

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

Absent: Hardenbrook.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk – Schummer, Charles Medelis.

Call to Order: President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: Moved by Puckett, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021, Regular Session, as written. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: None.

Special Topic: 2019 Audit presentation by State of Michigan Auditor Brenda Gartland. A brief discussion followed.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the July 17 – August 13, 2021 bills, in the amount of \$35,318.68. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- B.) **Water & Light monthly bills:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to pay the Electric and Water Fund bills for July 10 – August 6, 2021, with a total amount of \$106,371.41. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- C.) **Bond Payments – Due Sept. 1, 2021:** Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to make the 2005 Water Bond payment of \$79,630.32. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
Moved by Stokes, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to make the 2009 Water Bond payment of \$10,238.74. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- D.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 7/31/21 - \$18,158.39.
- E.) **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a.) July 2021 – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

- 1.) Ordinance 23 – Village of Newberry Parking Ordinance.
Ordinance Committee recommends adoption. Moved by Stokes, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to adopt Amended Ordinance 23 as introduced to the Council. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Nays: Hendrickson. Absent: Hardenbrook.

- 2.) 2021-08-17 – Rules of Procedure Amended Resolution
Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adopt the Rules of Procedure Amended Resolution as presented. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- 3.) 2021-08-17 – ATLAS Resolution. Moved by Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adopt the ATLAS Resolution to approve Deficit Elimination Plan for Atlas Park Fund, as presented, amended to reflect the correction of a decimal point in the amount. Correct amount is \$538.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- 4.) 2021-08-17 – TORC Resolution. Moved by Puckett, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to adopt the TORC Resolution to approve Deficit Elimination Plan for TORC Fund, as presented. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) 2019 Audit: Discussed prior in the meeting.
- 2.) 2020 Audit Update: Watkins gave the update.
- 3.) Water Rate Changes:
 - a.) Water Rate Study update: Watkins gave an update.
- 4.) Generator Update: Watkins gave an update. Fairbanks report discussed.
- 5.) Pole Study Update: No action taken, waiting for more information.
- 6.) Old 41 Structure Demolition: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from Kevin Brow & Son with Pearson Asbestos Abatement for \$22,500.00, with the understanding that insurance will pay the structure demolition amount of \$20,000.00 and not cover the \$2,500.00 Asbestos Abatement. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- 7.) Corona Virus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Watkins advised that the American Rescue Plan Act funds application was submitted.
- 8.) Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting: None.

New Business:

- 1.) Eastern UP Connect Collaborative: Moved by Stokes, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to have the Infrastructure Committee look into the Eastern UP Connect Collaborative proposal. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- 2.) Water & Light Board – Possible reorganization: Began discussion of possible reorganization of W&L Board.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Water & Light Board: The minutes for August 10, 2021, were presented.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: July 26, 2021 – cancelled.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: August 5, 2021 meeting minutes provided. Verbal report by Stokes.
- 2.) Management Committee: August 12, 2021 meeting minutes provided.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: None.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Report: Written report submitted by Ordinance Officer 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: Watkins gave a verbal as well as written report.

Public Comment: None.

Comments by Council Members: Comments heard from Stokes and Freese.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.
Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Hardenbrook.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Village President