

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2020
Electronic Public Meeting – Due to COVID-19 Virus
***NOTE – All votes were done by Roll Call Vote**

Present: Board members: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt.

Absent: Hardenbrook.

Also Present: Clerk -Schummer, Interim Village Manager – Watkins, Working W&L Superintendent – Kucinkas, Lori Stokes.

Call to Order: Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., using Zoom audio teleconferencing, permitted by Executive Order 2020-15, which temporarily authorizes remote participation in public meetings and hearings.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Freese, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda with one addition. Under New Business #2: Opening up position of Water & Light Chairperson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Freese, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2020 W&L meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.

Water and Light Chairperson Announcements: Vincent gave his reasons for stepping down as chairman for W&L.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – July 11 t August 7 -** Motion by Schnorr, support by Wendt, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the July Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$91,161.88. Discussion followed. Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook. Motion by Wendt, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the July 2020 Water Fund bill in the amount of \$4,066.01 Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- B.) **Bond Payments due September 1, 2020 – paid as electronic disbursement:** Moved by Freese, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to pay the 2009 water bond payment of \$10,341.87. Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook. Moved by Schnorr, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to pay the 2005 water bond payment of \$78,435.00. Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- C.) **Christmas Light Fund** – Fund amount is \$13,703.50 as of 7/31/2020

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 was present via Zoom to answer questions and also submitted a written report and charts. Discussion followed.
- 2.) **Interim Village Manager:** Watkins gave a verbal report as well as submitting a written report, which included the following: 2019 Audit update, Lineman departure, Water operator in charge, Water test, Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) **Update on preparation for Water Rate Study:** Watkins gave an update.
- 2.) **Review Utility Limbing Bid documents for recommendation to council:** Moved by Freese, support by Wendt, **CARRIED**, to recommend to Council to accept the only utility limbing bid received, which was from Trees LLC, in the amount of \$65,665.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.
- 3.) **EA amount for July – December:** For review. Monthly applied rate to be \$0.112430.

New Business:

- 1.) **EGLE Water Supply Compliance Communication:** Letter received 8/3/20 from EAGL was presented for review.
- 2.) **Open W&L Chairperson position:** Vincent is stepping down as W&L Chairperson. Moved by Schnorr, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to nominate Wendt as Chairperson from the September 2020 meeting until the October 2020 meeting. Discussion followed. Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr. Abstain: Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.

Public Comment: Comment heard from Stokes.

Comments By Board Members: None.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Wendt, support by Schnorr, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 6:44 p.m. Ayes: Vincent, Freese, Schnorr, Wendt. Absent: Hardenbrook.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Lawrence Vincent, Chairperson