

Minutes of the September 25, 2023 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	<p>Mayor Jonathan Taylor (30); Trustees: Robert Bendix (28), Stuart Blodgett (23 Absent), Chris Burgess (31), and Emily Howard (24).</p> <p>Police Chief Richard Martin, Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Bouwens, Economic Development Facilitator Mark Peake, Fire Chief Jeff Miller, Attorney Matthew St. Martin, WWTP Chief Operator John Reynolds and by phone Lynette Morrison, Clerk-Treasurer.</p> <p>General Public: 17</p>
WELCOME BY MAYOR	<p>At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular Board Meeting August 15, 2023.</li><li>• Special Board Meeting August 29, 2023.</li><li>• Special Board Meeting September 8, 2023</li></ul>
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the September vouchers and invoices Trustee Howard reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$804,605.12 were authorized for all funds.</p> <p>The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.</p> <p>The Village Board recognized and Chief Richard Martin performed the swearing in of Ethan Derr, Sergeant and Gregory DeBoerdere, Sergeant. The Board also recognized and Chief Richard Martin performed the swearing in of Brad Steve, P/T Police Officer.</p>
FIRE CHIEF	<p>Chief Miller reported: 435 calls to date The New M-53 is due to arrive the last week of October. Fire Prevention Demo will be at Wegmans parking lot October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Department Inspection will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving at 6pm. Chief Miller stated that the department would follow the law and put the Village on notice for all fundraising events held by any of the Fire Companies.</p>
CODE ENFORCEMENT	<p>Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The old Perkins building will be demolished next month.</li><li>• Mavis Tire is open and has their C of O.</li><li>• Habitat for Humanity House was set on its foundation.</li><li>• Mobile Home Park licenses have been issued.</li><li>• Apartments above Parkers Restaurant are framed and plumbed, waiting for electric.</li><li>• Roger and I are finishing up violation and building permit inspections.</li></ul>

ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Facilitator Mark Peake reported:

- The former Perkins Restaurant is coming down. Sounds like it will be sometime in October. The property will go up for sale after demo. We know of one interested party and we have reached out to them about the availability.
- Wednesday is the Chamber Business “After Hours” at What-A-Wash from 5pm to 7pm. I would also like to thank Chris and Sheila Burgess for being our next Business Profile on the Village’s website.
- The New York Main Street projects are moving along well. The two new apartments above Parkers are going to be nice. A lot of glass in the one facing South Main Street.
- We will be receiving our draft Trail Town Action Agenda recommendations by the end of next week or early the following week. There will be a series of questions for us to complete as we review the recommendations. We are working on setting up a date for the Trail Town Steering Committee to get together to assist in answering these questions.
- It won’t be long and we will be judging the pumpkin sculpture contest again.
- Meeting with a small business owner this week to talk about finding a place for their business. Her and her husband moved here and love it in the Village. They have researched the history of the Village and found it fascinating. Now they want to start their business here.
- Robbin, Jonathan and I will be attending the Wayne County Business Council Legislative Breakfast on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Would like permission to attend the Fall Local Government Workshop on Thursday Nov. 9 at the Conference Center at the BOCES building in Newark. It is a \$75.00 fee if paid by Thursday Oct. 19.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve Mark Peake, Robbin Bremer and any Planning Board and Zoning Board members who would like to attend the Fall local Government Workshop on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the BOCES Conference Center for \$75.00.

VILLAGE  
CLERK/TREAS-  
URER

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the Clerk-Treasurers Review Report of the Village Justice Court for FY 2021.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the Clerk-Treasurers Review Report of the Village Justice Court for FY 2022.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve declaring November 1, 2023 as Extra Mile Day. The residents and organizations go the Extra Mile to create positive change in efforts of volunteerism and service.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve putting up purple lights in Central Park from October 2<sup>nd</sup> till October 31<sup>st</sup> for Domestic Violence Awareness month through Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the use of Central Park on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12pm till 4pm for a Rosary Rally sponsored by St Michael’s Church.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the surplus of the 2009 Chevrolet Silverado Vin #1GCEK19C19Z218492.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve hiring Mark Thoms as Court Bailiff.

LEGAL

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard, and carried unanimously to approve a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:10pm.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to N.Y. Village Law §21-2100, a public hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Newark on October 17, 2023, at 6:10 p.m. at 100 East Miller Street, Village of Newark, County of Wayne, State of New York, to consider a Local Law to amend section 164-5 of the Newark Village Code, regarding master meters for trailer parks. All persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The proposed Local Law is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Village Clerk's office.

Matthew St. Martin thanked the Board for allowing him to attend NY-COM last week.

CHIEF OF  
POLICE

Mayor Taylor mentioned he attended a meeting where the speaker discussed the Total Solar Eclipse that will take place on 4/8/24 and the best place to see it would be in the Finger Lakes area. They expect ½ million spectators so our restaurants and hotels will get business but the emergency services should be aware that when it is over, everyone likes to leave at the same time so we may need to coordinate services.

Police Chief Richard Martin gave the following update on August 2023 statistics:

- 19 Property Damage MVA; 3 Personal Injury MVA; 2 Pedestrian's struck
- 83 Incident/Crime Reports taken
- 2 Juvenile Referrals
- 37 Property Checks
- 38 Traffic Stops: 4 Times Traffic Tickets issued & 17 Warnings issued
- 1 Uses of Force (12-YTD)
- 8 ACO calls responded to
- 25 Calls during time other agencies are covering

Total Events: 583

Highest Call Types: 100 Assists 51 Disturbances

The Newark School District recognized our Crossing Guards for their "Friends of Education" award at the beginning of this school year. The Chief stated that he would like to congratulate Linda and John Peters, Steve Bagshaw, Monica Lyon, Linda Mascioli, and Mary Kay Harley on a well-deserved recognition for being out in all types of weather ensuring the kids get to school safely.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Bendix, and carried unanimously to approve Sergeant DeBoerdere and Sergeant Derr to attend Police Supervisor School at FLLEA from October 30, 2023 to November 17, 2023 at the cost of \$450.00 each. This is a NY State requirement.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess, and carried unanimously to approve Police Officer Colacino to attend Fire Arms School from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$300.00.

WWTP CHIEF OPERATOR	<p>John Reynolds, Chief operator discussed the tank repair work, they will need to pump down two tanks to help contractors with the valve installation. The delivery date for UV Equipment is January 26<sup>th</sup> so the installed will be in February.</p> <p>The Wayne County Home School Association reached out to John and the students will be coming to tour the WWTP on October 4<sup>th</sup>.</p>
TRUSTEES	<p>Nothing at this time.</p>
TIME FOR THE PUBLIC	<p>Doug Velte discussed the plow damage to the driveway entrance at 112 South Orchard Street. It has been three years and it is still not fixed. Bob Hutteman came and looked at it but did not get back to them with an answer. They have been calling and cannot get a return phone call. Mayor Taylor told Doug that Doug Townsend, Mark Perry and himself will come look at it and get an answer for him.</p> <p>Paul Murphy thanked the Board for installing the signs on the bump out at High Street. It makes them more visible. Paul stated that there I no crosswalk on West Union Street between Scott and Edgett Street. He requested that the Village place on somewhere in the middle. Mayor Taylor explained that NYS DOT was in charge of the road and that would be a question for them.</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard, and carried unanimously to go into executive session at 6:36 P.M.to discuss a pending litigation and staff positions.</p>
ADJORNMENT	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.</p>

---

Lynette Morrison  
Village Clerk-Treasurer