

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2021

*All votes were done by roll call vote

Present: Board members: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager – Watkins, Clerk –Schummer, member of the public – Robert Lieberman, via ZOOM.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wendt at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda with the addition of a CMS Energy invoice - Added to #8 - Submission of Bills. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Vincent, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes for the April 13, 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 – April 10 to May 7, 2021: - Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the April 10 to May 6, 2021, Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$30,704.72. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent. Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay CMS Energy, invoice #10423, dated May 10, 2021, in the amount of \$59,697.52. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent. Motion by Vincent, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the April 10 to May 7, 2021 Water Fund bill in the amount of \$9,564.28. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.
- B.) Christmas Light Fund – Unavailable.

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 Kucinskas submitted a written report and charts.
- 2.) Village Manager: Watkins gave a verbal report.

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) Vacant Water & Light Board Position: There have been no letters of interest submitted. Will continue to advertise.
- 2.) 2021 Water Rate Changes: Watkins gave an update on the Water Rate Study.
- 3.) Fairbanks Generator Update: Watkins gave an update.
- 4.) MI Clean Water DWAM Grant Application Update: Watkins advised that the Village will not get the grant due to our water system being in good condition.
- 5.) Capital Improvement Plan Draft: Reviewed and discussed.
- 6.) Public Comment Follow-up from Previous Meeting: None.

New Business:

- 1.) Tahquamenon Area Credit Union Letter: In a letter dated April 12, 2021, TACU advised the Village TACU would no longer be a pay station for Village utility payments. Discussion followed.

2.) UPEA Engineers: Moved by Stokes, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to recommend the Village Council have a presentation by UPEA Engineering regarding our lead/copper pipes. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Vincent.

Public Comment: None.

Comments By Board Members: Comment heard from: Stokes, Hendrickson, Wendt.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Stokes, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 6:52 p.m. Ayes: Wendt, Hendrickson, Stokes, Wendt.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Kirby Wendt, Chairperson