

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2023 – 6:35 p.m. (Immediately followed Public Hearing)
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

Absent: Puckett.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk - Terese Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Kelly Heidbrier – Project Manager c2ae, John Bergman, Don Ratliff, Mel Uhlbeck, Angie Doughty, Rob Doughty.

Call to Order: President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., Pledge of Allegiance recited prior during Public Hearing.

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

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2023, regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: None.

Special Schedule Topics:

- A. Clean Water SRF Public Hearing Follow-Up
 - a.) 2023-04-17 CWSRF PH 1 Amendment: Resolution adopting the SRF Project Plan Phase 1 Proposed Amendment: Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2023-04-17 CWSRF PH 1 Amendment, a Resolution adopting a final project plan for Wastewater System improvements of NPS Pollution Control/Stormwater improvements and designing an authorized project representative. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
 - b.) 2023-04-17 CWSRF PH 2 Resolution Adopting the SRF Project Plan Phase 2 Amendment. Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2023-04-17 CWSRF PH 2. A Resolution adopting a final project plan for wastewater system improvements or NPS pollution control/stormwater improvements and designating an authorized project representative. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the March 18, 2023 – April 14, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$215,678.57. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Puckett.
- B.) **Bond Payments:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the 2015 Water Bond interest payment in the amount of \$57,311.29 Ayes: Freese, Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Puckett.
- C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 03/31/23 - \$13,555.80.
- D.) **Treasurer's Report:** March 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Update by Watkins.
- b.) **Drinking Water SRF 2024 Project:** Update by Watkins. Public Hearing set for May 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
- c.) **VON Storage Building (41 Lumber) Roof Replacement:** Update by Watkins. Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve \$68,500.00, to go towards the storage barn roof replacement. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- d.) **Downtown Tree Survey:** Update by Watkins.

- e.) NFD – Electric work: Update by Watkins.
- f.) W&L Apprentice: Update by Watkins.
- g.) Pentland Litigation: Update by Watkins.
- h.) Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting: None needed.

New Business:

- A.) Ordinance No. 56 - Sidewalk Cafes Adoption: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adopt Ordinance No. 56. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Absent: Puckett. Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, authorize the Village Manager to provide Timber Charlies with a Letter of Authorization for MDOT. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.
- B.) 2022 Audit – Auditors on site April 24-26: Update by Watkins.
- C.) Helen Street Sewer Line Repair: Update by Watkins.
- D.) DPW Working Superintendent – New FT position: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, allow the Village Manager to hire a full time DPW Superintendent. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Nays: Cameron. Absent: Puckett.
- E.) 2023 Truth in Taxation Hearing: A Hearing is scheduled for May 16th before the regular council meeting.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: No March meeting. Next meeting to be April 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
 - a.) Zoning Steering Committee –No March meeting. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: April 13th meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 05/04/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: April 12th meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 05/10/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary T. Immel.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: None.
- C.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Blakely.
- D.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinskas.
- E.) Village Manager: Verbal and written report by Watkins.

Public Comment: None.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: None needed.

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

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Village President