

Minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2nd floor court room of the Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (18); Trustees: Robert Bendix (18), Stuart Blodgett (16), Alan Schober (18), and Trustee Kurt Werts (15).

Police Chief David Christler, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Gerry VanDeWalle, AECC Executive Director Mike Muscolino, and Attorney Art Williams.

General Public: 10

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

- Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2015.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the September vouchers and invoices which Trustee Werts reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$1,077,993.34 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF
GERRY
VANDEWALLE

Fire Chief VanDeWalle spoke on the following:

- 44 alarms this month, with most of them false. He stated it was the same entities, such as the NCSO and DDSO. Trustee Bendix asked if any mechanism was in place to deal with the issue. Attorney Williams noted that school districts are exempt from any local legislation on dealing with false alarms. Mayor Taylor instructed Chief VanDeWalle to send notification letters to two groups. The first would be to properties that can be cited, and the second to entities such as the NCSO and DDSO. The letters should be sent out by September 25, 2015.
- Annual fire drill at the Newark High Rise on September 17th.
- Annual Fire Department inspection on October 10th.
- House fire on E. Maple Ave. last week probably started in a second floor bathroom. The Red Cross is assisting in finding shelter for the residents of the multi-unit apartment, with only

one unit still being habitable.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to approve the membership of Mr. Rocco Salerno, 229 Charlotte St., who has joined New York Central Hose Co. # 5. He has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

AECC DIRECTOR
MIKE
MUSCOLINO

Rev. Kirk Baker, pastor of Park Presbyterian Church, withdrew the request to use Central Park next month to hold an informational meeting by Pathstone.

Mr. Muscolino spoke on the following:

- Reviewed the Fall Schedule for AECC that he provided Board.
- Spoke on the rise of Pickleball, a new sport that is becoming popular in the United States.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT /
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Two of the units at the apartment where the house fire occurred are currently condemned.
- He is available by home phone number after hours for emergencies. Cell phone service near his home is very limited.
- There was much discussion on what the Village's policy on required training for ZBA and PBA members should be. The consensus was to wait until the Code Update project is completed.
- The owner of the potential kayak and canoe business was unavailable to come to the meeting. He is asking what would be required if he was to operate this business in the Village. Mayor Taylor instructed Attorney Williams to communicate with the owner to discuss the matter, and Mark Peake to contact NYS for any requirements or restrictions that they might have.
- He asked the Board about potentially listing an Employment Want Ad link for Village businesses on our website. The consensus was to move forward and post the link.

CLERK/
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to grant the Sewer Relief request from account holder 10393.1 for relief from the sewer fee and associated penalty for a water leak of 15,550 gallons (\$147.00) that did not enter the Village of Newark sanitary sewer system.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to acknowledge the receipt of the "30 Day Advanced Notice for a Liquor License" renewal form from Newark Lounge, LLC – Newark Garden Hotel.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously
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mously to increase the Meter/RTR testing fee from \$50.00 to \$65.00 to cover the increased shipping and labor costs.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the Village's participation in the W/FL BOCES upcoming Cooperative Electricity bid process.

Mr. Murawski also informed the Board that Bonadio & Co. would be making the FY 2015 Audit presentation at the October 20th meeting.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to appoint Tonya Finn to fill the term for Conrad Mohr, who resigned on June 5, 2015, as Commissioner for the NHA Board. This term runs until June 30, 2019. The Village Board expressed their thanks to Mr. Mohr for his many years of service to Newark.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to declare surplus two Honda pumps and to dispose of them at Fair Market Value as running engines only.

General Contractor Change Order #7 for the WWTP Project was presented to the Board for their consideration. Trustee Bendix asked if all the major issues seemed to be addressed. Mayor Taylor noted that the remaining work deals with projects that are completely above ground level, which means major, unexpected, changes are far less likely. Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to approve GC-CO #7 at a cost not to exceed \$57,837.26

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to approve the request of the American War Dads to hold a boot drive fundraiser on November 7, 2015. They will be allowed to utilize the intersection at North Main St. /Harrison St.-West Shore Blvd. from 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Rain date will be November 14th.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the request of the American Legion Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion to hold a boot drive fundraiser on October 24, 2015. They will be allowed to utilize the intersection at North Main St. /Harrison St.-West Shore Blvd. from 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the request to hold the annual N.H.S. Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had nothing for open session. He requested an Executive Session for a Personnel matter concerning a specific employee.

POLICE CHIEF
DAVID
CHRISTLER

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Renee Drock as School Crossing Guard, and to upgrade to Full Time status John Peters, and to hire Gloria Wolfanger as a Substitute Crossing Guard.

Chief Christer also spoke on the following:

- The Summer Detail ended Labor Day. It was successful in reducing youth incidents this summer.
- Received safety grants from NYS to fund Back-to-School traffic details.
- Informed board of incident at W. Sherman Ave. house party, where an officer was struck in the face, with no lost time injury occurring.
- The Chief asked the Board about the status of the safety equipment he requested for Vehicle 210, the 2014 Ford Explorer purchased from the Village of Lyons. Trustee Blodgett stated that he has reviewed the items requested, and was wondering if the purchase of them could be prioritized. The Chief stated that all three were necessary. He added that the Push Bar was the least necessary. Mayor Taylor stated that in his conversation with the police officers, most of them were satisfied with the present safety equipment in vehicle 210. Chief Christler stated that his experience should count more than the view of the officers. Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Bendix to purchase the three safety equipment items for vehicle 210. The Mayor requested a roll call vote. Trustees Bendix voted Yes, Trustee Blodgett voted No, Trustee Werts voted Yes, Trustee Schober abstained, and Mayor Taylor voted No. The motion to purchase the safety equipment failed 2-2, with 1 abstention.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Werts noted that the annual POW/MIA service will be held on September 18th at 7:00 P.M. in Central Park.

He also noted the success of the annual Music on the Erie series held in T. Spencer Knight Park this summer. He requested that a Thank You note from the Village be sent to Tammi MacKerchar, Laila Paliotti, and Joanne Palmer for their work in making the series possible.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to repair the sidewalk between the two Village parking lots to the north of the AECC.

Trustee Bendix stated that some citizens of the Village feel that we have an issue with an overpopulation of deer that are causing damage to property, and that the Village needs to address the problem. Mayor Taylor shared with the Board what the Village has discussed in the past

to address the matter.

Trustee Blodgett noted that there is no sidewalk on Wood Lane, which presents a safety issue for students walking to and from school at the Junior and Senior High Schools.

TIME FOR THE
PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:14 P.M. to discuss Pending Litigation.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer