

Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting of the Village of Newburg Board of Trustees  
November 15, 2018, 7:00 P.M.  
Village Hall 620 W. Main Street

The Special Meeting of the Village of Newburg Board of Trustees on Thursday, November 15, 2018, was called to order by President Strohmeyer at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken with all Board Members present: Strohmeyer, Burkard, DeLuka (entered at 7:04), Stockhausen, Cording, Marquardt, and Chesak. Also in attendance: Administrator/Clerk Goeckner, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Brynwood, and Attorney Prust.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed 2019 Budget and Tax Levy.

President Strohmeyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. Mark Chesak, Chief of Newburg Fire Department, questioned why the fire contract amount was lowered from their settled contract price of \$43,836 to the budgeted amount of \$38,837. Administrator Goeckner noted the reduction was based on snow removal. He stated that three years ago the Village gave the Newburg Fire Department an extra \$7,500 for snow removal. This was done with the stipulation that upon renewal of next contract the Board be given a copy of invoices associated with the snow removal as well as a copy of the Fire Department's budget. Goeckner reduced the contract budget amount by \$5,000. Trustee Chesak questioned Fire Chief Chesak if anyone from the Village Board reached out to him to discuss this fire contract. Fire Chief Chesak responded no. Chief Chesak noted his inability to calculate the cost of snow removal for the past three years. President Strohmeyer stated there are other non-profits within the community that we do not pay them to plow their snow. She also reiterated the fact that the Village can no longer provide snow removal service to the Fire department since it is illegal and our insurance carrier does not allow such. Julie Gaglione, 6815 A Enge Dr., stated that is irrelevant - they save lives and they are volunteers. She suggested to take the money out of the employees pay. Chief Chesak stated that the Fire Department had been giving the Village a discount on the contract when we were providing snow removal. He also noted that they did not ask for the \$7,500 but only \$5,000. Fire Department representative Randy Roesler noted that when they replaced their last engine it was because the cost was going up by 6% per year. He also stated that they need to replace three trucks soon or their ISO rating will drop. Fire Chief Chesak informed the Board that the Fire Department does not keep a stock pile of money. They need to save money to be prepared to buy a new fire truck when needed. He said they will be incurring a cost of three quarter of a million dollars for the water supply because the village took the dam out. Also mentioned they have an ISO rating of 5, which saves each homeowner \$300-\$400 per year in insurance costs. President Strohmeyer noted that the Village needs to balance its budget, if not the Village will have to borrow money for operating. Fire Chief Chesak stated the Fire Department was cut by 11% and that cuts are needed elsewhere. Trustee Cording suggested that the Fire Department get in

touch with the State Legislators and tell them to get rid of the levy limits. David Geidel, 6790 Shady Lane, questioned if other areas in the budget go up substantially. Administrator Goeckner answered no, other than the debt issue for construction, the General Fund went down 8.5%. Curt Lewin, 619 W. Main Street, spoke in regards to the Village now having two police vehicles and the purchase of a wood chipper which will now need maintenance. He also stated that the money is not the villages but the residents. Fire Chief Chesak questioned if there is going to be any negotiation on the contract. Administrator Goeckner stated the Village Board needs to address what they can afford to balance the budget. Tony Gonzalez, 928 Spring Rd., questioned what is needed of Chief Chesak. Administrator Goeckner stated several requests were made for the Fire Department's budget and invoices for the last three years of snow removal. These have not been provided to the Village. Goeckner continued to state that the Village has not continued with negotiating the fire contract due to the lack of documents requested on several occasions. Gonzalez stated the village will never see their budget, they will only provide their 990C. Administrator Goeckner stated he has never been given a copy of their 990C. Walczyk stated they just received their 990C and will provide the Village a copy. Trustee Marquardt also noted the lack of paperwork as requested. Trustee Chesak questioned when there was discussion to lower the fire contract. She stated that she was not at such a meeting and questioned Goeckner's authority to make budget cuts. Trustee Burkard stated her objection to Trustee Chesak's comment "you guys" referring to all the Trustees participation in a side meeting since she, Burkard was not spoken to. Administrator Goeckner stated that Board members directed him, in one-on-one meetings, to balance the budget. Attorney Prust reviewed the Open Meetings law noting that board members can come directly to the Administrator to give him direction. He also pointed out that it is the Administrator's responsibility to set the budget and present to the Board for approval. President Strohmeier stated Goeckner went to each department requesting budget cuts. Trustee Chesak noted her disapproval of the budget process and the movement of budgeted line items. Trustee Chesak then questioned Fire Chief Chesak as to the way other departments calculate contract fees for fire protection. Chief Chesak reviewed the calculation in detail. Based on this, he felt the Newburg cost would be \$46,344. Chief Chesak stated that if there is not a signed contract their department would not have to legally respond to any fire within the Village. Trustee Cording responded that there are deadlines needed to be made in order to prepare tax bills and that the budget can be amended after continued negotiations with the Fire Department. It was also noted that there was never a value added to previous contracts for snow removal. Sarah Beimborn, 302 Hwy 33 E., questioned what is going to happen if the contract is not signed by the December 31, 2018. President Strohmeier stated that the information requested has not been provided. Brad Karnitz, 218 Concord Ct., stated the Fire Department will not provide the budget, only the 990C and that the Village has not requested it. Board members disagreed and stated yes they have requested it. Administrator Goeckner reminded everyone that this meeting was set to approve the budget not the fire contract. Attorney Prust reiterated that the approval of the fire contract is not on the agenda for approval tonight and should not be discussed. Mike Enright, 522 W. Main St., questioned how the Village can you approve a budget without the exact numbers. Administrator Goeckner reiterated that the budget needs to be approved at this time in order to meet state deadlines for taxes and that the budget

can be amended after discussion with the Fire Department. Trustee Cording made a motion to close public forum. Motion failed for a lack of a second. David Geidel made a suggestion for the Board to revise the budget for the Fire Department. Trustee Cording stated that this is the most people he has ever seen at a budget hearing and that the Board has been discussing the budget for the last four meetings. He requests that residents do not wait for the last minute to come and discuss issues. Trustee Stockhausen stated that Board will take Mr. Geidel's concerns into consideration. Paul White, 504 Steepleview Dr., questioned if this is the time to discuss the new building. Trustee Cording stated that talk of the need of a new building has been going on over the past six months. Attorney Prust noted that the debt on the tax levy is money that cannot be allocated for General Fund operating expenses. Chuck Beimborn, 6942 Shady Ln, questioned if there is a cheaper option for police protection, suggesting coverage by the County. President Strohmeyer stated the County will not provide coverage to the Village, they do not have the manpower. Trustee Cording noted that the Village would have to pay for the two different Counties for police protection. Trustee Marquardt questioned if the Fire Department can charge for clean-up at accident scenes for non-tax payers to produce more revenue. Chief Chesak stated yes, they charge for what they are allowed to. Resident Bill Sackett asked to clarify a previous comment made on the two Newburg squad cars parked in the Newburg Sportsman's Club recently. Mr. Sackett, who lives across the street from the Club, said he witnessed the event and it was a Washington County Sheriff and a Newburg Squad car. Mr. Roesler questioned when the budget could be amended. Administrator Goeckner explained that the budget could be amended at any time during the year. Gerry Seideman, 6887 Shady Lane, questioned why the Village needs two squad cars. President Strohmeyer noted that two squad cars are needed to help with the Fire Department Picnic. Also questioned was the budgeted line item within Parks for YMCA programming. Trustee Marquardt reviewed the need and noted that the new building being donated to the Village was made to be used as a community center. Discussed was the new budgeted billing charge for recycling. Attorney Prust discussed the legal standpoint of the Village being boxed in with regards to the levy limits and how it is governed by state law in a specific manner. Trustee Cording suggested a wheel tax be considered for additional revenue. Goeckner reminded everyone that the village's auditors suggested the Village consider borrowing money to pay its debt obligations. He was given a directive by the Board to balance the budget. President Strohmeyer made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:10 P.M., seconded by Trustee Cording. Motion passed 7-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

President Strohmeyer asked for a motion to move the Fire Protection portion of the budget out of the regular budget to be discussed separately. A motion was made by Trustee Marquardt to move Fire Protection expense out of the budget, seconded by Trustee Cording. Motion Passed 7-0.

President Strohmeyer stated the Board is now only discussing the fire protection portion of the budget on page 6. Trustee Stockhausen recused herself as well as Trustee Chesak. President Strohmeyer asked if there were any questions at his time. Trustee DeLuka questioned the project development budget amount which Goeckner explained.

President Strohmeier made a motion to approve the numbers of the fire protection as is which can be amended as needed, seconded by Trustee Cording. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Discussion and possible approval of Resolution No.19-2018, a Resolution Adopting the 2019 Village of Newburg General and Sanitary Fund Budgets and Tax Levy. Trustee Marquardt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-2018, a Resolution Adopting the 2019 Village of Newburg General and Sanitary Fund Budgets and Tax Levy, seconded by Trustee De Luka. Administrator Goeckner made a note that the approval is of the budget dated November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 time stamped 1:02 P.M. Motion Passed 6-1 with Trustee Chesak voting Nay
2. Discussion and possible approval of authorization for Village Administrator/Clerk to proceed with 2019 budgeted expenditures without further Board approval. Trustee Cording made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator/Clerk to proceed with 2019 budgeted expenditures without further board approval, seconded by Trustee Marquardt. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Discussion and possible approval of liquor and cigarette licenses for Casey's General Store #3793 located at 432 State Hwy 33. Officer Ball read a letter on behalf of Chief Foeger and is recommending approval of liquor and cigarette licenses for Casey's General Store. President Strohmeier made a motion to approve the liquor and cigarette license for Casey's General Store, seconded by Trustee De Luka. Motion passed 7-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Marquardt, seconded by Trustee Cording, to adjourn the Special Village Board Meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion passed 7-0.

Chrissie Brynwood  
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk