

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk - Terese Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Christine Rathje, Roxanne Transit, Buzz Medelis.

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 Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023, regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: President Freese expressed condolences to the Ronald Brown Family. Mr. Brown was a member and former Fire Chief for the Newberry Fire Department.

Special Schedule Topics: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the January 14, 2023 – February 17, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$168,110.41. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Bond Payments:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the 2005 and 2009 Water Bond payments in the amounts of \$36,918.75 and \$5,032.50 for a total of \$41,951.25. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 01/31/23 - \$15,977.13.
- D.) **Treasurer's Report:** January 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

Petitions and Communications:

- A.) Resignation form received from Pete Wurdock. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to accept the resignation of Pete Wurdock from the Infrastructure Committee, with a thank you for his service. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **W&L Vehicle – Sole Source Procurement:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve purchase of a 2022 Ram 2500 truck. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- b.) **Downtown Trees – Survey:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to go forward with a downtown tree survey. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- c.) **NFD – Tanker 2 and Tanker 1 Repair Updates:** Tanker 2 is back after being repaired and Tanker 1 is currently being repaired.
- d.) **Village Code:** The Village Code became live on the Village website as of 02/15/23.
- e.) **Newberry Tourism Request for use of TORC:** Update by Watkins.
- f.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None needed.

New Business:

- A.) **2023-02-21-TACU Signatories Resolution:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2023-02-21 TACU Signatories, a resolution assigning signatory and administrative authority for Tahquamenon Area Credit Union Accounts. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **NFD – Cascades System & Electric Upgrade:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve purchase of 1/3 of the Cascade System for the Newberry Fire Department, using general funds on top of what was budgeted for 2023. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese,

Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes. Moved by Freese, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to authorize the Village Manager to use her purchasing power to authorize an electric upgrade for the fire hall. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.

- C.) Ice Rink (the Barn) Light Replacement: Moved by Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve paying ½ of \$8,514.39, the cost of replacing the lights at the Ice Rink. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- D.) Energy Adjustment (EA) for Jan-June: Reviewed.
- E.) W&L Apprentice: The Village Manager will begin advertising next week for a W&L apprentice.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: No meeting. Next meeting to be determined.
 - a. Zoning Steering Committee –No meeting. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: February 2, 2023, meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 03/09/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: February 8, 2023, meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 03/08/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Fire Committee: February 16, 2023, meeting minutes presented. Next meeting TBD.
- 4.) Management Committee: No meeting. Next meeting to be determined.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary T. Immel.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No reporting until April 2023.
- C.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Blakely.
- D.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinskaskas.
- E.) Village Manager: Verbal report by Watkins.

Public Comment: Comment heard from Roxanne Transit and Christine Rathje.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: None needed.

Comments by Council Members: Comment heard from: Schummer and Puckett who expressed good thoughts for the family of Bev Holmes, who served many years as the Newberry Village Manager.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Ayes: All.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Village President