

Minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2nd floor court room of the Municipal Building at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT Mayor Peter Blandino (8); Trustees: Helen Blandino (8), Jonathan Taylor (8), and John Zornow (8). Trustee Werts - Absent (TWA)(7).

Police Chief David Christler, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief David Greco, AECC Executive Director Mike Muscolino, and Attorney Art Williams.

General Public: 7

WELCOME BY MAYOR At 5:08 P.M., Mayor Blandino led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting April 15, 2014.
- Special Board Meeting May 8, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the May vouchers and invoices which Trustee Blandino reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$970,701.85 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF DAVID GRECO Fire Chief David Greco spoke on the following:

- The new air packs are in, and the Mayor noted that so is the funding from the grant that helped to purchase them.
- The fire department answered around 30 calls for water related issues during the recent heavy rains earlier in May.
- The annual inspection of the fire trucks is being completed today and tomorrow, May 21st.
- Trustee Taylor started the discussion on what the fire department does to assist Village residents with flooding issues during major events.

AECC DIRECTOR MIKE MUSCOLINO Mr. Muscolino noted the following:

- NCAA Division III baseball tournament held last week at Colburn Park was successful, with no major issues.

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CODE
ENFORCEMENT
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

- AECC activities are mostly outdoor at this time of year.
- Advertising for the summer programs has been placed.
- Starting June 1st, Perkins Park will be staffed daily until early September. The pavilions are already heavily booked.
- Trustee Taylor asked if there was any way to measure the economic impact of the baseball tournament. There was some discussion on the matter, but no official action was taken.

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- The VONEDA group met today, and will be meeting again on June 24th. The Village of Newark promotional video project is ongoing and is nearing completion.
- The semiannual Economic Development newsletter has just been released.
- The number and value of building projects has increase significantly this year versus last year for the same time period.
- Mr. Peake proposed that the Village consider shortening the time frame necessary to legally notify home owners of property maintenance code violations. The Mayor asked attorney Williams if this needed to be discussed at a public hearing, and he stated that is was necessary.

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to hold a public hearing on June 17, 2014 at 5:10 P.M. to discuss the proposed changes to Village Code Section 113-7.

Mr. Peake also asked if the Village could legally use outside contractors to provide services necessary to address code violations that go uncorrected, and still charge the fees to the property owner. He stated that the DPW sometimes doesn't have the manpower to perform the necessary clean-up in a timely fashion. Mr. Williams stated that the Village has that option of addressing the issue if it so chooses. Mr. Peake wanted to know if he needed to develop a fee schedule to manage the process; Mr. Williams stated that it wasn't necessary since the Village could reject the contractors' proposals if they seemed unreasonable. Mayor Blandino wanted to know if we could utilize both the Village's resources and outside contractors at the same time. He stated it was a source of revenue that we don't want to farm out unless absolutely necessary.

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the relevy of unpaid water/sewer bills of \$14,349.95, and public works charges in the amount of \$27,711.25, to the June 1, 2014 Village Real Property taxes.

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the Land For Jobs application of Newchem, Inc. (Newcut Industries) for land in the Village Industrial Park, based on the recommendation of the Loan Committee.

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Taylor and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the “Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures For Tax-Exempt Notes & Bonds or other Tax-Advantaged Financing”, and to make it part of the annual policy and procedure approval process. The policy was provided to the Board member and Village Attorney, and a copy is on file with the Village Clerk.

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the request of the customer at 11 Marie Avenue for relief from excess sewer consumption of 53,000 gallons for a water leak that did not go into the Village sanitary sewer system. The credit to the customer’s sewer portion of the bill will be \$503.50.

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to approve the request of the customer at 13 Marie Avenue for relief from excess sewer consumption of 42,000 gallons for a water leak that did not go into the Village sanitary sewer system. The credit to the customer’s sewer portion of the bill will be \$399.00.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Blandino and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to declaring surplus the list of items provided by Jeff DeCann, and to authorize him to dispose of at Fair Market Value.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

MAYOR

Mayor Blandino asked the Board if they have reviewed the 2014-2015 Street Paving worksheet created by DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend. After some discussion, the Mayor recommended that the Board authorize additional spending for FY 2015 for street paving to bring the total to \$300,000.00. This amount would be \$39,000 more than the FY 2015 CHIPS funding, and \$58,000 above the budgeted amount. Trustee Zornow stated that he and Trustee Blandino had received a sheet from Doug Townsend that prioritized the paving list for 2014-2015. He agrees with the Mayor that we can’t be as aggressive this year with paving due to budgetary constraints. After some further discussion, Motion Trustee Zornow, seconded Trustee Taylor to increase the budget for line item A00.05110.4950 by \$58,000.00 for FY 2015. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote, and the motion was carried unanimously 4-0, with Trustee Werts Absent.

LEGAL

Nothing for Art Williams for open session.

POLICE CHIEF
DAVE CHRISTLER

Motion Trustee Taylor, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2014-2015 Annual Confined Space Agreement with the Village of Lyons Fire Department, at a cost of \$1,000.00.

He also noted that preparation continues for the St. Michael's annual Parish Festival in June, with South Main Street being closed from the south side of the Post Office to Williams Street from Noon June 13th to Noon June 15th.

The issue of parking on Village streets being restricted in some areas of the Village for certain hours of the day was discussed, and no formal motion was made. Chief Christler noted that the Village was missing the "Notice of Parking on Village Streets" sign at fourteen locations coming into the Village where it is required. The Chief was instructed to work with DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend on developing recommendations for the Board to consider and/or approve. The issue of the missing signs would be addressed once a decision is reached on a course of action for on street parking issue mentioned above.

TRUSTEES

Nothing from any of the Trustees.

TIME FOR THE
PUBLIC

Jerry Wage of 111 North Avenue asked when the Newark Central Park Band concerts were going to start. It was noted that they usually start on the first or second Tuesday of July, and run for five consecutive weeks.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Blandino, seconded Trustee Zornow and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWA) to go into Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss pending litigation and police union contract negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Stephen Murawski, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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