Schummer – 214 W. Truman, Harold Osterhout – 402 W. Ave. B, Chuck Pipes – 210 W. Truman.

Comments by Board Members: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Brown, support by Johnson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 7:08 p.m. Ayes: All.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Charles Medelis, Chairperson