

Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (3); Trustees: Robert Bendix (2), Stuart Blodgett (3), Chris Burgess (3), and Emily Howard (2).

Police Chief Richard Martin, Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman (excused), Village Clerk-Treasurer Valerie Quade, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens, Economic Developer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Charles Witt, Attorney Matthew St. Martin.

General Public: 26

**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 December 20, 2022.
- Special Board meeting December 28, 2022.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the January vouchers and invoices Trustee Blodgett reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$329,859.23 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Witt discussed the following:

- There was 595 calls in the calendar year 2022.
- They received a grant from NYS DEC for \$1,500.00. They will be purchasing chain saws with this grant.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the new membership, Antonio Sanon, to the Arcadia Hose Company #2. He has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the removal of Tanner Witt from the Newark Volunteer Fireman's Association member rolls.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens gave the following update:

- Mavis Tire plans are in and moving along.

- Building permits are still coming in steady with the lack of snow.
- Sale of homes is still steady which makes sump pump inspections steady.
- Talked to the owner of 201 Church Street about considering donating the property to the Land Bank.
- The two homes on Peirson are coming along.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT

Economic Developer Mark Peake gave the following update:

- Snowman contest keeps getting pushed off with the lack of snow.
- Restore NY Grant for St. Elizabeth's almost ready to submit.
- Talking and working with businesses that are looking to expand into the Village.
- Robbin and Mark are continuing updating the Village Website.
- Been putting business profiles on the Village website as they come in.

CLERK TREASURER

Clerk Treasurer Valerie Quade had no update.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the request to make the proclamation making March 31, 2023 "Hydesville Day" marking 175 years of modern spiritualism that was started in Hydesville.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of the cemetery lawn mowing contract to Fagner Property Services for \$85,000.00.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve appointing Michael Gonzalez as Commissioner and Jonathan Taylor as Alternate Commissioner for the Village of Newark for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the Water Wise contract for the maintenance of the WWTP steam boiler at a cost of \$1,503.08.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve Al Liberio's request to use Central Park July 7th to play a solo concert at 6:00PM.

LEGAL

Attorney Matthew St. Martin had no update.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Martin gave the following update:

- There were 560 calls for service in the month of December. Included in those were 18 motor vehicle accidents, 61 property checks, 54 traffic stops, 3 psychiatric problems, no use of force.
- There was 7 calls for the Animal Control Officer.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve declaring 2004 Jeep Liberty surplus.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve Office Jackson to Crime Scene Evidence Specialist Course at Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility February 20th - March 3rd. The cost is \$729.00 plus travel.

SUPERINTENDENT DPW BOB HUTTEMAN

Superintendent Hutteman was excused. Mayor Taylor gave the following update:

- Allerton Reservoir project is moving forward.
- Blue Cut Road Culvert and West Miller Street Culvert should start construction this year.
- Submitted applications for additional grants for other culverts.

TRUSTEES

Trustees had no update.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

Toni Avery of 116 Church Street read a letter to the Village Board that was her and her husband, Chris Avery's, formal request to resume water shut offs. Included was their concern about when tenants are responsible to pay their bill so they do not have a shut off they are more conservative with their usage. They questioned the policy on how the Village gets reimbursed for tax exempt entities. Chris Avery read findings from a 2006 audit regarding water collection. Mayor Taylor asked Attorney St. Martin to find out the steps the Village needs to take if the shut offs are reinstated so the Village Board can consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to go into executive session at 6:27 P.M. to discuss positions in the WWTP and Contract Negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 7:09 P.M.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to provisionally hire Jason Eygnor for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator position.

ADJOURNMENT Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Valerie Quade
Village Clerk-Treasurer