

Minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor court room of the Municipal Building at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Peter Blandino (12); Trustees: Helen Blandino (12), Jonathan Taylor (12), and John Zornow (12). Excused: Trustee Werts (10).

Police Chief David Christler, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Velte, AECC Executive Director Mike Muscolino, and Attorney Art Williams (Late).

General Public: 12

WELCOME BY  
MAYOR

At 5:05 P.M., Mayor Blandino led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. He noted that Chad Crockford, son of former employees Jim and Linda Bridgeman, will be competing in an Ironman competition in Chattanooga, TN on September 28, 2014. He is competing as part of a fundraising effort to support the ALS Guardian Angels Foundation in honor of the recently deceased Ray DePauw, who bravely fought this disease. More information can be found on the Village's website.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (Trustee Werts Excused – TWE) to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting July 15, 2014.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the August vouchers and invoices which Trustee Zornow reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$1,069,825.46 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF  
DAVID GRECO

3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Velte spoke on the following:

- Training participation has increased.
- Response times to calls remains good.

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the membership of Mr. Nathan Hanson of 118 Frey St., who has joined Arcadia Hose Co. # 2. He has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

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CODE  
ENFORCEMENT  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Rite Aid is expecting construction of their new building on S. Main St. /Route 31 to begin shortly after Labor Day.
- The owners of the Arcadia Shopping Plaza have received all their approvals to begin construction of their proposed building.
- HEP has received all the approvals to begin the new construction project at their current site.
- He noted the proliferation of signage around the Village for yard and garage sales. The two issues are that in some cases they are being placed without proper approval from the property owners, and that some of the events aren't receiving the proper approval required by the Village Code.
- He also inquired if the Village was going to perform one more brush pick up in August to clean up debris put out after the August 1, 2014 storm. This led to significant discussion on how the Village might better communicate with its residents on issues such as this and the signage problem. The consensus of the Board was for the Code Enforcement Dept. to head up an effort to create a Facebook page for the Village to help disseminate information to residents.

AECC DIRECTOR  
MIKE  
MUSCOLINO

Mr. Muscolino spoke on the following:

- Shared some of the highlights of the AECC Spring/Summer report that he provided the Board members.

CLERK  
TREASURER

Mr. Murawski spoke on the following:

- The FY 2014 external audit field work has been completed by Bonadio & Co., and there are no significant issues or findings.
- The annual update of the 930K CAT Loader occurred, with the 2013 loader being advertised for sale.

Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to accept the bid of Milton Caterpillar to purchase the Village's 2013 930K loader for the price of \$133,462.00.

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the purchase of the 2014 Caterpillar 930K Loader for the price of \$139,000.00

MAYOR

MRB WWTP  
CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve Amendment # 2 to the MRB Group WWTP contract, which increases the contract by \$493,000.00. The increase was precipitated by the additional \$5 MM of cost added to the project by new and proposed Federal and State regulations.

Attorney Williams arrived at 5:35 P.M.

VILLAGE/IEC  
CORPORATION  
AGREEMENT

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the Economic Development Loan Agreement with IEC related to the CDBG funding the Village received in October 2012.

Mayor Blandino also noted the following:

- The schedule for the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony to be held in Central Park on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.
- The letter from Representative Dan Maffei concerning the FEMA grants seminar upcoming on August 21<sup>st</sup> in Auburn.
- A thank you note from a Village resident commending the Village DPW, Police and Fire Departments for the tremendous cooperation they showed in cleaning up the area around Grace Avenue the evening of the August 1<sup>st</sup> storm.

REQUEST FOR  
VILLAGE CODE  
CHANGE

Peter Wohlrab, the new owner of the Newark Country Club property, approached the Board to discuss his potential plans for the property. He stated that he is looking to turn the location into an RV Park/Campground. He has already been before the Planning Board for conceptual site plan approval. He was instructed by that Board to provide them with more detailed plans on the proposal; he wants to know if the Village would be willing to look at changing the current Village Code to allow limited outdoor burning at the location. This is currently not allowed by the Village Code. There was significant dialogue by the Board and the Village Attorney on how this might be structured if they were to agree to grant his request.

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to schedule a public hearing for September 16, 2014 at 5:05 P.M. to discuss proposed changes to Village Code Section 104, "Outdoor Burning and Cooking". The Village Attorney will prepare the proposed draft, and the Clerk will make sure the necessary legal notifications are filed.

THREE WAY  
STOP SIGN  
COLTON AVE –  
E. MYRTLE AVE.

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to install a 3-Way STOP sign at the intersection of Colton Avenue and East Myrtle Avenue at the request of Brice Fisher, who resides on Colton Avenue. There are no traffic control devices at this location at the present time. The Mayor stated that he will get with the DPW to expedite the installation.

TIME FOR THE  
PUBLIC -  
SILVER HILL

Mark Sheldon of 301 Silver Hill Road asked about the recent paving of Silver Hill Road; he wanted to know if the road was done, or if another top surface was going to be put on. The Mayor stated that the Village

will look into the matter to see if this project is completed

ROAD PAVING  
SILVER HILL  
ROAD DUMPING

Mr. Sheldon also spoke on the matter of the “No Dumping” signs that were recently placed on Silver Hill Road near his home. Mayor Blandino stated that the Village placed three signs in that area due to illegal dumping of brush across the street from the residences in that area. Mr. Sheldon requested that the signage be removed from the area now that the residents in that area are aware of the fact that dumping is not allowed. The Mayor stated that the Village doesn’t have enough information at the present time to take any action on the request.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams presented a request from the owners of 417/419 W. Maple Avenue to have a license agreement with the Village of Newark that would allow them to maintain their garage at the property. The structure sits on top of a storm sewer line that the Village maintains an easement for. The agreement notes that the property owner would have to move the garage if the Village needed access to that area to work on the storm sewer. Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the license agreement with the property owners.

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the easements for the Village properties on the west side of Van Buren Street past the Maco Bag property. These easements were obtained to allow the Village to install additional storm sewer lines in that area.

POLICE CHIEF  
DAVE CHRISTLER

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize Sgt. Jim Thomson to attend a two day leadership training conference October 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at a total cost of \$364.98, which includes tuition, lodging and meals. The event is being hosted by the Atlantic City Police Department.

TRAINING  
REQUESTS

Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize Chief Christler to attend the Varysburg Executive Training Conference from September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup> at an estimated total cost of \$270.00.

RETIREMENT  
AND  
REPLACEMENT  
- SCHOOL  
CROSSING  
GUARD

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to accept the resignation of Llewellyn Davis as a School Crossing Guard, effective August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to appoint Michael Drock to fill the School Crossing Guard position vacated by Mr. Davis’ retirement.

**SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT**

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to declare surplus two Police Department vehicles, and to dispose of at Fair Market Value. One is a 2007 Crown Victoria – VIN 144931 (old Vehicle 205), and the second is a 2008 Crown Victoria – VIN 118741 (old Vehicle 210). The new 2014 Ford Explorer SUV – VIN C60548, license plate number 204, will replace one of these vehicles being retired.

**TRUSTEES**

Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the use of T. Spencer Knight Park on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. until Noon for the Rotary “Canalside Fun Event” fundraiser.

Trustee Taylor brought up an issue with water coming off of South Main Street and onto Van Buren Street during heavy rain events. The Village will look into the matter to see if any cost effective measures can be employed to help mitigate the situation.

**TIME FOR THE  
PUBLIC**

No one else from the public wished to speak at this time.

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

No executive session.

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Stephen Murawski,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer