

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk - Terese Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Charles Medelis.

**Call to Order:** President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, CWSRF Phase 1 Amendment Public Hearing, as written. Ayes: All. Abstain: Puckett.

Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, CWSRF Phase 2 Amendment Public Hearing, as written. Ayes: All. Abstain: Puckett.

Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting. Ayes: All. Abstain: Puckett.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None.

**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 April 15, 2023 – May 12, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$191,452.27.

Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.

B.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 04/30/23 - \$13,568.07.

C.) **Treasurer's Report:** April 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

**Petitions and Communications:**

A.) Letter from Christine Rathje, TAS Newberry High School teacher, with a request for time on June Agenda.

B.) Letter from Judith Panula regarding plowing and blight.

**Unfinished Business:**

a.) **2022 Audit:** Update by Watkins.

b.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Update by Watkins.

c.) **Drinking Water SRF 2024 Project:** Update by Watkins. Public Hearing set for May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., with a Special Session to follow.

d.) **Downtown Tree Survey:** Update by Watkins.

e.) **W&L Apprentice:** Update by Watkins. An apprentice has been hired.

f.) **Pentland Litigation:** Update by Watkins.

g.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None needed.

**New Business:**

A.) **2023 Tax Rates – Truth in Taxation Hearing Follow-Up:**

1.) **2023 Tax Roll Authorization:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, The Village Council authorizes the Village Treasurer to spread the 2023 Tax Roll based on the Taxable Value of \$19,152,734.00 as determined by the McMillan Township Assessor. Such tax to be levied with 11.1038 mills for general operation purposes and 4.4413 mills for streets and alleys and 1.3776 mills for trash (disposal/collection) and 1.9691 mills for residential fire protection for a total millage of 18.8918. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.

- 2.) Tax Roll Fees, Penalties, and Dates: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, The Village Council authorizes collection of taxes for 2023 beginning July 1, 2023 and continuing through February 28, 2024. The Village Council authorizes the addition of a 1% administrative fee (\$1.00 Minimum) due July 1, 2023. After September 14, 2023, the Village Council authorizes the addition of a 1% administrative fee (\$1.00 Minimum) and 3% penalty (\$2.00 Minimum), plus 1% interest per month to the Village Treasurer until tax is paid. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- 3.) 2023 L-4029 Tax Rate Request: Moved by Freese, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to accept the 2023 L-4029 Tax Rate request as presented. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.

**Reports of Boards:**

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

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: May 11, 2023, meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 06/01/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: Did not meet. Next meeting is 06/14/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Reports of Village Officers & Management:**

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary T. Immel.
- B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Verbal report by Watkins.
- C.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Blakely.
- D.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinkas.
- 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: Schummer, Cameron, Puckett, Stokes.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Ayes: All.

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

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Terese Schummer, Clerk

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Catherine Freese, Village President