

Minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor courtroom of the Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (20); Trustees: Robert Bendix (18), Stuart Blodgett (17), Chris Burgess (20), and Emily Howard (20).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman, Village Clerk-Treasurer Valerie Quade, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens, Economic Developer Mark Peak, Fire Chief Chuck Witt and Attorney Art Williams.  
General Public: 20

WELCOME BY MAYOR

At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Regular Board Meeting July 21, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the August vouchers and invoices Trustee Bendix reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$712,403.96 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

The Village Board recognized the Taste of Wayne County winners.

The Village Board recognized the Newark outdoor Track & Field team.

Tim, a representative from NYSEG shared with the Village Board electric vehicle chargers incentive plans.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Developer Mark Peak discussed the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

CHIEF CHUCK WITT

Chief Witt discussed the following:

- They have had 60 calls in July. Most calls were for accident and nuisance calls.
- The fire department has done training on what to do if there is an accident with electric vehicles.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens provided the following updates:

- He’s been training for licenses.
- They have been doing a lot of house inspections.
- DPW hearing tests have been scheduled.
- There is a new modular home going on Pierson.
- Annual licenses for the 4 trailer parks.

CLERK  
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve moving the September Village Board meeting to Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Clerk Treasure Valerie Quade requested to go into executive session to discuss specific positions within the Village office.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve NYS Water Environment Association Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Statement of Experience.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve meet and greet for Steve MacNeal. No streets will be closed and no food trucks allowed.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve The Arc of Wayne’s request to how Arc Wayne Toasting Possibilities Fundraiser. Approve closing down VanBueren Street on Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> to set up the tent.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve Laurel House the use of Central Park to hold their 5k race on June 11, 2022.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the Mayor, 4 Trustees and Clerk-Treasurer to attend NYCOM’s fall training school in Saratoga Springs September 20-24, 2021. The Village will pay for the conference, hotel, meals and mileage.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution – Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

WHEREAS, the Village of Newark Board of Trustees, Wayne County, supports the re-submission of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative: (DRI) application on behalf of the Village, to be submitted to the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, the DRI grant funding is a \$20 million award to advance New York’s downtown centers to selected communities who will be

required to complete a Strategic Investment Plan with a result to renew investment, increase local tax base and further sustain and build upon regional economic development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Newark if awarded, will use this funding to enhance the community’s comprehensive plan vision, to revitalize the downtown area through various economic development projects as well as initiatives, ensuring a high quality of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Newark is an outstanding candidate for the DRI based on their implementation-ready projects, strong community involvement, and strategic coordination that align with the community’s vision for a resurgence in this diverse urban area; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Newark, Wayne County, supports the submission of a DRI Application on behalf of the Village; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Newark recognizes and fully supports the submission of a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application on behalf of the Village.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the use of Perkins Park to Cross Creek Church on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Use of bounce houses is approved pending insurance coverage is provided.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had no updates.

POLICE CHIEF  
MARK THOMS

Police Chief Mark Thoms gave an update on the following:

- Calls for Service 871.
- Sharon Pickering is resigning from Crossing Guard.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve Chief Thoms to attend the FLLEA Executive conference at Byrncliff resort/Conference Center in Varysburg, NY on October 5-7<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$300.00.

SUPERINTEN-  
DENT DPW BOB  
HUTTEMAN

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve Environmental Construction Group’s quote to provide the asbestos abatement on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office space of the municipal building at a cost of \$24,471.00.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the following budgetary transfer for the asbestos abatement:

Snow Removal- Salt & Sand A.5142.4180	(\$24,471.00)
Permanent Improvements - Municipal Building	
A.1620.495A	\$24,471.00

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unani-  
mously to approve the sale of the surplus plow truck to the Town of  
Parma for \$42,000, delivery date of February 1, 2022.

Superintendent Hutteman gave the following updates:

- Library heating system bids are due September 2, 2021.
- Paving is finished.
- Tie in for the WTP is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Village is asking residents to conserve water that day.

**TRUSTEES** Trustees had no update.

**TIME FOR THE PUBLIC** No public comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unani-  
mously to go into Executive Session at 7:48 P.M. to discuss specific  
office positions.

**OEPN SESSION** Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unani-  
mously to come back into Open Session at 8:23P.M.

**MAYOR** Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unani-  
mously to appoint Lynette Morrison to the permanent position of  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unani-  
mously to appoint Christine Abrams to the permanent position of Ac-  
count Clerk.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unani-  
mously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25P.M.

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Valerie Quade  
Village Clerk-Treasurer