

Minutes of the July 21, 2015 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 (15); Trustees: Robert Bendix (15), Stuart Blodgett (13) and Alan Schober (15). Absent: Trustee Kurt Werts(12).

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

General Public: 6

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 Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (Trustee Werts Excused-TWE) to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting June 16, 2015.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the July vouchers and invoices which Trustee Blodgett reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$1,061,050.60 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF
GERRY
VANDEWALLE

Fire Chief VanDeWalle spoke on the following:

- 262 calls for service for calendar year 2015 to date.
- Five calls to the Quality Inn for gas leak notifications. Mayor Taylor asked Mr. Peake to see if he can contact the new owners to see if they can resolve the issue to prevent future calls.
- Update on final preparations for the Fireman's Family Festival.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the membership of Mr. Adam Muckey of 28 Park Ave., who has joined Deluge Hose Co. # 1. He has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to accept the resignation of Rocco Salerno.

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AECC DIRECTOR
MIKE
MUSCOLINO

Mr. Muscolino spoke on the following:

- 80 students participating in the Perkins Park Monday, Wednesday, Friday program.
- Update on other ongoing summer programs.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT /
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Communication in to New York State for assistance with the bike kiosk at the Interpretive Center.
- 650 bicyclists went through the Village last week as part of the annual Cycle the Erie Canal event.
- Newcut's new facility being constructed at the Industrial Park needs to make a connection to the Village's retention pond. He asked if an easement would be necessary to make the connection. Village Attorney Williams stated that it would be necessary, and he would complete that when provided with the information.
- Over 200 code violation notices were distributed in June, with most of them related to property maintenance issues.
- 215 Blackmar Street is still condemned due to outstanding code violations.
- New house being constructed on East Maple Avenue near the cemetery.
- Noted the Community Wide garage sale event being held in Newark on August 1, 2015. He stated we need to help advertise the event.
- Dunkin Donuts will be performing some exterior renovations.

Mr. Peake asked for an Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate transaction.

CLERK/
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to grant the Sewer Relief request from account holder 20613 for relief from the sewer fee and associated penalty for a water leak of 200,000 gallons (\$2,090.00) that did not enter the Village of Newark sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Murawski updated the Board on the implementation process of the "Paymentus" Third Party Bill Payer service that the Board approved last month. This service will allow Village water customers to pay their bills with a credit or debit card through the Paymentus system without any cost to or direct involvement of the Village of Newark.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant contract agreement with NYS for the Clean Vessel Assistance Program to help

pay for a new sewage pump out unit for boaters at the Newark Port.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize, in the correct format, acceptance of the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grant to help pay for the purchase and installation of new aluminum bleachers at Colburn Park.

Mr. Murawski informed the Board that Newark Wayne Community Hospital wants to post a sign in the South Main St. meridian for more than the seventy two (72) hour time limit set by the Board last month. The Board unanimously agreed that the policy will not be altered and no exceptions will be made to the policy for anyone authorized to place their proper signage in the median. This is being done to ensure uniformity of treatment for the many worthwhile events that take place in the Village and for the benefit of its citizens.

MAYOR

Bill Davis, head engineer from MRB Group for the WWTP Capital Improvement project, gave an overview of the proposed Engineering Agreement Amendment # 3 per the request of Trustee Bendix. There was significant discussion and various questions related to the changes that have occurred to the project that caused the need for additional funding for engineering costs.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement Amendment # 3 with MRB Group at a cost not to exceed \$83,000.00.

Mr. Davis also provided an overview of why an amendment was needed for the contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories, the company who is providing the Special Testing of the concrete work for the WWTP project. Trustee Schober noted that the proposed increase was almost 50% of the original contract amount, which seems to be significant. Mr. Davis noted that this is not unusual for this type of service, since it is dependent on factors that are not always known at the beginning of a project.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment with ATL at a cost not to exceed \$28,373.18, which brings the total contract amount to \$97,001.18.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the twenty year water contract renewal with the Town of Manchester-Port Gibson water district, subject to final approval by the Town of Manchester. The contract will effective

through July 2035.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Village to participate in the WFL/BOCES 2016-19 Natural Gas bid process. The Village currently purchases their natural gas supply through this group.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to declare surplus a 4'X4'X30' aluminum pole and old Fluorescent Light guards currently in the Municipal Building basement, and to dispose of at Fair Market Value.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the acceptance of, on a limited basis, septage from a hauler who is responsible for removing the material from Wayne County's septic tanks. The Board also authorizes Chief Operator John Reynolds to accept this level of septic material from haulers without prior board approval to help expedite these types of requests. He will inform them of the decision once it is made.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the attendance of Mayor Taylor and Trustee Blodgett, along with any other Trustee who is interested, at the 10th Annual Police & Fire Seminar on Monday, August 3, 2015 in Binghamton, New York. Various labor topics will be covered, such as GML 207-a & 207-c.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the dedication service on September 12, 2015 at 1:00 P.M in Elliot Park to recognize National Suicide Prevention Week, which runs from September 9th-15th. A stone marker with the word "HOPE" inscribed on it and a yellow ribbon will be placed by a tree already planted in Elliot Park.

Mayor Taylor informed the Board that the Village has been contacted by Tectonic Engineering to see if the Village is interested in leasing roof space to Verizon Wireless on the Municipal Building for the purpose of erecting a cell tower. The Village has informed Tectonic Engineering that the Village is interested and would like to be considered as a potential site to locate the tower.

The Mayor also noted the NYCOM Annual Fall Training School will be held from September 28th-October 1st in Lake Placid. All of the Board members are planning to attend, and are already registered for the training, and hotel accommodations have been made for all four days. Board members need to contact the Clerk/Treasurer if they are

planning to not stay the whole time so that we can adjust the reservations accordingly.

Mayor Taylor also noted that the Village has been awarded a grant by Cornell University for various road construction safety items such as reflective cones and vests.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to purchase the Village of Lyons 2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor version, with less than 11,000 miles, for \$20,500.00.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to accept the calendar year 2015 Paving schedule from DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend at an approximate cost of \$256,204.00.

Michael Crespo, Executive Director of Youth Advocates Programs, Inc. made a presentation to the Board concerning the various services his organization provides. He is requesting that the Village of Newark specifically support a Troubled Youth Intervention program that would attempt to work with Juveniles who have gotten into legal trouble in an attempt to reduce recidivism and keep them out of further legal issues. The Board supports the idea, but the issue would be finding funding for it in the current, difficult economic environment the Village is currently operating in. The Board will continue to look into the proposed program.

LEGAL

Attorney Art Williams had nothing for open session.

POLICE CHIEF DAVID CHRISTLER

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to appoint Officer Matthew Colacino to Permanent Status and to remove from Probationary Status.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize Officer Rice to attend the "Interview and Interrogation" training at the Hopewell Training Center in Ontario County on November 4th-5th, 2015 at no cost to the Village.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to declare surplus the old vehicle 205, a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, and to authorize Doug Townsend and Jeff DeCann to dispose of at Fair Market Value. The Mayor instructed Chief Christler to put plate number 210 on the new vehicle from Lyons, and to have it marked accordingly.

Chief Christler noted the following:

- Youth Street Patrols working well at keeping incidents to a minimum.

TRUSTEES Trustee Bendix noted that the “Welcome to Newark” signs are in need of a spruce up paint job. Mayor Taylor noted that he will instruct Supervisor Townsend to address the matter.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC No one else from the public had any comment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M to discuss Pending Litigation, Real Estate matters, and ongoing Union Negotiations.

ADJOURNEMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer