

Town of Newport
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Regular Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Present: B. Clarke, R. Davis, G. Demos, D. Berry
Not Present: K. Rush

1. Call to Order

2. Public Access—None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 1-20-21.

Motion on the floor to accept the minutes by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, No Discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Communications

The Town Manager has been talking to Otelco to update the phone system at the Newport Cultural Center. The system is really outdated. It would cost additional \$19.00 per month. The amount would go from \$139.00 to \$158.75 per month. The system would have a three-year agreement with all new phones. Motion on the floor to get the new system by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, unanimous.

4. Old Business

a. Ratification vote for conveyance of Lot#6 Newport Industrial Park

An offer of \$20,000 was made by Old Hickey Building Inc. for Lot#6. A ratification vote was made by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, unanimous.

5. New Business

a. Annual Junkyard Permit Application, Jason Erb: dba Newport Metals Corporation

It was explained that not a lot of activity was going on at the Junkyard at this time. Motion on the floor to have a public hearing by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, all in favor, unanimous. Jason was on the phone during the zoom meeting. He explained that the cost of metal was up to \$80 per ton, but this week it dropped to \$40.00 per ton. The junkyard is trying to move out the material they have on the lot. Motion on the floor to accept the Junkyard permit by G. Demos, seconded by B. Clarke, no further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. 2nd Presentation reference Cost Recovery Billing Company

The company was not needed on zoom tonight. Mr. Hughes and the Town Manager will get together and work with a contract and the billing procedures.

c. Executive Session:

1. Tax Abatement request in accordance with Title 36, Section 841 Paragraph, 2, Subsection E
The application for abatement was pulled before the meeting.

2. Personnel update in accordance with Title 1 Section 405 Paragraph 6
The Emergency Family Leave Act for medical reasons is being implemented regarding one employee. This is being arranged using reasonable accommodations under close supervision.

6. Warrant

Motion on the floor to accept the warrant by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, no discussion, all In favor, unanimous.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the board discussed the new website and what is needed by everyone to make it a success. The following items were discussed:

Feedback is needed by everyone.

The history section of the website needs to updated.

There will be a \$145.00 per hour charge to make certain changes after the initial web. site is approved.

There will be a 3-hour training for which the Town office will be closed.

A focus on the website will need to be done on a weekly basis.

The business listing will be interactive will the internet i.e., possibly Facebook.

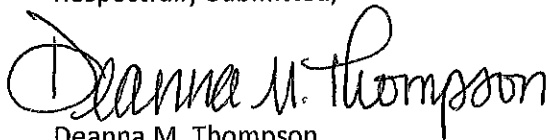
Elementary School

\$30,000 was deposited in the bank this week. Manager went on to talk of the need for a new card reader locking system instead of using the standard key issuance. Once a card is lost or destroyed, we (town) would have the ability to invalidate the card, as opposed to calling a lock smith. This will be a lot more secure as the transfer of the school building included 150 keys some of which will access the gym doors. Manager also spoke of the need for the outdoor skate rink with a roof system, with special fundraising for materials.

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting by G. Demos, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deanna M. Thompson
Treasurer