

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 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.

**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 Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented, with correction of date. Ayes: All.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Freese, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023, regular meeting, with one spelling correction. Ayes: All. Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Ayes: All.

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

**Village President's Announcements:** Comment heard from President Freese.

**Special Schedule Topics:** None.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the October 14, 2023 – November 17, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$172,497.26. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Treasurer's Report:** October 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.
- C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 10/31/23 - \$17,162.47.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Update by Watkins. Project completed. Property purchase complete.
- b.) **2024 Sewer Rate Increase:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **Downtown Tree Removal:** Update by Watkins.
- d.) **Christmas Banner on M123:** Update by Watkins.
- e.) **Cloverland Partnership:** Update by Watkins.
- f.) **W&L Truck:** A 2022 Maverick was purchased. Update by Watkins.
- g.) **Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting:** None needed.

**New Business:**

- A.) **Ordinance 23A – Amendment of Parking Ordinance – Winter Parking Ban Hours 11 pm to 7 am:** Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve adoption of Ordinance 23A. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Resolution 2023-11-21 PA152:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2023-11-21 PA152, a resolution relating to Public Act 152 of 2011 – the Public Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- C.) **Anderson Tackman Contract:** Moved by Freese, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to approve a three-year contract extension. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Puckett, Schummer, Stokes.
- D.) **EUP Regional Planning and Development Board Appointment:** Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve Village Manager Watkins, renew her term to stay on the Board. Ayes: All.
- E.) **Committee Assignments:** Update by Freese.
- F.) **AFSCME Union Negotiations:** Update by Watkins.

G.) 2023 Clean Energy Legislation: Watkins Update.

H.) December Public Budget Hearing Date and Time: Scheduled for December 19, prior to regular Council meeting at 5:30.

**Reports of Boards:**

1.) Planning Commission Meeting: Minutes from the October 30 meeting presented. Next meeting TBD

a.) Zoning Steering Committee – Did not meet. Next meeting TBD.

**Committee Reports:**

1.) Ordinance Committee: November 9 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 12/06/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

2.) Infrastructure Committee: November 8 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 12/13/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

3.) Fire Committee: Next meeting set for 11/30/23 @ 10:30 a.m.

4.) Finance Committee: Next meeting is set for 12/07/23 @9:30 a.m.

**Reports of Village Officers & Management:**

A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary T. Immel.

B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted by Fossitt.

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 Kucinkas.

F.) 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, Olson, Stokes, Freese.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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