

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

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

Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.

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

**Call to Order:** President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023, Operating Budget Hearing, as presented. Ayes: All. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Ayes: All.

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

**Village President's Comment:** None.

**Special Schedule Topics:** None.

**Accounts Payable and Financial Updates:**

- A.) **2023 CESRF Project 5794-01 Construction Draw Request:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the \$609,600.92 construction draw request from Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.
- B.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the 12/16/2023 – 01/12/2024, bills, in the amount of \$821,035.51. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Olson, Schummer. Nays: Stokes (due to Snyders expenditure, gift cards). Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** December 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.
- D.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 12/31/23 - \$17,541.31.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a.) **Pentland Litigation:** Update by Watkins.
- b.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **Phasing out \$49 Delinquent Utility Carry-Over:** Update by Watkins. This will be effective June 1, 2024.
- d.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None needed.

**New Business:**

- A.) **2024 EGLE Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for Lead Line Replacement:** Update by Watkins.
- B.) **Lead/Service Line, Water Line Improvements Reserve Account:** Update by Watkins.
- C.) **2024 Payroll Calendar:** Informational.
- D.) **Resolution for Designating a Street Administrator:** Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2024-Jan-16 STREET, a resolution designating a Street Administrator. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.
- E.) **2024-2026 AFSCME Union Contract:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to go into closed session to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of the union collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268©. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.

**Council Enters into Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to end the closed session and return to open session. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.

**Council returns to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.**

Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the union bargaining agreement. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hendrickson, Puckett.

**Reports of Boards:**

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: Did not meet. Next meeting TBD
  - a.) Zoning Steering Committee – Did not meet. Next meeting TBD.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: Did not meet. Next meeting is 02/07/2024 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: Did not meet. Next meeting is 02/14/2024 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Management Committee: Next meeting 02/15/2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Reports of Village Officers & Management:**

- 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: Verbal and written report by Watkins.

**Public Comment:** Comment heard from T. Schummer.

**Assignment of Public Comment Response:** None needed.

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

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Stokes, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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