

Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Special Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Village Municipal Building at 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (2); Trustees: Robert Bendix (2), Stuart Blodgett (2), Chris Burgess (2), and Emily Howard (2).

Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski and Temporary Village Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Quade.

General Public 0

MAYOR

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Village Board recommends the submission to the 2020 New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street (NYMS) program’s Building Renovation project category, to apply for up to \$500,000 through the 2020 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Renewal (OCR), under the direction of the Housing Trust Fund Corporation, provides a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program to provide resources to invest in projects that provide economic development and housing opportunities in downtown, mixed-use commercial districts; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newark meets NYMS eligibility, has defined an eligible target area, where funding will assist multiple property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings between West Union Street through High Street and Maple Court, approximately 3 blocks; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts to the Village’s Main Street including a mile stretch of new road and sidewalk, as well as updated sewage and water systems; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Newark identifies the Mayor Jonathan Taylor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Newark approves and endorses the 2020 New York Main Street Program application under the category of Target Area Building Renovation, to be submitted by the Village of Newark; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board commits to covering the costs of program administration and the proposed streetscape enhancements, prior to NYMS reimbursement, in an estimated combined amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to appoint Valerie Quade as Temporary Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to name Jonathan Taylor, Stuart Blodgett, Valerie Quade, and Steve Murawski as the four signatories for the LNB accounts.

Mayor Taylor discussed the following:

- The Village Justice Court has been ordered closed by NYS until January 31, 2021 at the earliest.
- Discussed employee request to create a memorial in the office to honor former employee Carolyn Pitti who passed away while employed with the Village.

After much discussion and comments, motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor the sign the contract with the Erie Canalway Heritage Corridor to accept the Non-Competitive grant award of \$1,500.00.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:00 P.M. to discuss a specific position in the Village Office and a potential legal issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 P.M.

Stephen Murawski
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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