

Minutes of the October 15, 2018 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 Jonathan Taylor (26); Trustees: Robert Bendix (23), Stuart Blodgett (24), Alan Schober (25), and Rebecca Vermeulen (20).

Interim Police Chief Mark Thoms, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Rusty Havert, AECC Executive Director Mike Muscolino, and Attorney Art Williams.

General Public: 65

WELCOME BY  
MAYOR

At 5:00 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting September 18, 2018.
- Special Board Meeting October 1, 2018.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the October vouchers and invoices Trustee Schober reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$1,335,952.91 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

MAYOR

Mayor Taylor introduced Randy Shepard, the partner from Bonadio & Co. who oversaw the audit engagement of the Village of Newark. He reviewed the audit report and shared some highlights with the Board, noting that there were no material issues. Mr. Shepard also stated that the audit report opinion would be unmodified, which is the highest level of assurance that can be issued on the audit report.

FIRE CHIEF  
RUSTY HAVERT

Chief Havert noted the following:

- 454 calls for service YTD.
- Thanked the Board members for attending the dedication of the new Rescue 7 Truck.
- Stated that the old Rescue 7 Truck has not sold yet, and only minimal interest has been shown in the vehicle so far. Board consensus was to use whatever advertising tool necessary to obtain the highest possible price for the sale.

- New garage doors have been installed.
- Informed the board that a press release was going to be issued by the Department noting the actions of Fire Personnel Doug Velte, Rod Bliss, Juan Ortiz, and Newark Police Officer Dan Weegar in saving the life of an individual during a recent emergency event.

AECC DIRECTOR  
MIKE  
MUSCOLINO

Mr. Muscolino spoke on the following:

- Acknowledged the 20 years of service at AECC by Jorge Bueso, stating that he is a valuable asset to the Village.
- Noted that many Fall programs were at or close to full capacity, such as the 175 participants signed up for Youth Swimming.
- Halloween Party will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the AECC, and the Christmas Tree Lighting event in Central Park on December 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 6:00 P.M. also.

CODE  
ENFORCEMENT/  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- There are openings on both the Planning and Zoning Boards, and that replacements need to be put in place.
- Two new structures are being constructed in the Village Industrial Park; he stated that new infrastructure needs to be constructed before the remaining property in the Park can be developed. The Mayor and Mr. Peake, along with other pertinent Village employees, will meet next week to discuss and plan for this project.
- Byrne Dairy will be demolishing the old Roosevelt School on E. Union St. and putting in a modern convenience store at the location.
- Requested an Executive Session for a potential Real Estate purchase or sale.

CLERK/  
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to accept the “Unmodified Opinion” report from Bonadio & Co. for the 2018 Financial Audit of the Village of Newark.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to authorize the Village of Newark to relevy the delinquent 2018-2019 Newark Village Property Taxes to Wayne County for collection. The actual wording and relevy amount will appear in the minutes for the next Board meeting after the relevy amount has been determined.

Mr. Murawski introduce the new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Carolyn Pitti, who was in attendance in the audience.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to approve the attendance of up to five DPW employees at the NYMIR sponsored Driving Safety training in Palmyra on Octo-

ber 25<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$35.00 per person.

Mayor Taylor noted the schedule for the Veteran's Day Ceremony to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize Mayor Taylor to attend the NYCOM Legislative Priority meeting in Albany on November 19<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$300.00.

The motion to transfer funds from the Water Fund reserve account to fund the Wood Lane water main replacement project was tabled.

The motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MRB Group to provide Survey and Engineering services related to the Wood Lane water main replacement project was tabled.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Newark Jr. Reds A Squad Football Team, Cheer Squad and Head Coaches asked to participate in the Pro Football Hall of Fame World Youth Championships 14U Division in Canton, Ohio on November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the undefeated football team was selected based on their past record, overall team ability, off-season and current team record, strength of schedule, play making ability and team character,

WHEREAS, Head Coach Brad Steve, Assistant Coach David Lyon, and players: Jream Brown, Carlos Bueso, Herman Cobb, Greyson Cole, Henry Cromartie, Caden Cusworth, Kellen Foster, Nicholas Hayes, Raeshawn Howard, Tariq Joseph, Lucas Lyon, Alexander Ransco, Alec-Edward Sedore, Jacob Sides, Jacob Smith, Brayden Steve, Preston Steve, Dominick Wilson, Benjamin Winkler, along with Cheer Squad Head Coach Aleia Mallette and Squad Members: Alexandra Barber, Keira Blevins, Morgan Davis, Jenna Eldridge, Karli Goodrich, Sophia Hasseler, Alyssa Hosmer, Natalie Kelley, Melea Kuzmenko, Lexia Mallette, Alana Ransco and Brianna Wickman have demonstrated the highest standards of sportsmanship, athletic ability and consolidated team effort through the football season that have lead them to be selected for this honor; and

WHEREAS, the world youth football championship series not only showcases the athletic talent of these young players but illustrates how they reflect the values learned from this game such as commitment, integrity, courage, respect and excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Newark Village Board proudly extends their congratulations to the Newark J. Reds Football Team, the Cheer Squad and Coaches, and is honored to have them represent the Village of Newark in a world showcase athletic event.

Mayor Taylor had nothing else for Open Session.

LEGAL

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the request for an easement from First Light Technologies for road crossings on Technology Drive, subject to final approval by Village Attorney Art Williams. First Light will be responsible for all filing fees related to the easement.

Attorney Art Williams had nothing else for the Board tonight.

POLICE CHIEF

Interim Police Chief Mark Thoms noted the following:

- Safe Child I.D. kit has arrived and is being set up for usage. Events are being set up to begin to utilize the equipment.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the training request of Investigator Warren to attend the Social Networking Investigations training offered for free through his certification with the U.S. Secret Service in Hoover, AL from November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the Internship request of Ryan Velte with the Newark Police Depart from December 17, 2018 through January 24, 2019. He will intern for 140 hours, as required by his program through Keuka College.

TRUSTEES

Trustees Bendix and Blodgett provided an update on the training they received while attending the recent NYCOM Fall Training School.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. to discuss a specific individual within the Police Department, and a potential real estate sale or purchase.

OPEN SESSION

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 5:50 P.M.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the Eagle Scout project of Cameron Swan to

clean and straighten cemetery monuments in Section M of the Newark North Main St. cemetery.

EXECUTVE  
SESSION

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:51 P.M. to discuss a specific individual within the Police Department, and a potential real estate sale or purchase.

OPEN SESSION

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 7:28 P.M.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cancellation and Release of Purchase and Sale contract with Eric Dodge for the Village owned property at 1675 County Road 19, Manchester, NY 14548.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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Stephen Murawski,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer