

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location of meeting: 307 E, McMillan Ave. Newberry, MI
September 14, 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 Olson, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hendrickson, support by Vincent, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes for the August 10, 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 – August 7 to September 10, 2021:** - Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the August 7 to September 10, 2021, Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$90,146.25. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent. Motion by Vincent, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to recommend Village Council pay the August 7 to September 10, 2021, Water Fund bill in the amount of \$5,922.54. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.
- B.) **Christmas Light Fund** – as of 08/31/2021 - \$19,083.03.

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.) **Vacant Water & Light Board Non-Elector 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. Fairbanks Morse invoice #11463 was presented to the Board for review.
- 4.) **Pole Study Proposal:** Motion by Vincent, support by Hendrickson, **CARRIED**, to recommend to Council to award the Pole Study contract to Peninsula Environmental Group, Inc., as recommended by Glenn Keates of CTC Engineering, in the amount of \$127,672.00. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.
- 5.) **Public Comment Follow-up from Previous Meeting:** None.

New Business:

- 1.) **Emergency Generators:** A discussion regarding placing generators at wells 6 & 7 and at the W&L Building was held.
- 2.) **UPEA Proposal for USDA Funding Application Assistance:** Motion by Hendrickson, support by Olson, **CARRIED**, to recommend Council approve the agreement presented by UPEA. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson, Vincent.

Vincent leaves meeting at 6:42 p.m.

- 3.) AT&T Pole Rental: Motion by Olson, support by Hendrickson, **FAIL**, that the pole rental issue be resolved within 30-days. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Olson. Nays: Hendrickson.
- 4.) W&L Board Seat expiring in October: The Board seat held by Vincent will expire in Oct.
- 5.) Water & Light Board: Possible reorganization discussed. No action taken.

Public Comment: None.

Comments by Board Members: None.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Hendrickson, support by Stokes, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 7:03 p.m.
Ayes: Stokes, Hendrickson, Olson.

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

Terese Schummer, Clerk

Lori A. Stokes, Chairperson