

Minutes of the July 17, 2023 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	<p>Mayor Jonathan Taylor (22); Trustees: Robert Bendix (21), Stuart Blodgett (Absent 18), Chris Burgess (23), and Emily Howard (16).</p> <p>Police Chief Richard Martin, Village Clerk-Treasurer Lynette Morrison, Economic Development Facilitator Mark Peake, Fire Chief Jeff Miller, Attorney Matthew St. Martin, WWTP Chief Operator John Reynolds.</p> <p>General Public: 20</p>
WELCOME BY MAYOR	<p>At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regular Board Meeting June 20, 2023.</li></ul>
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the July vouchers and invoices Mayor Taylor reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$36, 0042.97 were authorized for all funds.</p> <p>The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.</p> <p>The Village Board recognized the Newark School Section 5 Champions. The Newark High School Boys Bowling Team: Jaden Bentley, Quinlan Cole, Grayson Cole, Nicholas DeYulio, Zachary Fisher, Conner Garling, Ethan Kloch, Kevin Martinez and Haydn Tellier. The Newark High School Girls Bowling Team: Emma Barker, Margherita Corradi, Sierra George, Brooke Hamelink, Sienna Hasseler, Natalie Kent, Hannah Kinslow, Ava Ransco, Rebecca Spry and Ainsley Vandermark. Coach Mark Rowe has been coaching both teams with winning records.</p>
FIRE CHIEF	<p>Chief Miller reported: 326 calls to date Fire House Subs will be here from July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> for the Newark Fire Department fund raiser.</p>
PUBLIC HEARING	<p>Public Hearing regarding Village of Newark Code on past due water bills at 6:10pm.</p> <p>No comments from the public.</p> <p>Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess, and carried unanimously to go back into session.</p> <p>Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to adopt Local Law §164-7 and Local Law §164-8.</p> <p>Local Law No. 2 of 2023 Village of Newark, County of Wayne LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023, LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND §164-8 OF THE NEWARK VILLAGE CODE. Be it enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark as follows: Section 1. Title This Local Law shall be referred to as the "Local Law Amending §164-7 and §164-8 of the Newark Village Code." Section 2. Purpose The Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark has determined to amend</p>

the §164-7 and §164-8 of the Newark Village Code, in order to clarify procedures relating to past due water bill invoices in the Village of Newark. Section 3. Amendment to §164-7 of the Newark Village Code Section 164-7 of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows: A. Payment of water bills. All water rental bills are due on or before the 15th day of the month of rendering. If bills are not paid by this date, a ten-percent penalty charge will be added every 15 days to the unpaid bill. If not paid within 30 calendar days after the due date, the water service will be suspended until all outstanding bills and charges have been reimbursed to the Board. Failure to receive a bill is not considered a valid reason for nonpayment. In default of payment of these charges, water service may be discontinued to such property. Further, all charges will be considered a lien on the property involved and added to the tax bill. Section 4. Amendment to §164-8 of the Newark Village Code Section 164-8 of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows: The Village Board may from time to time adopt by resolution rules and regulations pertaining to billing regulations for all accounts. The rules and regulations shall be on file with the Village Clerk. Section 5. Effective Date This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

CODE  
ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens was not present.

ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPEMENT

Economic Development Facilitator, Mark Peake discussed the following:

Empire State Trail Town – We are finishing up the Trail Town Landing Page Worksheet – This will be used as a guide for what we want to show-case to potential visitors, as well as provide crucial information that visitors will be looking for when planning their visits. We are just about done, finishing up the slogan to use.

Cycle the Erie – Last Tuesday we had about 750 cyclists come into the Village on their way to Seneca Falls. Great day. Aged 3-83. Met the 3 year old. Cute young man who was doing great. We received very positive feedback from the riders but, we made a list of things we will do better next year. Would like to thank Christine. She came up with the key chain that had a bicycle on it, seemed to be a hit. I also would like to thank the DPW crew and the volunteers who assisted us. Great teamwork.

Taste of Wayne County – This will be held tomorrow night along VanBuren Street. If someone could do a reverse rain dance we would appreciate it. Looking like showers but, we will keep our fingers crossed it passes us by.

Land Bank – Roger said the Land Bank should be officially taking ownership of the vacant house on East Myrtle and 201 Church Street in the next couple of days. Then they can work on removing them and cleaning up the neighborhoods.

Camping in the Canal Park – While going through the Empire State Trail Town process it was recommended we make it more streamlined. Also, have a method for people to check in at night if no one is around. Maybe a QR code to register on line. Otherwise register at Interpretive Center while personnel are there.

CLERK  
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve changing the September 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with NYCOM Training.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to allow Renewal Life Church to hold a back-to-school event at Central Park on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. This is with a stipulation that they may have to relocate depending on construction in Central Park at that time.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve hiring Will Trembley as Summer Help at the DPW.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve a 6ft curb cut that will be no closer than 5ft from the fire hydrant for a driveway expansion at 118 Elmwood Avenue.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve a laminated QR code at T. Spencer Knight Park, along the Canal Trail for a Wayne Youth Walk for Wellness Program.

Discussion on the following LWRP:

**Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Village of Newark 2023 New York State Consolidated Funding Application, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program — Planning Preparation**

Village of Newark, Wayne County, DRI was awarded \$10M in 2021 to revitalize its downtown area and since has worked to develop a Strategic Investment Plan that identifies key projects within the area including the waterfront; and

**WHEREAS**, Village of Newark, Wayne County, supports the submission of a 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Village, for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the preparation of a plan to develop public and private development along the Erie Canal; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of State (DOS), is soliciting applications through the CFA from eligible Villages along New York's designated inland waterways to advance the preparation of strategies for community and waterfront revitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Newark is home to approximately 10,000 residents who live within 5.4 square miles, with the Erie Canal flowing through its center, providing a unique avenue for travel as well as recreation events; and

**WHEREAS**, if funding is received it will allow the Village of Newark to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan for the Village's Erie Canal development district for public and private development along the Erie Canal waterfront in Newark with sound revitalization strategies;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board, on behalf of the Village, identifies the Village Mayor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village Board does hereby authorize and obligates local matching funds of the minimum 25% of the total of any grant funding awarded in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution hereby appropriated from the general fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of Newark, recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2023 CFA

for the preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for its Erie Canal development district.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Village of Newark 2023 NYS Consolidated Funding Application, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program-Planning Preparation.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve a fundraising dinner on East Avenue Bridge on August 31, 2023. The bridge will be closed from Union Street to VanBuren Street at noon on 8/31/23 for set up and the dinner.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the Arc of Wayne to hold their annual Color Wayne Fun Run/Walk/Roll on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. VanBuren Street will be closed between North Main Street and East Avenue from 7am to 2pm on 9/2/23.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the resignation of Thomas Robertson on July 12, 2023.

LEGAL

Nothing at this time.

CHIEF OF  
POLICE

Police Chief Richard Martin gave the following update on June 2023 statistics:

- 16 Property Damage MVA; 2 Personal Injury MVA
  - 60 Incident/Crime Reports taken
  - 0 Juvenile Referrals
  - 1 Suspicious person stops
  - 75 Property Checks
  - 24 Traffic Stops:
  - 1 Uses of Force (11-YTD)
  - 23 ACO calls responded to
- Total Events: , down from in June

Highest Call Types: 105 Assists 65 Disturbances

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess, and carried unanimously to approve hiring Ronald Webster Part-time at the Interpretive Center.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a new Tahoe for the Police Department at the price of \$41,666.14 plus outfit cost.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Bendix, and carried unanimously to surplus Police vehicle Unit #210.

WWTP CHIEF  
OPERATOR

WWTP Chief Operator stated the EPA Inspection went well with no real issues at the plant. They received a gold star for the three pump stations, there were no issues. They did have a couple areas of concerns at the DPW that have been addressed.

TRUSTEES

Nothing at this time.

TIME FOR THE  
PUBLIC

Kellyn Brightman from 785 Blue Cut Road, Newark, New York 14513, brought to the Board a request and petition for the Board to consider allowing residents of the Village of Newark to have chickens in their back yards. Other local Villages do allow this. It is an economic and educational opportunity for

residents. With the cost of food/eggs doubling, it helps with hardship. Children really enjoy watching the chickens hatch, helping raise them and collecting the eggs. Kellyn mentioned that she lives 918 feet from the Village line.

The Board thanked her for the information and for the thorough research she put into this.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess, and carried unanimously to go into executive session at 6:45 P.M.to discuss a legal issue and land transfer. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M..

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Lynette Morrison  
Village Clerk-Treasurer