

Minutes of the April 20, 2021 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 (10), Stuart Blodgett (12), Chris Burgess (12), and Emily Howard (12).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Temporary Village Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Quade, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Kevin Velte, Incoming Fire Chief Chuck Witt and Attorney Art Williams.

General Public: 6

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

- Regular Board Meeting March 16, 2021.
- Workshop Board Meeting March 17, 2021.
- Special Board Meeting March 24, 2021.
- Workshop-Special Board meeting April 6, 2021.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the April vouchers and invoices Trustee Burgess reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$1,485,841.74 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

CHIEF
KEVIN VELTE

Chief Velte updated the Board that there have been 131 calls for service YTD.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the following Chiefs list:

Chief – Chuck Witt

1st Assistant Chief – Jeff Miller

2nd Assistant Chief – Rod Bliss

3rd Assistant Chief – Doug Velte

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the removal of Mike Krebbeks, Austin Lashomb

and Robert Miller from the Newark Volunteer Firemen's membership rolls.

The Village Board thanked Chief Velte for his service to the Newark Fire Department and the Village of Newark.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT/
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Mark Peake provided the following updates:

- Community Pride Day is May 22, 2021. They are looking for volunteers.
- Continuing training for Civic.gov software.
- C&C Automatics transformer was supposed to be put in however NYSEG realized it had the wrong voltage. New transformer should be coming in soon.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to accept additional land donation for the plow turn around on West Sherman Avenue.

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the relevy of past due water, sewer and public works charges with the June 2021 taxes. The Board will be provided with the dollar amount in May 2021.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to authorize the Treasurer to enact whatever budget transfers may be necessary for fiscal year 2021 to eliminate deficits in any line item, subject to review by the Budget Oversight Committee. The Board will be provided a copy of the budgetary transfer once they are completed.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed budget, with a Tax Rate of \$13.924835, which is an increase of 1.9%, and under the Village's tax cap limit for this year. The Tax Levy is \$4,424,334.00. Appropriations approved for the Funds are as follows:
General - \$6,830,784; Water - \$2,168,153; Sewer - \$2,784,703.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to accept the Municipal Shelter Inspection report dated April 5, 2021. Repairs noted in the report have already been corrected.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to accept the NYS Agriculture and Markets Dog Control Officer Inspection report dated April 5, 2021.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to allow Laurel House to use Central Park and the bandstand

for the 5k on June 12, 2021.

Tabled any action on accepting dedication of Garfield St. and Adams Street. The required paperwork from the property owner still has not been provided.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Zachary Klaver to the Department of Public Works position.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the resignation of Justice Miller.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve Newark High School spring musical staff and students the use of Central Park and the East Newark Cemetery to film scenes for their musical. The days will be Monday April 26th and Tuesday April 27th. They will be following COVID-19 guidelines.

A committee was formed for the Village Website. The members of the committee are Trustee Howard, Trustee Bendix, Valerie Quade, Robin Bremer, Mark Peake, and Chief Thoms.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to declare the WWTP generator surplus.

Discussion of the MRB invoice for excess charges for the UV system DEC/EFC report was tabled.

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to appoint Valerie Quade to Clerk/Treasurer, Compliance Officer, Budget Oversight Committee, Loan Review Committee, Revolving Loan Commissioner, Information Technology Committee, Tax Collector, Records Management Officer, Records Management Committee, Minority and Women's Business Equal Employment Opportunity, Program Officer, and State & Federal Contact as of May 6, 2021.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve Park Band dates of July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 for 7:30 performances.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve purchase of the E-Bill Module to update our Water and Sewer billing allowing customers to receive their bill through email instead of postcard. The cost is \$1,000.00 initial cost and \$220.00 annual support fee.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to accept the renewal of Joey's Northside Grocery's liquor license.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve Valerie Quade, Clerk/Treasurer to attend NYCOM training June 9-11, 2021.

Discussion of the Local Law Providing Exemptions for the Cold War Veterans was tabled until the assessor of the Town of Arcadia is able to attend.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve Michael Bouwens to attend the 2 day New York Rural Water Associations spring web based training for the cost of \$90.00.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve Newark School Softball Program to hold a chicken BBQ on Saturday May 8 2021 located on the Village of Newark parking lot.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve closing of VanBuren Street from North Main to East Ave for the Taste of Wayne County on Tuesday July 20, 2021.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve allowing parades to be held within the Village of Newark in 2021.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the following budget transfer to install new drainage pipe and catch basins on Lincoln Road.

A5142.4180	(\$15,000.00)
Snow Removal- Salt & Sand	
A5110.4000	\$15,000.00
Street Maintenance- Contractual	

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the provider for Newark Central School District repeater system access to the tower to install equipment as needed.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve with regrets Steve Murawski's retirement. The Village Board thanked Steve for all his work over the last 15 years.

Discussion occurred regarding the regulation of marihuana.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had no updates.

POLICE CHIEF
MARK THOMS

Chief Thoms gave an update on the following:

- Reviewed the monthly report.
- Started the community policing initiative that is part of the Police Reform
- Had a few reports of signs down which they are getting them back up.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the following training request:

- Investigator Jay Warren to attend Vehicle Forensics Pilot Course in Hoover Alabama on May 17-21, 2021. Training, lodging, travel and meal expense is paid for by the United States Secret Service. No overtime will be incurred for this training or travel time.
- Investigator Jay Warren to attend Skimmer Hunter Course in Hoover Alabama on May 10-14, 2021. Training, lodging, travel and meal expense is paid for by the United States Secret Service. No overtime will be incurred for this training or travel time.
- Officer Ethan Derr and Officer Jacob Jackson to attend an academy class at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy for the Breathe Test Operator Course when it becomes available. Both officers current certification has expired. The trainings will cost \$300.00 each.

SUPERINTEN-
DENT DPW BOB
HUTTEMAN

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve William Vermuelen as a permanent employee with the DPW.

Superintendent Hutteman gave an update on the following:

- 2021 Road Improvements.
- RFP to get design cost for East Avenue Reconstruction.
- Discussion with property owners regarding easements for Bridge NY culvert applications.
- Heat & A/C installed and painting done at the Interpretive Center.
- Library study received, working with the consultant to finalize.
- DI repair on West Union.
- DPW employees removing other trees that are dead. They continue to check and make a list of trees that need removal.
- Contractor removed 20 large trees that were around power lines at no cost to the Village.
- Crews are checking sanitary sewer lines.

- DPW employees are getting parks ready by Memorial Day.

TRUSTEES Trustees had no update.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC No one from the public expressed a desire to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:22P.M. to discuss specific position within the Village Justice Department, banking options and contracts.

OEPN SESSION Spelling Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to come back into Open Session at 7:46P.M.

MAYOR Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve use of Positive Pay with Lyons National Bank for a cost of \$75.00 per month.

ADJOURNMENT Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47P.M.

Valerie Quade
Temporary Village Clerk-Treasurer