

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

Absent: Puckett.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk - Terese Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Jack Olson, Kathleen VanSloten, John Royers, Allan VanSloten, Kyle VanSloten.

Call to Order: President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with one addition. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, Sept. 20, 2022 Public Hearing, as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, Sept. 20, 2022 regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Comments heard from - Kathleen VanSloten and Allan VanSloten.

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 September 17, 2022 – October 14, 2022 bills, in the amount of \$330,989.05. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to pay Electric and Water bonds due on October and November in the total sum of \$315,799.41. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- B.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 09/30/22 - \$15,495.87.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** September 2022 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

Petitions and Communications: Letter received from Northern Sand & Gravel, dated Oct. 10, 2022.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **October 3 Bulk Item Clean Up:** Walkins stated that 42 tons was picked up curbside.
- b.) **October 8 Clean Up Day:** Walkins stated after the curbside cleanup only two bins were filled. Discussion followed.
- c.) **Repair of the Fire Department Tankers and Pumper:** Update by Watkins.
- d.) **Village of Newberry Roof Replacement:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project – Phase:** Update by Watkins. Rate increase needed effective 2023. Public Hearing to be held in November.
- f.) **Fire Millage Renewal on November 8, 2022 ballot:** Update by Watkins.
- g.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** Watkins answered the question, from previous meeting, as to whether the Pole Study data would be made public. She stated that because of privacy and security reasons, the data would be released on an individual or as needed basis.

New Business:

- A.) **Northern Sand and Gravel:** The VanSlotens, owners of Northern Sand and Gravel, asked Council for approval to put down a well at their business. This well would supplement their village water for various business reasons. Letters from MDOT and the Michigan Concrete Association, supporting the need for the well, was included. It was decided the infrastructure committee will gather more information, and then present it the Council, before a decision is made.
- B.) **Ordinance 29 Amendment Adoption:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adopt the Ordinance 29 Amendment. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

- C.) 2022-10-18-PA 152 Resolution Adoption: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2022-10-18-PA 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- D.) 2023 Scrap Tire Grant Application: – Walkins gave an update.
- E.) 2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intent to Apply: Update by Watkins.
- F.) 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intent to Apply: Update by Watkins.
- G.) WWTP Storage Building Roof Repair: Update by Watkins.
- H.) November Meeting Schedule: There will be no changes.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: Sept. 26, 2022 meeting minutes were presented. Next meeting to be Nov. 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
 - a.) Zoning Steering Committee –September 21, 2022 meeting minutes were presented. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Infrastructure Committee: Oct. 12, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 11/09/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Management Committee: Oct. 13, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 11/10/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Ordinance Committee: Oct. 6, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 11/03/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 4.) Fire Committee: October 3, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting to be determined.

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 Kucinkas.
- E.) Village Manager: Verbal and Written report submitted by Watkins.

Public Comment: Comments heard from – Jack Olson and Terese Schummer.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: Freese and Watkins will answer questions from the public at the next meeting.

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

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Village President