

Newberry Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2022 – 6:14 p.m. Immediately after Public Hearing  
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

**Present:** President Freese, Trustees: Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.

**Absent:** Village Manager – Watkins.

**Also Present:** Clerk – Schummer, Newberry News – Sterling McGinn, Brandy Marks, Marcy Berry, Jeffery Puckett, Patricia Smith, Corey Lenox, Jonathan Powers.

**Call to Order:** President Freese called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Completed during Public Hearing.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda with one correction. Ayes: All.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, April 19, 2022, Public Hearing, as written. Ayes: All. Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the, April 19, 2022 regular meeting, as written. Ayes: All.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Comment heard from: Jonathon Powers

**Village President's Announcements:** 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, 2022 – May 13, 2022 bills, in the amount of \$150,894.03. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- B.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 04/30/22 - \$13,316.81.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** April 2022 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

**Petitions and Communications:**

- 1.) Jack Olson – Email regarding AT&T pole rental.
- 2.) Jeff Puckett – Pre-Appointment Questionnaire for Village Council.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- 1.) Ordinance 53 Amendment: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adopt the Ordinance 53 amendment. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1.) **Emergency Generators for Wells & W&L Building:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the purchase of emergency generators for wells and W&L building in the amount of \$122,284.41, with the possibility of an additional \$30,000.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Schummer, Stokes.
- 2.) **Downtown Tree Removal:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to have the Village Manager put out for bid the downtown tree removal and stump grinding project. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 3.) **2021 Audit:** Update by Freese.
- 4.) **2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project – Phase 1 Wastewater Improvements:** Final project plan submitted. Update by Freese.
- 5.) **Solid Waste Program:** Update by Freese.
- 6.) **2023 USDA Rural Development Application for 2023 Water Project:** Update by Freese.
- 7.) **2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project – Lead Service Line Replacement:** Update by Freese. There will be a Public Hearing on the Project Plan on June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Project total cost projected to be \$2,675,260.00.
- 8.) **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Water Related Infrastructure (WRI):** Update by Freese.
- 9.) **Pole Study/Inventory:** Update by Freese.
- 10.) **Pentland Township:** Update by Freese.
- 11.) **Cloverland Electric Generator Partnership:** Update by Freese.

- 12.) Water & Light Board: Update by Freese.
- 13.) Planning Commission Vacancy & Zoning Steering Committee: Update by Freese.
- 14.) Open Council Seats: Update by Freese.
- 15.) Public Comment Follow-Up from previous meeting: Freese responded to the question by Brandy Marks regarding amending Ordinance 13.

**New Business:**

- 1.) 2022 Tax Rate Request – Truth in Taxation Hearing Follow-up:  
Tax Roll Authorization - Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, The Village Council authorizes the Village Treasurer to spread the 2022 Tax Roll based on the Taxable Value of \$17,936,669.00 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, Schummer, Stokes.  
Tax Roll Fees, Penalties, and Dates - Moved Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, The Village Council authorizes collection of taxes for 2022 beginning July 1, 2022 and continuing through February 28, 2023. The Village Council authorizes the addition of a 1% administrative fee (\$1.00 minimum) due July 1, 2022. After September 14, 2022, 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, Schummer, Stokes.  
2022 L-4029 Tax Rate Request – Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the 2022 L-4029 Tax Rate Request. Ayes: All.
- 2.) Fire Service Millage Renewal: Update by Freese.
- 3.) MDOT Performance Resolution: Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adopt the MDOT Performance Resolution for Municipalities. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 4.) Sidewalk Repair Program: Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve the Sidewalk Repair Program. Discussion followed. Ayes: All.
- 5.) MISO – Possible Brownout Requests: Presented by Freese. No action needed at this time.
- 6.) Possible Council Trustee Seat Appointment: Moved by Schummer, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to accept the nomination of Jeff Puckett for a Village Council seat. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Jeff Puckett was administered the Oath of Office by Village Clerk Schummer.

**Reports of Boards:**

- 1.) Water & Light Board: No May meeting due to lack of quorum.
- 2.) Planning Commission Meeting: April 25, 2022, meeting was held. There is an extended timeframe for applying for the Steering Committee.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Garbage Committee: May 9, 2022 minutes presented. Next meeting - 06/15/22 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2.) Infrastructure Committee: May 11, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 06/08/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3.) Management Committee: Did not meet in May. Next meeting is 06/09/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 4.) Ordinance Committee: May 5, 2022 meeting minutes presented. Next meeting is 06/02/2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Reports of Village Officers & Management:**

- A.) Fire Chief: Written report submitted by Secretary Immel.
- B.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW: Written report submitted by Superintendent Blakely.
- C.) Working Superintendent of Water & Light: Written report submitted by Working Superintendent Kucinskas.
- D.) Village Manager: Written report submitted by Watkins.

**Public Comment:** Comments heard from Corey Lennox, Jonathan Powers, Brandy Marks, and Marcy Berry.

**Assignment of Public Comment Response:** Freese will respond to questions.

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

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Puckett, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 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