

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Village of Newburg Board of Trustees
November 13, 2014

The meeting of the Village of Newburg Board of Trustees for Thursday, November 13, 2014, was called to order by President Sackett at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken with all present, except Trustee Camlin who was excused. A motion was made by Trustee Beimborn and seconded by Trustee Wollner to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 23, 2014, motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed 2015 General and Sanitary Fund Budgets and Tax Levy – a motion was made by Trustee Wollner and seconded by Trustee Beimborn to open the public hearing at 7:02 P.M, passed 6-0. Village Administrator/Clerk Goeckner reviewed with the Board and public the proposed budgets. Specifically noted were all line items whose variance of + or – was greater than \$2,000 and why the difference. Subtracting the previous year's proposed grant and borrowing, revenues are projected to increase approximately \$35,000. Some new items in expenditure requested are the codification of the Village ordinances, a new server, and election equipment. Goeckner informed the Board that the server needs replaced immediately after the first of the year and should there be any additional problems with it in the next 2 months, it will have to be done sooner than that. The recommended increase in the debt levy to \$149,106 is 10% of the base property tax of \$426,015. Even with this increase the average overall tax bill in Newburg should decrease by just under \$50. This debt levy increase still does not meet the amount paid annual on the debt issued 5+ years ago. The Sanitary budget reflects expenses over income by \$15,000 however the budget includes an operating transfer to the replacement account of \$22,500. There were neither public comments nor objections by the Village Board. A motion was made by Trustee Beimborn and seconded by Trustee Huebner to close the public hearing at 7:26 P.M, motion passed 6-0.

Consideration of Amendments to the Village Wastewater Treatment Impact Fees – a motion was made by Trustee Wollner and seconded by Trustee Strohmeier to open the public hearing at 7:27 P.M, passed 6-0. Goeckner reviewed the need to expand the life to extend the sanitary impact fees collected by three years. This will however not stop the need to return a portion of the fees collected that will not be used as allowed by law prior to the ten years deadline after they were collected. The amount to be returned if approved is \$43,210.44. This includes a prorated amount to be given back to the owners of three condo units whose fees were all collected on the same day yet the remaining balance to be refunded will not allow a full refund just a small portion of approximately 35%. Also if approved later tonight, the refund will be distributed to the owner on record as to today. There were neither public comments nor objections by the Village Board. A motion was made by Trustee Strohmeier and seconded by Trustee Chesak to close the public hearing at 7:34 P.M, motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

President Sackett opened the public forum. There were no comments made. A motion was made by Trustee Beimborn and seconded by Trustee Huebner to close the public forum at 7:35 P.M, motion passed 6-0.

BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Chesak, seconded by Trustee Wollner to pay the bills totaled as follows: General Fund payroll \$14,849.69, expenses \$46,221.30; Sanitary Fund payroll \$2,396.60, expenses \$11,006.59, motion passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on changing the Village code regulating chickens in the village – discussion was held as to whether chickens would be allowed. President Sackett noted that should they be, there would have to be numerous regulations and restrictions enclosed. A motion was made by Trustee Chesak, seconded by President Sackett to not allow chickens in the village, motion passed 5-1 (Trustee Strohmeyer voted against). There was discussion on grandfathering in chickens currently kept in the village; no decision was made on such.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on passing Resolution No. 09-2014, a Resolution adopting the 2015 Village of Newburg Budgets and Tax Levy – a motion was made by Trustee Beimborn, seconded by Trustee Chesak to pass Resolution No. 09-2014, motion passed 6-0.
2. Discussion and possible action to confirm the hiring of a new Treasurer/Deputy Clerk with an agreed upon benefit package – a motion was made by Trustee Beimborn, seconded by Trustee Strohmeyer to confirm the hiring of Nancy Brunner as Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk effective November 24, 2014 (with a start date as an employee of November 17) as a salaried non-exempt employee with a starting salary of \$34,329.90 and an increase to \$37,502.82 as of January 1, 2015; to allow Ms. Brunner three weeks vacation time off beginning January 1, 2015; to reimburse her for health insurance costs up to 75% or a \$7,500 maximum for single coverage or up to 75% or a \$18,500 maximum for family coverage; to provide her, as well to all WRS participating employees, the Basic Group Life Insurance Plan with the Village paying the premiums at the 50% retirement conversion rate including additional, family, and supplemental life insurance to employees with the employee paying these premiums, motion passed 6-0.
3. Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance No. 10-2014, an Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 13.05(5)(b) of the Municipal Code (Wastewater Treatment Impact Fees) – a motion was made by Trustee Wollner, seconded by Trustee Huebner to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2014, motion passed 6-0.
4. Discussion and possible action on approval to refund expired and unused Sanitary Impact Fees – a motion was made by Trustee Beimborn, seconded by Trustee Strohmeyer to refund the Sanitary Impact Fees expiring at the end of the 10 year extension period to those owners of such properties as of November 13, 2014, motion passed 6-0.

5. Discussion and possible action on cancelling Village Board meetings of November 27 and December 25, 2014, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays – a motion was made by Trustee Wollner, seconded by Trustee Huebner to cancel the November 27 and December 25, 2014 Village Board meetings, motion passed 6-0.
6. Discussion and possible action to set Village policy in regards to employee health and life insurance – based on the recommendation of legal counsel Goeckner recommends the Village Board set a policy to not offer health insurance to its employee and to offer life insurance. It was noted the Board's earlier decision in tonight's meeting to help pay the cost of Ms. Brunner health insurance is a onetime exception. A change to Village policy will be presented at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Beimborn noted that the last test of the emergency siren failed. Trustee Chesak noted a minor issue with this year's bonfire with items disposed of for burning and lack of manpower to monitor. Administrator/Clerk Goeckner noted that the election for Village Trustee and Board President positions will take place next April 7th with a primary if need in February and that nomination papers for said offices can be circulated beginning December 1 – this material will be available the week prior; the probability of a special election for a replacement to Mr. Grothman's state seat could create 4 elections in a 4 month period; the auditors will be attending the December Board meeting to present the results of the 2013 financial audit; and noted a Christmas decoration contest for the businesses in Newburg of which the proceeds/donations will be given to the Newburg Lioness to be used at Holy Trinity and St John's giving trees for the children of our community.

LICENSE APPLICATION

Bartender's licenses: Jamie Davis, Amanda Jeske, Robert Banaszak, and Jessica Cribb. Police Chief Buege reviewed the license applications noted the first three were recommended for approval but not the fourth due to a recent ticket for illegal serving of alcohol and lying on the application in regards to this ticket. A motion was made by Trustee Beimborn, seconded by Trustee Strohmeyer to approve the bartenders licenses for Davis, Jeske and Banaszak, and deny the bartender license for Cribb, motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Chesak, seconded by Trustee Wollner to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:03 P.M, motion passed 6-0.

Rick J Goeckner
Village Administrator/Clerk