

Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 3rd floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (16); Trustees: Robert Bendix (11) and Alan Schober (16). Excused: Trustees Rebecca Vermeulen (12) and Stuart Blodgett (11).

Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski.

MAYOR

At 4:31 P.M., Mayor Taylor opened the meeting.

CLIMATE SMART
COMMUNITY
PLEDGE

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 3-0 (Trustees Blodgett and Vermeulen Excused) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Newark (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Newark, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which

comprises the following ten elements:

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
3. Decrease community energy use.
4. Increase community use of renewable energy.
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
8. Support development of a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

DOWNTOWN
REVITALIZATION
INITIATIVE
SUPPORT
RESOLUTION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 3-0 (Trustees Blodgett and Vermeulen Excused) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Newark Board of Trustees, Wayne County, supports the submission of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Round Two, (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 \$10 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.

ADJOURNMENT Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (Trustees Blodgett and Vermeulen Excused) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 P.M.

Stephen Murawski, Village Clerk-Treasurer