

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

Present: Village President Pro Tempore – Stokes. Trustees: Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer. Absent: Freese.

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

Call to Order: President Pro Tempore Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with two additions. Ayes: All. Absent: Freese.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled until next meeting.

Village President's Announcements: None.

Special Schedule Topics: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Stokes, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the September 16, 2023 – October 13, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$333,639.38. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer. Absent: Freese.
- B.) **Bond Payments Due in October & November:** Moved by Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve paying the 2003 Electric Bond in the amount of \$71,793.75 and the 2014 Water Bond in the amount of \$175,554.41, for a total of \$247,348.16. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer. Absent: Freese.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** September 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.
- D.) accepted the report as presented.
- E.) **Christmas Light Fund:** As of 09/30/23 - \$16,548.62.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** First Draw reimbursement received - \$164,557.00. Line cleaning and protruding lateral removal began October 9. Lining should begin by October 30. Update by Watkins.
- b.) **Downtown Tree Removal:** Moved by Puckett, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the removal of downtown trees this fall. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Freese.
- c.) **Obligation ARP Funds to Water Fund - \$22,256.44:** Moved by Hendrickson, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve obligating ARP Funds to the Water Fund in the amount of \$22,256.44. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Absent: Freese.
- d.) **Helen Street Sewer Repair – Road Rehabilitation:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **Tire Recycling Event:** 220 tires collected for recycling.
- f.) **Electronics Recycling Event:** Event will be held October 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is open to all.
- g.) **Brush & Leaf Pick Up:** Begins on October 23rd.
- h.) **GFL Curbside Bulk Item Pick Up:** Scheduled for October 23rd. Pick up is for GFL customers only and 3 bulk items will be accepted.
- i.) **Village Bulk Item Clean up event:** This event is for Village residents on October 28th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dumpsters for items will be located in the fenced area behind the old 41 Lumber building.
- j.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** Response for Jeff Puckett was given in person on Oct. 4th.
- k.) **Mediation with Pentland Twp:** Mediation is Friday Oct. 20.

- 1.) W&L Truck: Moved by Olson, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, give permission to pursue spending the money budgeted for a new W&L truck, not to exceed \$39,000. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer. Absent: Freese.

New Business:

- A.) 2024 Sewer Rate Increase per 2022-11-15 SEWER RATE Resolution: Moved by Stokes, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to allow rate for sewer usage to increase .75, beginning in January 2024. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer. Absent: Freese.
- B.) Christmas Banner on M123: Moved by Olson, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to have the Village Manager proceed with the possibility of Holiday banners across M123.
- C.) 2025CWSRF & DWSRF Intent to Apply for Funds: discussion by Watkins.
- D.) Trick or Treating: In the Village Trick or Treating will be on October 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: No September meeting. Next meeting to be October 30 @ 6:00 p.m.
 - a.) Zoning Steering Committee – Did not meet. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: October 5th meeting minutes were presented. Next meeting is 11/02/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: October 11 meeting minutes were presented. Next meeting is 11/08/2023 @ 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: None

Assignment of Public Comment Response: None.

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

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Stokes, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Freese.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Lori A Stokes, Village President Pro Tempore