

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2021
Electronic Public Meeting – Due to COVID-19 Virus
***NOTE – All votes were done by Roll Call Vote**

Present: Board members: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent. All members called in via ZOOM, from Newberry, MI.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk –Schummer - via Zoom – All called in from Newberry, MI.

Call to Order: Chairperson Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Stokes, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda as presented.
Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Stokes, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2021 W&L meeting as presented. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Water and Light Chairperson Announcements: None.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

- A.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – February 6 to March 5, 2021:** - Motion by Vincent, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the February 6 to March 5, 2021, Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$97,476.63. Discussion followed. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent. Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the February 6 to March 5, 2021 Water Fund bill in the amount of \$2,953.95. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.
- B.) **Bond Payment:** Moved by Stokes, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to disburse the funds to the USDA for the 2005 and 2009 Water Bond payments in the total amount of \$43,869.35. Discussion followed. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.
- C.) **Christmas Light Fund** – Fund balance as of 02/28/21 - \$15,394.16.

Petitions and Communications:

- 1.) **Resignation from Water & Light Board – Michael Schnorr:** Moved by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to accept the resignation of Michael Schnorr. Discussion followed. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

Reports of Village Management:

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

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) **Water & Light Rules and Procedures Draft Review:** Moved by Stokes, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to approve the changes made to the Water and Light Rules and Procedures draft. Discussion followed. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

- 2.) 2021 Water Rate Changes: Watkins presented information.
 - a.) Review of Water Bond Requirements: Watkins discussed and presented spread sheets regarding the Village bonds.
- 3.) Fairbanks Generator Update: Watkins gave an update. Inspection crew was here and confirmed engine block has been compromised. We are waiting for the official report to determine what it will cost to repair it.
- 4.) Public Comment Follow-up from Previous Meeting: None.

New Business:

- 1.) Vacant W&L Board Position Posting: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to post the Water & Light Board vacancy, who must be a customer and a resident of the Village. Discussion followed.
Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Public Comment: None.

Comments By Board Members: Comments heard from: Stokes and Wendt.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Stokes, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 7:17 p.m.
Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Kirby Wendt, Chairperson