

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Location of meeting: 307 E, McMillan Ave. Newberry, MI  
October 12, 2021

**Present:** Board members: Olson, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk –Schummer.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Stokes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda as presented.  
Ayes: All.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Vincent, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2021, W&L meeting as presented. Ayes: All.

**Water and Light Chairperson Announcements:** None.

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

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

- A.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – September 11 to October 8, 2021:** - Motion by Vincent, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the September 11 to October 8, 2021, Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$239,657.51. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.  
Motion by Vincent, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the September 11 to October 8, 2021, Water Fund bill in the amount of \$8,791.10. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.  
Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to pay the 2014 Water Bond payment of \$173,765.66, payment due by Nov. 1, 2021. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.

- B.) **Christmas Light Fund** – as of 09/31/2021 - \$19,975.53.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:** None.

**Reports of Village Management:**

- 1.) **Superintendent of Water and Light:** W&L Superintendent Dan Kucinkas submitted a written report and charts.
- 2.) **Village Manager:** Watkins gave a verbal report.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1.) **Water & Light Board Seats:** There have been no letters of interest submitted for the current open seat. Larry Vincent will not seek being reappointed to the Board as a result there will be two open seats.
- 2.) **2021 Water Rate Changes:** Watkins gave an update on the Water Rate Study. Discussion followed.
- 3.) **Pole Study Proposal:** Watkins gave an update. Discussion followed.
- 4.) **Public Comment Follow-up from Previous Meeting:** None.

**New Business:**

- 1.) **Water & Light Board Chair:** Motion by Hendrickson, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to have Lori Stokes continue as Water & Light Chairperson. Ayes: Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent. Stokes recused herself from the vote.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Comments by Board Members:** None.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.  
Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.

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

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Terese Schummer, Clerk

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Lori A. Stokes, Chairperson