

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Village of Newburg Board of Trustees
April 11, 2019, 7:00 P.M., Village Hall

Call of the regular meeting of the Village of Newburg Board of Trustees to order. All Board members were present: President Strohmeier, Trustees Burkard, DeLuka, Stockhausen, Cording, Marquardt, and Chesak. Also in attendance Village Administrator/Clerk Goeckner, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Brynwood, Police Chief Foeger and Attorney Prust.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the Village Board Meeting of March 14, 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Marquardt to approve the minutes pending any additions or corrections, seconded by Trustee DeLuka. Motion passed 7 – 0.

PUBLIC FORUM

The public forum was opened at 7:02. Resident Bill Sackett, 832 W. Main St., thanked outgoing Board President Strohmeier and Trustee Cording for their service to the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Cording to close the public forum at 7:03, seconded by Trustee Marquardt. Motion passed 7 – 0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The bills were presented as follows: General Fund accounts payable \$41,026.57 and payroll \$18,202.59; Sanitary payroll \$5,274.45 and accounts payable \$9,731.46. A motion was made by Trustee DeLuka to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Marquardt. Motion passed 7 – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve appointment of new DPW Superintendent. Trustee Cording recommends the hiring of Doug Neumann as the new DPW Superintendent. Trustee Chesak questioned the role/responsibilities of Mr. Neumann and if he will be a hands on or working behind a desk. Chesak does not feel the Village can afford this position. Reviewed were the reasons for this hire and individual considered. The motion to hire Doug Neumann as DPW Superintendent was made by Trustee Cording, seconded by Trustee DeLuka. Motion passed 6 - 1 (Trustee Chesak voted no).
2. Announce April 2 Spring Election results. Goeckner announced the results of the election with Rena Chesak elected as Board President, and Amy Marquardt, Dave DeLuka and Sarah Beimborn as Trustees. They take office upon taking their oath on or after April 16th.

3. Approval of a proposal from Frank Gillitzer Electric Co., Ltd. For a new generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Trustee DeLuka to accept the low bid from Gillitzer Electric for a generator for the waste water and maintenance buildings, seconded by President Strohmeyer. Motion passed 7 – 0.
4. Approval of a quote from Sabel Mechanical for a new Shaft Mounted Drive and bushing at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Trustee DeLuka to approve the Sabel Mechanical quote as presented, seconded by Trustee Cording. Motion passed 7 – 0.
5. Affirmation of March 16, 2019 Disaster Emergency Declaration due to flooding of Village's Sanitary system. Goeckner noted the need to affirm the disaster declaration. This will qualify the village for disaster aid. A motion was made by Trustee DeLuka to affirm the emergency declaration, seconded by Trustee Cording. Motion passed 7 – 0.
6. Request for answers to ethics complaint questions. Attorney Prust addressed the questions presented: 1) the letter from DA states that he will not pursue charges on the matter at this time, the second complaint was not filed by the Village but was filed by Trustee Cording; 2) the Village has had an Ethics Code in the Personnel Policy for some time which all Board members sign and was adopted by the Board with authorization given by State Statutes; 3) the members of the Ethics Commission are paid 420 for each meeting attended; 4) \$199 per hour (note: the correct amount is \$195; 5) the total cost of Ethics Commission per month depends on what is happening; 6) the Code of Ethics applies to all elected officials. There were continued questions as to why this complaint is proceeding. It was noted by Trustee Cording that he wants Ms. Chesak to follow the rules.
7. Request for explanation as to how items are placed on Village agendas. Goeckner noted three ways items are added to the agenda in Newburg: 1) a Board member submits item in writing to Clerk, 2) Clerk is required by Statute/Code/procedure to add an item, or 3) a member of the public can by giving it to a Board member who then submits it to the Clerk in writing. It was noted that the week prior to a meeting all Board members are sent an email requesting items for the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/STAFF REPORT

Trustee Chesak – nothing to report.

Trustee Marquardt – the Board needs to think about filling the Trustee spot and the appointment of Trustees as Chairs to the various committees and commissions.

Trustee Cording – thanked Board for the years he has served the Village and wanted to remind them that they are here for the good of all the people in the Village.

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Brynwood – nothing to report.

Administrator/Clerk Goeckner – noted that the Village of Newburg qualifies for the State’s Expenditure Restraint Program this year based on this year’s budget being approximately \$59,000 lower than the 2018 budget, next the State will verify if the Village is eligible for this program; he attended a Roadway Transportation meeting recently where it was noted that the EPA is coming down hard on the State of Wisconsin and municipalities for over use of salt on roadways, with this said the Village may have to cut back on usage of salt; he also noted the closing of the bridge across Highway M starting in January of 2020, some traffic will be detoured during the closing thru Newburg; he also received a questionnaire from the Counties requesting the use of elected officials personal phone numbers and/or addresses, if used the Board member must sign off allowing such use.

Trustee Stockhausen – inquired as to the process the Village uses to communicate with our State Representatives on matter involving local government and legislation proposed by Governor Evers as to funding, Goeckner noted his contact with Legislators on an occasional basis and encouragement of Boards to do so as well; she also noted her finding a Facebook page labeled the Newburg Watchdog Group which she feels could be very beneficial to the village residents, its purpose is to watch the village’s wasteful spending, she feels it could be a great platform opportunity however she does have concerns about false information on the site.

Trustee DeLuka – reported on current work at the waste treatment plant and ongoing required training.

Trustee Burkard – presented to the Board a memo in regards to the Community Center Coffee held on the 4th Saturday of each month, she is looking for volunteers to help host the event.

Attorney Prust – nothing to report

Police Chief Foeger – announce the offer for the Captains position to Officer Justin Jilling.

DPW Superintendent Neumann – thanked Board for opportunity.

President Strohmeyer – thanked Bill Cording for his years of service to the Village; congratulated the newly elected Board member; thanked everyone for the opportunity she was given to serve Newburg

LICENSE APPLICATION

Approval/Denial of Operator License for Angela L. Ambroziak, Teresa M. Chesak, Andrew F. Lyneis, Carissa L. Kunda, and Hollen L. Vogel. Police Chief Foeger presented a letter of recommendation for the approval of an Operator License for the above listed applicants. Trustee Marquardt made a motion to approve the Operator’s Licenses for Ambroziak, Chesak, Lyneis, Kunda and Hollen, seconded by Trustee Cording. Motion passed 7 - 0.

REMINDERS

Congressman Sensenbrenner office hours - April 18 9:00 A.M.

Open Book – April 22 at 12:00 to 2:00 P.M., Board of Review – May 13 at 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Marquardt, seconded by Trustee Stockhausen, to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:43 P.M. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Rick J Goeckner

Village Administrator/Clerk