

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022 – 7:37 p.m. Immediately after Public Hearing
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Superintendent - Blakely, Clerk – Schummer, Newberry News – McGinn, Buzz Medelis, Jack Olson.

Call to Order: President Freese called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with deletion of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Ayes: All.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, February 15, 2022, Public Hearing, as written. Ayes: All. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, March 15, 2022 regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: 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 February 12, 2022 – March 11, 2022 bills, in the amount of \$40,401.92. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Water & Light monthly bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to pay the Electric and Water Fund bills for February 5, 2022 – March 3, 2022, a total amount of \$112,555.45. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- C.) **Bond Payments:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, approve the 2014 Sewer Bond payment, to be paid out April 1, 2022, in the amount of \$35,812.50. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- D.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 2/28/22 - \$12,962.95.
- E.) **Treasurer's Report:** February 2022 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

Petitions and Communications:

- 1.) Jack Olson – Pre-Appointment Questionnaire for Village Council.
- 2.) Christopher Cox – Email – Solid Waste Contract issue.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

- 1.) Ordinance 13 – Solid Waste. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve Ordinance 13 – Solid Waste, as presented. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) **2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project** – Phase 1 Wastewater Improvements – Update by Watkins. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., year one project cost projected to be \$1,682,000. There is a possible \$3.00 increase per REU (\$35 to \$38).
- 2.) **2023 USDA Rural Development Application for 2023 Water Project:** Update by Watkins.
- 3.) **Emergency Generators for Wells and W&L Building:** Update by Watkins. No bids were received.
- 4.) **Repair and Refurbishment of Case Loader:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to approve Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc. to refurbish and repair the Case Loader. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- 5.) **Planning Commission Vacancy:** Update by Watkins.
- 6.) **Council Seat Open:** There are two open seats on the Village Council.
- 8.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None.

New Business:

- 1.) **Ordinance 13:** Voted on preciously in the meeting.

- 2.) GFL Waste Hauler Contract: Moved by Cameron, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to authorize the Village Manager to negotiate and sign a waste hauler contract with GFL. Discussion followed: Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- 3.) Village Garbage Program Phase Out: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to give the Village Manager permission to begin the process of phasing out the garbage program in the Village of Newberry. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 4.) Zoning Ordinance Proposal Approval: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, approval to award Beckett & Raeder the contract to prepare a Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Newberry, not to exceed \$20,000. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- 5.) Water & Light Board Dissolution: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to dissolve the Water & Light Board and transition it to a committee. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- 6.) 2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project – Lead Service Line Replacement: The Intent to Apply has been submitted. There will be a Public Hearing on the Project Plan on June 21, 2022. Total project cost to be \$2,675,260. Moved by Hendrickson, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve continuation of pursuing SRF money for the 2023 Drinking Water Project. Ayes: All.
- 7.) Cloverland Electric Generator Partnership: Watkins discussed.
- 8.) Council Trustee Seat – Consideration of submitted questionnaire: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Schummer, **FAIL**, to accept Jack Olson’s application for Village Trustee. Discussion followed. Ayes: Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer. Nays: Freese, Stokes.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Water & Light Board: March 8, 2022, meeting minutes presented for review.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: February 28, 2022, meeting minutes presented for review.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Garbage Committee: Feb. 14, 2022 minutes presented. Next meeting - 04/11/22 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: Next meeting is 04/13/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Management Committee: Next meeting is 04/14/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 4.) Ordinance Committee: March 3 & March 10 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 04/07/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary Immel.
- B.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Superintendent Blakely.
- C.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinkas.
- D.) Village Manager: Watkins gave a verbal report.

Public Comment: None.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: None needed.

Comments by Council Members: Comment heard from: Schummer.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Ayes: All.

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