

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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, Liz Magnuson.

Call to Order: President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Freese, support by Oson, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the August 15, 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 Puckett, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the August 12, 2023 – September 15, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$267,138.61. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 08/31/23 - \$15,793.26.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** August 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

Petitions and Communications:

- A.) Yooper Youth – Letter of Request for 501c3 Resolution.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Final contract approval. Bond is final – reimbursement requests can begin. Update by Watkins.
- b.) **Drinking Water SRF 2024 Application:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **PEW System Upgrade at WWTP:** Update by Watkins.
- d.) **Helen Street Sewer Repair – Road Rehabilitation:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **Fire Department:** Michigan State Fire Equipment Grant. Update by Watkins.
- f.) **Tire Recycling Event:** Event will be held from 8:30 – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday September 23. Only open to Village residents. 10 tires allowed per household.
- g.) **Electronics Recycling Event:** Event will be held October 21, 2023. This event is open to all.
- h.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None needed.

New Business:

- A.) **Resolution 2023-09-19 YOUTH:** Liz Magnuson gave a presentation about the mission of Yooper Youth. Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2023-09-19 YOUTH, a resolution recognizing Yooper Youth as a 501c3. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Stokes. Abstain: Schummer.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) **Planning Commission Meeting:** No August meeting. Next meeting to be September 25 @ 6:00 p.m..
 - a.) Zoning Steering Committee – Meetings were held August 28 and September 14. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) **Ordinance Committee:** Did not meet. Next meeting is 10/04/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) **Infrastructure Committee:** Did not meet. Next meeting is 10/11/2023 @ 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.) Working Superintendent of DPW: Written report submitted by Hollingshead.
- D.) Superintendent of WWTP: Written report submitted by Blakely.
- E.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinskas.
- F.) Village Manager: Verbal and written report by Watkins.

Public Comment: Comments heard from J. Puckett and T. Schummer.

Assignment of Public Comment Response: Response assigned to Watkins and Freese.

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

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Cameron, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
Ayes: All.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Village President