

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2022 – 6:02 p.m.  
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

**Absent:** Puckett.

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Watkins, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Pete Wurdock, Neil Morey.

**Call to Order:** President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, July 19, 2022 regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Comment heard from Pete Wurdock, regarding the removal of trees downtown.

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

**Special Schedule Topics:** None.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the July 15, 2022 – August 12, 2022 bills, in the amount of \$263,101.43. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- B.) **Bond Payment:** Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve bond payments due in September for a total amount of \$300,732.62. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 07/31/22 - \$15,289.19.
- D.) **Treasurer's Report:** July 2022 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a.) **Emergency Generators for Wells & W&L Building:** Update by Watkins.
- b.) **2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project – Phase 1:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) – Project:** Update by Watkins.
- d.) **2023 USDA Rural Development Application Water Project:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **Pole Study/Inventory:** Update by Watkins.
- f.) **AT&T Pole Lease:** Update by Watkins.
- g.) **Tree Removal Downtown:** Update by Watkins.
- h.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** Watkins responded to a question posed by the public at the July meeting. She stated the rumor that the Christmas lights wouldn't be put up this year is false, they will absolutely be put up.

**New Business:**

- A.) **Landon Burton:** Burton became a full Journeyman Lineman as of June 29, 2022. We now have 3 linemen.
- B.) **Energy Adjustment (EA) amount for July-December:** For review.
- C.) **Reid Metal – Save the Bells Metal Dumpster Billing:** For review.
- D.) **Reduction of Council Trustees from 6 to 4:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to hold a Public Hearing on September 20, 2022, regarding reducing the number of Village Council Trustees from 6 to 4. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

**Reports of Boards:**

- 1.) **Water & Light Board:** Dissolution of Board is still being implemented.
- 2.) **Planning Commission Meeting:** August 22, 2022 meeting was cancelled. Next meeting to be September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- a.) Zoning Steering Committee – the first meeting with Beckett & Raeder will be held on September 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Garbage Committee: August 8 – no meeting. Next meeting – to be determined.
  - a.) Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to dissolve the Ad-Hoc Garbage Committee. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: August 10, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 10/12/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Management Committee: Did not meet in August. Next meeting is 10/13/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 4.) Ordinance Committee: August 4, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 09/01/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Reports of Village Officers & Management:**

- A.) Fire Chief: None.
- 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 Kucinkas.
- E.) Village Manager: Verbal and Written report submitted by Watkins.

**Public Comment:** None.

**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 7:59 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