

Newberry Village Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 307 E. McMillan

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

Absent: Puckett.

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023, regular meeting, with the following correction: Under Unfinished Business #e) read: \$91,600.00 to Rahilly Concrete. Now reads - \$9,240, to Rahilly Concrete. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: None.

Special Schedule Topics: 2022 Audit Presentation by Ken Talsma of Anderson Tackman. The presentation was followed by a discussion.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Village of Newberry Monthly Bills:** Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the July 15, 2023 – August 11, 2023, bills, in the amount of \$134,457.36. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- B.) **Bond Payment:** Pay 2005 Water bond in the amount of \$80,918.75, the 2009 Water bond in the amount of 10,032.50, and the 2014 Sewer bond in the amount of \$213,625.00, for a total of \$304,576.25. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- C.) **Treasurer's Report:** July 2023 report – N. Moulton submitted a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.
- D.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 07/31/23 - \$15,397.76.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **2022 Audit:** Presentation earlier in the meeting.
- b.) **Clean Water SRF 2023 Project:** Update by Watkins.
- c.) **Drinking Water SRF 2024 Application:** Update by Watkins.
- d.) **Helen Street Sewer Repair – Road Rehabilitation:** Moved by Cameron, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve sole source procurement for Norris Construction not to exceed \$50,000. Discussion Followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.
- e.) **Fire Department:**
 - a.) Columbus Township Mutual Aid Agreement: Update by Watkins.
 - b.) Graymont Mine Community Grant: Update by Watkins.
- f.) **Pentland Litigation:** Update by Watkins.
- g.) **Tire Recycling Event:** Event will be held September 23.
- h.) **Electronics Recycling Event:** Date and information pending.
- i.) **Public Comment Follow-Up:** Questions posed by Mike Huffman and Jeff Puckett were addressed by Watkins.

New Business:

- A.) **ORD 30 – Adoption of revised Purchasing Ordinance:** Moved by Freese, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve adoption of Ordinance 30, Purchasing and Contracting. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer. Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

- B.) Bid Review PEW System Upgrade at WWTP: Moved by Freese, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve working with Crane Engineering Sales, Inc., for the PEW, not to exceed \$50,000.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: Freese, Cameron, Hendrickson, Olson, Schummer, Stokes. Absent: Puckett.

Reports of Boards:

- 1.) Planning Commission Meeting: Did not meet. Next meeting set for August 28, at 6:00 p.m.
a. Zoning Steering Committee – Did not meet. Next meeting to be determined.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Ordinance Committee: Meeting minutes from 8/2/23 were presented. Next meeting is 09/06/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
2.) Infrastructure Committee: Meeting minutes from 8/10/23 were presented. Next meeting is 09/13/2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

- A.) Fire Chief: None
B.) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: None.
C.) Working Superintendent DPW: Written report submitted by Hollingshead.
D.) Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plan: 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, Olson, Cameron, Stokes, Hendrickson, Freese.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Cameron, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Puckett.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Catherine Freese, Village President