

**VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting on
Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Village of New Auburn held a Regular Board Meeting at the New Auburn Village Hall, 130 E. Elm St., New Auburn to:

I. CALL TO ORDER, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. Answering Roll Call were: President Brad Lotts, Trustees Allan Anderson, Gary Pitts, Dalton Hinke, Shannon Berg. Absent: None. Staff present was: Clerk Story. Guests present: Sergeant Clark, Chippewa County Sheriff's Dept. Others Present: Verlyn Motzer.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Lotts requested if any Comments. None.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Correspondence;
2. Meeting Minutes;
3. Treasurer's Reports: March 2023;
4. Payment Approval Report 3/10/23-4/13/23;
5. 2022 CCR – Consumer Confidence Report Data for New Auburn Waterworks;
6. 2023 Eco Tree Care Service Chipping Schedule and Rates;
7. Resolution 2023-09 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing;
8. Resolution 2023-10 Emergency Operations Plan;
9. Resolution 2023-11 Amending the Governmental 2022 Budget;
10. Records Destruction List of 04/2023;
11. Update to the Employee Handbook to Include PTO Language;
Motion by Trustees Berg/Hinke to approve consent agenda minus #3 [provide in May]. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS OF EMPLOYEES/OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety Report: Sgt. Clark reported on the March report. They responded to 18 calls consisting of: 1 911 investigate, 2 animal nuisance, 3 assist EMS, 1 assist law, 1 person check, 2 misc complaints, 1 municipal ordinance violation, 1 recreational complaint, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 harassment, 1 mental health, 1 OWI, 1 vehicle assist. Billable hours: 115. Billable hours YTD: 338.
2. Building Inspector Report: March 2023 monthly report reviewed.
3. Public Works Report: PW Moos reviewed the updates on the WWTP Project, the CCR [Consumer Confidence Report] Report has been filed and sent out in the water bills and the Consumer Confidence Report is also available at the Village hall. The dump will be closed on Saturday, July 22nd due to the car show. The village needs swept, takes approximately 8-12 hours. Jon got the patch buggy and will start street patching Thursday and Friday. Water: 341,000 gal pumped in March. Daily maximum pumped was 38,100 gal. Wastewater: Influent 1,253,000 gal. Effluent 1,065,000 gal treated and discharged. Daily intake has been steadily rising with I&I from melting snow and moisture that has saturated soil. Aging sewer lines, sump pumps hooked to sanitary sewers and basement drains are the biggest culprits. Started discharging to seepage cells March 20th after samples came back under DNR limits and we got the ok from the DNR to start discharging again due to the dumping of fuel oil into the sanitary system. The high temperature was 46 degrees in March and the low was -6 below. Total winter seasonal snowfall from November thru April 13th is 91 inches [7-ft, 6-in] of snow in New Auburn.
Consensus of the Board to close the Dump on Saturday, July 22nd for the car show. Post

a Facebook post that the dump will be open the Wednesday prior to the 22nd from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Consensus of the Board to street sweep the village with Chippewa Highway Dept.

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5. Clerk-Treasurer Report: Clerk Story reported

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None;

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss/Consider/Act on Soil Study on Parcel #022-3600-12-000;
Motion by Trustees Pitts/Anderson to approve to move forward with obtaining a soil sample on Parcel #022-3600-12-000. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.
2. Discuss/Consider/Act on Agreement Between the New Auburn School District and the Village of New Auburn for the Use of the Softball Field at the Village Park;
Motion by Trustee Pitts/President Lotts to appoint Clerk Story to draft and sign an agreement with the School District of New Auburn and the Village for use of the softball field. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.
3. Creating a Gravel Cold Storage Area at Well #1;
We need more storage for equipment and materials. Well #1 has a fenced in area already. It would need graveled. Sgt Clark added that it should have a security camera put into place as well. Gravel and liner quote obtained would be \$2,500.
Motion by Trustees Pitts/Berg to put gravel in cold storage area [well #1] and put a camera up. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.
4. Consider/Act on Spring Street Sweeping Hours;
Motion by Trustees Berg/Hinke to approve street sweeping the village using Chippewa County Highway Dept. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.
5. Consider/Act on Mowing Orange Street and Fleet Street;
No action.
6. Consider/Act on Deputy Clerk Hourly Wage and Utility Clerk Part-Time Position;
Motion by Trustees Berg/Hinke to close at 7:50 p.m. Roll call: Berg – aye; Pitts – aye; Hinke – aye; Anderson – aye; Lotts – aye. 5-0. Motion carried.

VII. Reconvene into Open Session;

Motion by Trustees Berg/Hinke to open session at 8:00 p.m. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustees Berg/Hinke to increase the wage of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position, Peg Paulsen to \$20/hr. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. Future Meetings;

IX. Adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Trustees Hinke/Berg to adjourn. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Prepared by Ardith Story, Clerk-Treasurer