

Newberry Village Council
Special Session Meeting Minutes
For the purpose of: FOIA – Appeal for Denial of Records from Charles Mesloh
July 31, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Electronic Public Meeting – Due to COVID-19 Virus

****NOTE – All votes were done by Roll Call Vote**

Present: President Stokes, Trustees: Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Interim Village Manager/Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement – Watkins, Clerk – Schummer, Charles Mesloh, one other public participant – identified on phone only as Natalie.

Call to Order: President Stokes called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to table the approval of the July 21, 2020 regular Village Council minutes until the next regular session on August 18, 2020. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Petitions and Communications:

A. **FOIA – Appeal for Denial of Records from Charles Mesloh:** Watkins gave a brief explanation as to why the special session was needed. Council Action: Moved by Puckett, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**,

1. That the Village Council acknowledge receipt of the FOIA Appeal filed by Charles Mesloh on July 17, 2020 pursuant to MCL 15.240(3) which makes the date of receipt of the Appeal July 21, 2020 which was the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council after receipt;
2. That the Village Council extend the period during which it is required to respond to the Appeal by 10 business days pursuant to MCL 15.240(2)(d) because the Village Council must make its response at a public meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the extension will allow the Village Council to make its response at its next regularly scheduled Village Council meeting on August 18, 2020;
3. That the FOIA Appeal appeals 10 separate requests for documents and requires analysis by our legal counsel which will take time to complete; and
4. That the Interim Village Manager provide written notice to Charles Mesloh of this extension.

Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Public Comment: None.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: None needed.

Comments by Council Members: None.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Hardenbrook, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

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