

Minutes of the July 21, 2020 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 (21); Trustees: Robert Bendix (21), Stuart Blodgett (19), Alan Schober (20), and Rebecca Vermeulen (18).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Kevin Velte, and Attorney Art Williams(By Phone).

General Public: 11

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 June 16, 2020.
- Special Board Meeting June 19, 2020.
- Special Board Meeting July 1, 2020.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to approve the July vouchers and invoices Trustee Blodgett reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$405,257.16 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

CHIEF
KEVIN VELTE

Chief Velte spoke on the following:

- 273 Calls for Service YTD.
- Six simultaneous fires on July 4th due to fireworks, with minimal property damage.
- Ladder truck in body shop from MVA; should be back this week.
- Floor sealing of the truck bays and other painting of the fire hall almost complete.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT/
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Building permits for residential property up 29% for the year compared with 2019.
- Footers have been poured for the new C&C Automation build-

ing in the Industrial Park.

- There are two solid prospects that are looking to locate in the Village Industrial Park.
- Mr. Peake thanked the DPW in helping to get Legendary Way completed for usage.
- Long grass/property maintenance issues still high.
- The new “North Main Street Restaurant” opened today. They will operate 7 days per week.

Mr. Peake also informed the Board that Parkers Restaurant would like to have a dedicated parking spot in the lot behind their restaurant for “15 Minute parking for Pick Up Orders”. After much discussion and numerous questions, the board tabled the matter until further information could be gathered on which to base their decision.

CLERK
TREASURER

The Clerk/Treasurer had nothing for Open Session.

MAYOR

After much discussion and numerous questions, the board tabled the proposal to institute a ban on smoking by Village employees while working, excluding authorized breaks and lunch.

The board moved the discussion on the proposed changes to the tower lease agreement to Executive Session.

After much discussion and numerous questions, motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to table the decision to accept dedication of Garfield St. and Adams St. until further information is obtained.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the new Waste Hauler Discharge License and Waste Hauler Discharge License Application forms for use at the WWTP.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Newark Village Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Village Board) has reviewed the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as Village Engineer) on the above referenced Village of Newark Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements Project (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that said Action is classified as a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved agencies under SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action and directs the Mayor to sign and date the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Engineer is directed to provide notice hereof to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing on or before noon on **Tuesday, August 25**.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form – Part 1 - Project and Setting, for the Village of Newark Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Disinfection Improvements project.

After some discussion and a few questions, no action was taken on the request from the family of John Frederick to install a Non-Conforming headstone in the East Newark Cemetery.

Mayor Taylor also noted the following projects in the Village:

- Infrastructure improvements at the Village Industrial Park has made the open lot locations more shovel ready.
- Erie Canal Trail improvements almost completed, with residents using the amenity already.
- Local Boy Scouts have obtained permission from Wayne Co. to install two foot bridges at the Silver Hill Industrial Park.
- The new roof is going on at the Newark Public Library building, and the contractor expects to have the project completed by the middle of next week.
- The new street lights will be installed at the new Wood Lane Sidewalk to complete that project.

LEGAL

Village Attorney Art Williams had nothing for Open Session

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Thoms noted the monthly reports provided to the Board. He also

MARK THOMS

informed of the arrest of two teenage girls for the vandalism to the murals underneath the N. Main St. bridge. Mayor Taylor thanked Trustee Vermeulen for her effort in spearheading the project to clean up, restore, and protect the murals going forward, as well as Chief Thoms for his involvement in the matter. Trustee Vermeulen expressed gratitude for the 16 individuals who showed up to complete the work and make the project successful.

SUPERINTENDENT DPW BOB HUTTEMAN

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the Proposal for Construction Administration Services agreement with MRB Group for the Library Roof project.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve contract amendment # 1 with T.Y. Lin for the Route 88 project for a total of \$9,579.28.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the amendment of the contract with MRB Group for the WTP project to include the testing services performed by CME at no change to the cost of the contract.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen carried unanimously to approve the change order for the Library Roof project to take \$1,050.00 from Contingency to purchase new roof vents to be reinstalled and help improve air flow which will prolong the life of the roof and HVAC system.

Superintendent of DPW provided the board with updates on different issues and projects going on in the Village.

TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees had anything for Open Session.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

Peter Blandino of 123 Stuerwald Ave. expressed concern that the NYW DEC had held the Newark WWTP to a higher standard for permit renewal than other surrounding communities. Mayor Taylor noted that, while in the past that may have been the case, at present other communities are being held to the same standard and have completed this required upgrade before us. The Village is still on target to meet the 2024 deadline.

David Wilck of 120 Moore St. expressed his frustration at nothing being done that stopped the discharge of illegal fireworks up to and including July 4th night. He stated that he called E911 nine times to have someone come and address the problem. He noted that damage was done to Perkins Park, including the grass that was burnt from the firing of the product. His question and issue is: What can the Village do moving forward that will address this issue? Chief Thoms stated that the

Village has learned from this year, and will be better prepared to address the problem in the future.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. to discuss a specific individual within the Justice Court, the DPW Contract, and potential contract negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 8:00 P.M.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to pay Temporary Village Justice Carol Heald an additional \$1,500.00 per month for the period of July-September 2020 for the work she is required to perform outside her time actually in court, which NYS is currently paying her \$500.00 per month for.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to appoint Robert Hutteman to Permanent Status as Working Foreman at the DPW.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Stephen Murawski
Village Clerk-Treasurer