

Minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (12); Trustees: Robert Bendix (11), Stuart Blodgett (11), Chris Burgess (12), and Emily Howard (9).

Officer In Charge James Thomson, 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: 27

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 Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting April 19, 2022.
- Special Board Meeting April 27, 2022.
- Special Board Meeting May 4, 2022

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the May vouchers and invoices Trustee Howard reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$581,079.10 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

CHIEF
CHUCK WITT

Chief Witt discussed the following:

- The fire department had 37 calls in April 2022.
- Thanked those that came to the new fire truck dedication. They also had a tour of the new control room.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the fair market value offer to accept the \$10,000 offer on the 1992 fire engine.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the removal of Matthew Plain, Timothy Welch and Culter Muckey from the membership rolls.

ECONOMIC DE-
VELOPEMENT

Economic Developer Mark Peak gave the following update:

- Looking for Volunteers for Community Pride Day on Saturday, May 21st.
- Wine & Artisan Festival preparations are coming along. The date of the festival is June 17, 2022.

- Taste of Wayne County preparations are coming along. The date of the festival is July 17, 2022.
- Next DRI meeting is June 1st where projects will be presented. Currently there are 11 proposed projects at \$80 million.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve Mark Peake to attend the virtual conference Policy Matters on June 1 for a cost of \$25.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:10P.M. the meeting went into a public hearing to discuss the Sub-division Plan for the parcel located at the northwest corner of Peirson Avenue and Wood Lane. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

OPEN SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 6:12P.M.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously approve that the Village of Newark Board is designated as Lead Agency for purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Mayor Taylor read the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2-Impact Assessment Form and the Village Board answered the questions. There were not any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously approve that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment and should be considered an Unlisted Action, and therefore a Negative Declaration will be prepared and filed, as required by the SEQR regulations.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously approve the subdivision plan for the parcel located at the northwest corner of Peirson Avenue and Wood Lane.

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens gave the following update:

- Framing has started for the home on Peirson Ave.
- Habitat for Humanity talking about another house location.
- The number of building permits are up.
- House inspections for the sale of houses are up.

CLERK
TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Valerie Quade updated that the relevys went to Wayne County the beginning of May. Water and Sewer relevy was \$167,987.65 consisting of 258 customers. Property maintenance was \$4,885.00 consisting of 4 customers.

MAYOR

Discussion occurred regarding movies in the park. Trustee Howard will contact someone from the school to talk about collaboration between the School and the Village. Proposed dates would be Saturdays during the summer. Dates and times would be determined at a later date. Police will monitor the park during movie time

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to move the July Village Board meeting to Monday, July 18th at 5:00 P.M.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the Laurel House chicken BBQ in the municipal parking lot on Sat June 11, 2022.

Pat Russel discussed concerns about no parking limit on Main Street. He proposed a 2 hour parking. The Village Board explained that when parking/sidewalks on South Main Street was designed it was to promote walking traffic in the Village. If they did a 2 hour parking limit it would go against those plans. There is also the issue of having enough Police manpower to enforce parking. Mr. Russel also asked that parking stripes be put back on Church Street since the repaving is done. Superintendent Bob Hutteman said he would have his DPW team get them painted.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve Cross Creek Church use of Perkin Park to do a community drive on August 21, 2022. They are looking to collect school supplies along with other household goods to be able to provide them to families in need.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams updated that he is awaiting one Easement for the culvert replacement project.

OFFICER IN
CHARGE JAMES
THOMSON

Officer in Charge James Thomson gave the following update:

- There were 598 calls for service in the month of April. Included in those were 24 traffic stops, 17 motor vehicle crash investigations and 17 arrests. There was 2 use of force making the YTD total 4.
- There was 8 calls for the Animal Control Officer.
- Interpretive Center is opening May 20th.
- One officer was at the Unity Festival in Perkins Park on May 14th.
- The sale of the surplus BMW was \$1,175
- They will be present at the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th, Senior Parade on June 9th, and the Laurel House 5k on June 11th.

- Have been talking with Cornerstone Fellowship about police presence at their community event on July 9th from 11am-4pm.
- Will be at the field days for both Lincoln and Perkins School.

Request for Officer Kuhn to attend Hostage Negotiation Conference May 25-27 was denied due to it was a request and not mandatory, the conference budget has been expended, and the request came in late.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve donation of 27 bulletproof vest that are expired to Ukrainian Culture Center which will donate the vest to the Ukrainian efforts.

SUPERINTEN-
DENT DPW BOB
HUTTEMAN

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the surplus of:

- 11 traffice signal heads
- 8 pedestrian crossing signal heads
- Naztec nema controller for traffic signal
- 2 inch intake pump
- 2 pallets of landscape block
- Flow tec jetting cleaner
- 2 jack hammers
- 1 large steel trench box

Superintendent Hutteman gave the following update:

- Paving on 31 after sewer repair is complete. Thank you to Town of Arcadia for the use of trucks.
- Library HVAC project is almost complete.
- WTP valve was replaced. They started at 3am and finished the same day at 8pm. Thank you to WTP operator Mike Gonzalez.
- West Shore Blvd to open back up soon.
- North Main, East Ave, and Blue Cut projects are progressing.
- Docks are installed.
- Continuing to look for the leak on South bank of the canal.
- Plows are in storage for the summer.

Mayor Taylor thanked Bob Hutteman and Mike Gonzalez for the leadership and work with the valve replacement. The DPW did a great job with the replacement. They had been practicing and preparing for this line replacement for months.

TRUSTEES

Trustees Howard thanked the community members who stepped up to help with the graffiti on the mural.

Trustee Howard thanked James Schuler for organizing the unity festival. She thanked the police for being there.

TIME FOR THE
PUBLIC

Doug Forgue of 121 Trout Run expressed his concerns about the signs being taken down for the Historical Society, Library and Clock Museum and visitors not knowing that they are there. The Village Board said they were taken due to reduce sign clutter and the use of today's technology people can use to locate those buildings.

Christine Shove of Phelps Street, Lyons; Shannon Davenport of Silverhill Road, Newark; Anne Meyers of Trout Run, Newark; brought up their concerns over teenagers that attacked Shannon Davenport's son. Officer in Charge Jim Thomson gave an update that the investigation is ongoing. There has been an arrest made. He stressed that community involvement was needed. Casey Carpenter suggested that police reform meetings resume as they have been waiting for the appointment of a new police chief. These meetings are open to the public. Joe Edwards suggested a more powerful camera with night vision that is put on top of the municipal building.

Chris Avery of 116 Church Street, Newark asked for an update about the NY Main Street Grant, Mayor Taylor said they just contracted with LaBella to take of the LPA of the project as the prior LPA stepped down.

Toni Avery of 116 Church Street, Newark expressed concerns about the relevy of their tenant's water/sewer bills onto their taxes. She discussed that there was not enough time and notice given to both her and her tenants. They also inquired about water shut offs which would have prevented water/sewer bills from increasing. They requested that their tenant water/sewer bills be put back on their accounts so they had time to apply for assistance or pay for it themselves. They also requested that water shut offs be reinstated. Attorney Art Williams said he would look into the updated regulations.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:24P.M. to discuss potential contract and employee benefits.

Valerie Quade
Village Clerk-Treasurer