

Minutes of the May 21, 2019 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 (12); Trustees: Robert Bendix (10), Stuart Blodgett (10), Alan Schober (11), and Rebecca Vermeulen (9).

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

General Public: 32

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 Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (Trustee Blodgett Late - TBL) to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting April 16, 2019.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TBL) to approve the May vouchers and invoices Mayor Taylor reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$1,412,856.26 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports. Trustee Blodgett arrived at 6:05 P.M.

FIRE CHIEF
KEVIN VELTE

Chief Velte noted the following:

- 200 calls for service YTD.
- Meeting with Chief Blanchard from Newark EMS to discuss NAVA response time issues.
- Would like to schedule drill for fire department to practice on the new configuration of South Main St. once the project is completed.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to approve the membership of Kristen Pickering of 415 Woodhill Apts., Newark, N.Y. to Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co. #4. She had her arson check done and was investigated by her company.

AECC DIRECTOR Mr. Muscolino was excused.
MIKE
MUSCOLINO

CODE Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unani-
ENFORCEMENT/ mously to approve 2 overnight parking spots in the Village Parking Lot
ECONOMIC adjacent to 105 E. Miller St. for the tenants of that address.
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- IEC Corporation just received a \$50,000,000.00 contract.
- Community Pride Day on May 18th a success.
- 32 more notices today for long grass; property owners having a hard time keeping up with the excessive rain this spring.

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the relevy of \$5,866.61 of past due water and sewer bills, \$7,017.00 unpaid Public Works charges, and \$105.00 of unpaid Commercial Inspections on the June 2019 real property taxes.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to adopt into the minutes the following policy change: A retiree can receive quarterly reimbursement for payments made to cover an additional amount that their spouse might have to pay to purchase the additional coverage for the retiree. If they choose to be covered by their spouse's insurance, at a future time they may opt back into the Village's policy's if it became cost effective for them to do so.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to authorize Noreen Stafford to carry over an additional 48 hours of accrued vacation past the May 31, 2019 limit date; the contract limit is 200, and the employee currently has 288.75 hours accrued. The additional 48 hours must be used up within 30 days, and the remaining 40.75 must be received as a cash payout for vacation buy back at the FY 2019 pay rate.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Engagement Letter with Bonadio & Co. for the FY 2019 audit, at a price of \$15,000.00. \$2,250.00 is for the required Federal and State Single Audits that must be completed in addition to the annual audit because the Village received over \$750,000.00 in federal aid grant funding.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the No Cost contract with CGI Communications for them to create a four-chapter video advertising the Village of Newark. In exchange, the Village will provide a letter of introduction to business owners in Newark about the partnership with CGI and the intent

of CGI to create advertising videos for the businesses, which will be linked to the Village of Newark website.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve connections to the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority (WCWSA) to the Village of Newark water system on West Pearl St. and Stuart Ave. These connections will supply the water for the Town of Arcadia Water District # 16 project. The water hookups will be to provide fire flow protection on the north side of the canal for the town residents and will have a meter to measure flow in both directions if needed, in case of an emergency where the Village could obtain water from the WCWSA. The village will supply water to the residents' south of the canal in this district through the WSWA.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to award the LED Street Light Installation bid to Colacino Industries, Inc. at a bid price Not To Exceed \$224,243.00. A formal contact between the Village and Contractor will be completed and signed at a later date.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the dates of July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and August 6th for the Newark Park Band Summer Concert series to be held in Central Park on South Main St.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the closure of Van Buren St., from N. Main St. to East Ave., on July 16th, 2019, from 7:00 A.M. until 11:00 P.M., and to allow the consumption of alcohol in a designated area, for the Annual Taste of Wayne Co. event to be held at T. Spencer Knight park.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to declare surplus the old aluminum pole from the old Village Rite Aid parking lot, and to dispose of at FMV. The request to dispose of the old Fire Turnout Gear was tabled because the Village has still not received the detailed list of the items from the Fire Department Chief.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the request to widen the driveway at 201 Wilson St. to a four car driveway, contingent upon the sidewalk meeting the 6-inch depth requirement in driveway areas.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the request of the property owner at 228 Van Dusen St. to add an additional driveway off of Van Dusen St., contingent upon the sidewalk meeting the 6-inch depth requirement in drive-

way area.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to deny the request of the property owner at 416 Colton Ave. to allow an additional curb cut at the location.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to donate Village of Newark logo flash drives to the Class of 2019 Operation Graduation event.

Motion Trustee, seconded Trustee and carried unanimously to approve the use of the Village's parking lot on E. Union St. by the Newark Lady Reds Basketball teams for a Chicken BBQ fundraising event on July 21st.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with MRB Group for the Erie Canal Trail Improvement Grant project, at a cost not to exceed \$42,900.00

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Mason Vandermortal and Kyle Martinez for summer help at the DPW at minimum wage of \$11.10/hr.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of recognition to Cameron Swann of Boy Scout Troop 122 on his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Newark Board of Trustees, Wayne County, supports the re-submission of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Round Four, (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.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the SPEDES permit renewal form for the WWTP discharge.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the use of Central Park on June 14, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. for a prayer service by the Newark Church of God.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the training request to send Rob Hilfiker and Matt DePauw so SUNY Morrisville for a review class for the ABC exam on June 14th at a cost of \$100.00 per person.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the resolution declaring all Village owned public parks a "Tobacco Free Zone".

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the use of Village streets for the June 14th Flag Day parade route, and to use Central Park for the Flag Day ceremony.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the use of Village streets for the May 27th Memorial Day parade route, and to use Central Park for the official Memorial Day ceremony by the Newark Veterans Group.

Mayor Taylor had nothing else for Open Session.

LEGAL

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the Grounds Lease Agreement between the Village of Newark and NAVA, for the property located at 301 Frey St., subject to amending the contract period to five years, and requiring

NAVA to provide evidence of Insurance coverage when renewed, on an annual basis, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the same.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign and send the letter to the 101 S. Main St. Holding Co. releasing them from any and all obligation to the Newark Urban Renewal Agency restrictions on the property due to the fact that the Agency is no longer in existence.

Attorney Art Williams had nothing else for the Board tonight.

POLICE CHIEF

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to permanently adopt the Four Way STOP sign configuration at the Peirson Ave. and Blossom Rd. intersection, with the red light flashing year round.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to approve the training request of Inv. Warren to attend the U.S. Secret Service sponsored digital currency training September 16th-19th in Hoover, AL at no cost to the Village, and no overtime being incurred by Inv. Warren for either the training or travel time.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to authorize Chief Thoms to attend the NYMIR sponsored “Law Enforcement Professionals: Best Practices for Complex Challenges” training on May 30th in Syracuse, New York at no cost to the Village.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to declare surplus the 2003 Acura RSX seized vehicle, and to dispose of at FMV.

A motion to dispose of the old Chevy Tahoe that was utilized as the K-9 vehicle was tabled so that the Village can determine if there are any cost effective alternate uses for the vehicle before it is declared surplus and sold.

Chief Thoms provided the Board with updates on previously approved trainings, and also informed them that preparation was underway for readying parade details for upcoming events.

TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees had anything for Open Session.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

Brain Williams, ACO from Clyde, addressed the Board about his belief that he was underpaid by the Village for the work he performed as substitute ACO while Bob Howard was out on disability in 2018. The Board’s final position, after much discussion, is that Mr. Williams was

properly paid, based on the signed letter from former Police Chief Christler that he provided the Village.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:36 P.M. to discuss specific managerial personnel and pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer