

Minutes of the November 15, 2016 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 (28); Trustees: Robert Bendix (27), Stuart Blodgett (24), Alan Schober (29), and Kurt Werts (26).

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

General Public: 15

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 October 18, 2016.
- Special Board Meeting November 3, 2016.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Mayor Taylor, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the November vouchers and invoices which Mayor Taylor reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$706,200.21 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

MAYOR
FY 2016 AUDIT
REPORT

Mayor Taylor introduced Randy Shepard, managing partner for Bonadio & Co., who gave an overview of the results of the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial audit and the major financial statements. He reported to the Board that Bonadio & Co. issued an “Unmodified Opinion” on the FY 2016 Financial Statements, which means that there were no significant items discovered or noted that would impact the fair presentation of the statements.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to accept the “Unmodified Opinion” Independent Audit report from Bonadio & Co. for fiscal year 2016 Financial Statements.

WAYNE CO.
HABITAT FOR

Bob Hegeman of Wayne Co. Habitat for Humanity noted that the organization is going to be holding an informational meeting on Decem-

HUMANITY

ber 5th at 7:00 P.M. at Park Presbyterian Church. They are hoping to recruit new volunteers for their group, and will be announcing the next project location, which will be in the Village of Newark. Mayor Taylor noted the tremendous impact this group has in relating the account of the young boy whose family received the last project house. The young boy exclaimed, "I have a back yard, I have a back yard". The Mayor encouraged the high school students in the audience to consider getting involved with WCHFH because of the work that they do.

FIRE CHIEF
VANDEWALLE

Fire Chief VanDeWalle spoke on the following:

- 495 calls for service YTD.
- The annual ground ladder testing will take place on December 1st at Fairville Fire Dept. The testing rotates yearly between Newark, Marletown, and Fairville Fire Departments.
- Breakfast with Santa will take place December 3rd from 8:00-11:00 A.M. at the Fire Department on 150 E. Miller St.
- Fireman’s Festival for 2017 will take place again in July.
- Mayor Taylor noted that the issue of 911 notifications of road closure by DSS (NYSEG Contractor) for gas line replacement has been addressed. He informed the Chief that there might be some issues with the texting system that notifies the department of these events.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the Breakfast with Santa event on December 3rd.

AECC DIRECTOR
MIKE
MUSCOLINO

Mr. Muscolino was excused; Mayor Taylor spoke on the following:

- The handout that Mr. Muscolino provided that shows the upcoming activities and events for November and December.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT /
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS

- Mark Pettit – Planning Board Alternate for one year effective December 5th.
- Jean Bendix - Planning Board Alternate for one year effective December 5th.
- Steve Hasseler Zoning Board Alternate for one year effective December 5th.
- Chris Jensen – Planning Board for five year term effective December 5th.
- Peter Chambers - Zoning Board for five year term effective December 5th.
- Emily Howard – Fulfill Jerry Wage term on Planning Board, whose term ends December 4, 2017.

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Newcut/Newchem building construction in Industrial Park continues. There is an issue where the utility pole was to be located. The Board consented to allow the pole to be moved to the requested location.

EASEMENT
APPROVAL

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the easements for NYSEG for the Newchem project.

Mr. Peake requested an Executive Session to discussion specific personnel within the Code Enforcement Department.

CLERK/
TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Murawski noted that the unpaid Village Real Property taxes have been delivered to Wayne County to be relieved in January 2017 on the County/Town taxes.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to allow Mike Gonzalez and Mike Bouwens to attend the FLWWC Winter meeting on December 1st at the Holiday Inn Waterloo, New York at a cost of \$24.00 each. The training will provide them with credits necessary to maintain their licenses.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to allow Jeff DeCann to attend the FLWWC Winter meeting on December 1st at the Holiday Inn Waterloo, New York at a cost of \$24.00. The training will provide him with credits necessary to maintain his license.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to allow John Reynolds to attend the NYS DEC training on November 18th in Lockport at a cost of \$60.00. The training is to provide the necessary instructions on how to electronically submit the required NYS DMR's and SPDES Compliance reports for the WWTP.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor and the Chief WWTP Operator to sign the NetDMR Subscriber Agreement with the NYS DEC. This allows the Chief WWTP to electronically submit the reports noted in the motion immediately above.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the annual maintenance contract with Water Wise, Inc. for the Municipal Building boiler at a cost of \$1,644.02, which is a 3.00% increase from 2016.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to rescind the Conditional appointment to Sergeant for Michael Patton due to the pending retirement of Sergeant Doug Keyton.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to grant the Permanent appointment to Sergeant for Michael Patton due to the retirement of Sergeant Ken Davis.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to authorize the St. Michael the Archangel #897 Knights of Columbus group to place their Christmas Crèche in Central Park across from the U.S. Post Office building for the 2016 Christmas holiday season. The display must be removed by January 15, 2017, or else the Village will remove it and charge the KOC for the cost. The group is also to be informed, by letter, that their request for 2017, if any, must be received by the November 2017 Board meeting, or they will not be allowed to place the crèche for that year.

Mayor Taylor noted the following:

- MRB Group has offered the Village a free service to help and assist the Village in locating grant funding for projects in the Village. Any fee to write a grant would need to be negotiated and approved.
- The premiums for the January 2017 renewal of the police department health insurance went up 9.87% for all classes of policies.
- A Thank You note was received from the Newark Interactive club for the Village allowing them to use equipment for the annual Pumpkin Walk in October 2016.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had nothing for Open Session.

POLICE CHIEF

The Chief noted the following:

- The Veterans Day Parade went well, with a large contingent of school groups.
- Only one minor incident/call related to Halloween this year.

TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees had anything for Open Session.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

Shawn DeCook of Arcadia provided the Board with an update on the ongoing, proposed Solar Farm project at the old Arcadia Landfill site. He informed the audience that the next meeting of the Solar Project Group was November 29th at 6:00 P.M. in the Village Court Room.

MAYOR -
WTP CAPITAL

Mayor Taylor introduced Bill Davis of MRB Group, who provided the Board with an overview of the ongoing discussion about the capital

- PROJECTS** improvement projects that are necessary for the Water Treatment Plant. After much discussion and many questions, motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to authorize MRB Group to complete the SEQRA requirements necessary for submitting grant applications to obtain funding assistance with the Capital projects that need to be completed to the Water Treatment System. The cost shall not exceed \$4,500.00
- TRUSTEE KURT WERTS** Mayor Taylor wanted to record into the Official Minutes of the Village our appreciation and gratitude for retiring Trustee Kurt Werts and publically thank him for the 32 years of service to the Village on the Planning, Zoning, and Village Boards. Trustee Werts graciously accepted and stated it has been an honor to serve the Village of Newark. He received a standing ovation for his years of service.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:58 P.M. to discuss specific individuals within the Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer