

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2022 – 6:01 p.m.  
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

**Present:** President Freese, Trustees: Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.

**Absent:** Puckett.

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk – Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Robert and Angela Doughty, John Fishback.

**Call to Order:** President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with one adjustment. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Freese, support by Schummer, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, June 21, 2022, Public Hearing MI DWSRF, as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett. Moved by Freese, support by Schummer, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, June 21, 2022 regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

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

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

**Special Schedule Topics:** 2022-07-19 Café Resolution for Sidewalk Café Authorization – Timber Charlies. Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2022-07-19-CAFÉ, a Resolution to authorize the operation of a sidewalk café space by Timber Charlie's Restaurant, LLC. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the June 18, 2022 – July 15, 2022 bills, in the amount of \$269,496.79. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- B.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 06/30/22 - \$14,971.35.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** June 2022 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a.) **Downtown Tree Removal:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to table decision of what to do with the grated sections in the sidewalks, once the trees are removed. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.
- b.) **Fire Operations Millage Renewal:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **Emergency Generators for Wells & W&L Building:** Update by Watkins.
- d.) **2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project – Phase 1:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) – Project:** Update by Watkins.
- f.) **2023 USDA Rural Development Application Water Project:** Update by Watkins.
- g.) **Pole Study/Inventory:** Update by Watkins.
- h.) **Cloverland Electric Generator Partnership:** Update by Freese.
- i.) **Save the Bells Metal Dumpster:** Update by Watkins.
- j.) **Solid Waste Removal:** Update by Watkins.
- k.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** Watkins responded to the questions posed by the public at the June meeting.

**New Business:**

- A.) **2022-07-19 Café Resolution:** Addressed earlier in the meeting.
- B.) **Helen Street Brush Collection Site Clean-up:** Moved by Cameron, support by Schummer, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, to start the process for

cleaning out of the Helen Street brush site. Discussion followed. Ayes: Cameron, Hendrickson, Stokes, Schummer. Nays: Freese. Absent: Puckett.

C.) 2021 Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report): For review.

**Reports of Boards:**

- 1.) Water & Light Board: Dissolution of Board is being implemented.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: June 27, 2022 meeting was cancelled.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Garbage Committee: July 11 – no meeting. Next meeting - 08/08/22 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: July 13, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 08/10/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Management Committee: Did not meet in July. Next meeting is 08/11/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 4.) Ordinance Committee: July 12, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 08/04/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Reports of Village Officers & Management:**

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary Immel.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted by Fossitt.
- C.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Superintendent Blakely.
- D.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinskas.
- E.) Village Manager: Verbal and Written report submitted by Watkins.

**Public Comment:** Comments heard from the following: John Fishback and Terese Schummer.

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

**Comments by Council Members:** Comment heard from: Schummer and Cameron.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

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