

Minutes of the September 28, 2021 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

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (23); Trustees: Robert Bendix (20), Stuart Blodgett (20), Chris Burgess (23), and Emily Howard (23).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman, Village Clerk-Treasurer Valerie Quade, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens, Economic Developer Mark Peak, Fire Chief Chuck Witt and Attorney Art Williams.

General Public: 20

WELCOME BY  
MAYOR

At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. There was a moment of silence for Town of Arcadia Supervisor, Chuck Verkey.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

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

- Regular Board Meeting August 17, 2021.
- Special Board Meeting August 20, 2021.
- Special Board Meeting September 8, 2021.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the September vouchers and invoices Trustee Burgess reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$975,772.82 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

CHIEF  
CHUCK WITT

Chief Witt discussed the following:

- They have had 51 calls.
- Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be going into schools. They have t-shirts for the kids. They will also be in the Wegmans parking lot on October 9<sup>th</sup> for families to stop by the Fire Demonstration.
- Fire Department dinner was moved to Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on the East Avenue lighting project.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the new membership, Robert Murrell, Adam Hills and Matthew Plain, to the Newark Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. Robert Murrell has joined the Arcadia Hose Company #2 and has

had his arson check done and was investigated by his company. Adam Hills has joined the Deluge Hose Company #1 and has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company. Matthew Plain has joined the New York Central Hose #5 and has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the Pumpkin Sculpture Contest and the Snowman Building Contest.

Economic Development Mark Peake gave the following updates:

- Updating the Village Website.
- Continuing to work on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.
- Continuing to work on the New York Main Street Grant.
- Would like to thank the woman at the Interpretive Center for a job well done this summer.

CODE  
ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens provided the following updates:

- Consulted with T-Mobile about added height to the antenna on Clark Road.
- The Civic.gov software had a glitch which information was lost. Working on adding the information back in.
- Has been doing a lot of inspections.
- 951 Pierson has a final inspection date of 9/29.
- Modular home near Roosevelt has been approved.
- Newark Wegmans will be getting updated.
- 4 Acre lot on Blue Cut Road has requested re-zoning through the Planning & Zoning Board.
- PESH training updated.
- DPW Hearing test are complete.
- Has found a few contractors working without permits.

CLERK  
TREASURER

Clerk Treasurer Valerie Quade has no updated.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the following proclamation regarding Extra Mile Day on November 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, Newark, New York, is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, Newark, New York, is a community which encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by

giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, Newark, New York, is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, Newark, New York, acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create 550 Extra Mile cities in America and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of Newark, New York, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2021, to be Extra Mile Day. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to acknowledge the receipt of Newark Elks Lodge 1249 liquor license renewal.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve St. Michael’s Church the use of Central Park on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. for prayer service.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve sewer relief request at 129 South Ave due to a confirmed leak from a line that ran into the fountain which leaked into the ground.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the Cross Country Club boosters to have the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving.

Discussion occurred regarding possibility of selling Village of Newark merchandise at the interpretive center.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman to attend NYCOM’s Public Works Training School on October 18-20, 2021 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Training, hotel and mileage will be covered by the Village of Newark.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unani-

mously to approve Newark Scouting Program to use Central Park and the Village Parking Lot to collect food for the Annual Scouting for Food event on November 6, 2021.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried a passing vote to allow to allow pony rides, pending proper insurance coverage is provided, at the Unity Festival being held at Perkins Park on October 16, 2021.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had no updates.

POLICE CHIEF  
MARK THOMS

Police Chief Mark Thoms gave an update on the following:

- Currently working on issues with parking at the secondary school during drop off and pick up times.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve Notary Public Prep course and test for the Senior Clerk Typist for a total of \$90.00.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve Investigator Warren to attend New York State Intelligence Center annual field intelligence/regional coordinator conference November 1-3, 2021 in Cooperstown, N.Y. There is no cost for the training, lodging or food.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve Investigator Warren to attend the National Computer Forensics Institute digital video recorders course on November 8-12, 2021 in Hoover, Alabama. The United States Secret Service is paying for all the training, lodging, travel and meals. There will be no overtime incurred.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve Office Matthew Colacino to attend the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy instructor development course on November 1-12, 2021. The cost is \$300.00. There will be no overtime incurred.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve Office Matthew Colacino to attend the Rochester Personal Defense course for Glock armorer training. The cost is \$250.00. There will be no overtime incurred.

SUPERINTEN-  
DENT DPW BOB  
HUTTEMAN

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve negotiations with TY Lin for design services for the North Main Street Project.

Superintendent Hutteman gave the following updates:

- Pre-Construction meeting for the Library.
- Serviced plow trucks, they are ready for winter.
- Central Park Pavilion and cemetery buildings were painted by Clingerman RD Painting.
- Drainage pipes fixed on Hillside Drive and Stansell Street.
- South Hill water tank painting is moving forward.
- Asbestos removed from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office of the municipal building. School will give a floor plan for rental to Bob.
- Ontario Telephone Company is running fiber through Village.
- Working on an agreement with Colacino Electric to fix Village street lights when needed.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve declaring the stump grinder surplus.

#### TRUSTEES

Trustees had no update.

#### TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

Charles Salerno of 5848 Lincoln Road, Newark expressed concerns about the safety of people walking and school cross country runners that travel Lincoln Road. He requested that the Village look into continuing the street lights the rest of the way down Lincoln Road.

Mark DeCracker of 336 Pleasant Valley Road, Lyons and Cory Reynolds of 1569 Warncke Road, Lyons expressed concern over the deterioration of the murals in Newark. They would like to provide the Village of Newark a quote on restoration of the murals. The Village Board said they would take it into consideration but are not making a decision at the moment.

Robert & Elena Torres- Russell of 133 E. Maple Ave, Newark expressed concerns over the kids that have been causing issues within the Village lately. They were wondering what could be done or if the Village could impose a curfew. Attorney Art Williams said there would have to be a particular ongoing problem to legally set a curfew. Chief of Police Mark Thoms spoke about how they knew the problem and are doing everything that they can in their power. The Village Board suggested that they start a neighborhood watch program and also come to the Police Accountability Board meetings. The Village Board thanked them for coming to the meeting to discuss the problem with the Village.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:34 P.M. to discuss specific office, WWTP, WTP positions, pending litigation and pending contract.

OEPN SESSION      Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 8:36 P.M.

MAYOR              Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to vote to enforce disciplinary charges against a specific employee at the DPW.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to appoint Parker Slocum-Robenolt to the permanent position of Water Treatment Operator.

ADJOURNMENT      Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37P.M.

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Valerie Quade  
Village Clerk-Treasurer