

Minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 2nd floor court room of the Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (5); Trustees: Robert Bendix (5), Stuart Blodgett (5), and Alan Schober (5). Excused – Trustee Kurt Werts (TWE) (4).

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: 15

WELCOME BY
MAYOR

At 6:01 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

MOMENT OF SI-
LENCE

Mayor Taylor asked for a moment of silence to recognize Paul Peake, Grace Gonzalez, and Betty Bendix, recently deceased parents of Village employees.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting February 19, 2015.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the February vouchers and invoices which Trustee Blodgett reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$995,229.54 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF DA-
VID GRECO

Fire Chief Greco spoke on the following:

- A three person committee will now head up fire department training.
- Busy responding to MVA's and CO alarms.
- Noted benefit of markers attached to Village fire hydrants to help make it easier to locate them in the snow. He noted it would be great if the rest of the unmarked hydrants in the Village could be equipped with the marker.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unan-

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imously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the membership of Mr. Miguel Gonzalez of 712 Colton Ave., who has joined Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co. # 4. He has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to accept the resignations of Timothy Perry and Zachery Verplank.

PUBLIC HEARING
- PUD
DESIGNATION

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on the proposed PUD designation for Tax Accounts 68111-15-620287 and 68111-15-531457 at 6:05 P.M. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake gave an overview of the process so far and the recommendations that have been made. He noted that the Village Planning Board recommended that the properties be designated as PUD-B. A letter of support from local business owner Joseph Nicosia was read to the public. One comment was received from Steve DeJohn of Grace Avenue. He asked the owner, Peter Wohlrab, if he had any plans to expand the property beyond the thirty site approval level he is seeking at the present time. Mr. Wohlrab stated that business conditions and site utilization would determine if his planned expansion of the number of sites at the location would actually move forward. Hearing no other comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:10 P.M.

AECC DIRECTOR
MIKE
MUSCOLINO

AECC Director Mike Muscolino spoke on the following:

- Baseball registration has begun.
- Attendance at the AECC was up this week due to the Winter Break for the Newark Central School District.

CODE
ENFORCMENT /
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to request a Planning Board recommendation on a request for Waiver of Subdivision for Peirson Avenue – Tax Account #'s 68110-09-027656 and 67110-12-993643.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to support the proposed abandonment of approximately 0.1 acres of NYS Canal property in the Village of Newark that include a portion of Parcels 4328, 4366, and 4568, and a Blue Line parcel near formerly abandoned property, to a private owner.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to adopt the PUD-B designation for Tax Accounts 68111-15-620287 and 68111-15-531457.

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Provided Village Board with rendering of the Newchem, Inc

building that is to be constructed in the Village Industrial Park.

MAYOR
- GENERAL
CONTRACTOR
CHANGE ORDER
#5

Mayor Taylor introduced Bill Davis and Greg Hotaling from MRB Group to discuss the proposed GC-CO #5 for the WWTP project. Mr. Davis provided the Board with detailed information on the background of this portion of the project, the issues the contractor is having with a portion of this new influent line, and the proposed solution. Some questions were posed by the Board, and Mr. Davis and Hotaling were able to answer their concerns. After some discussion, motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve GC-CO #5 at a price of \$34,481.97, along with an additional hourly rate of \$1,917.44/hr. for obstruction removal work performed by the subcontractor's crew.

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to schedule the required public hearing at 6:05 P.M. on March 17, 2015 for the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development grant funding the Village received in 2012 to help support the IEC Corp. Newark plant modernization project.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to grant the Sewer Relief request from account holder 21145.1 for relief from the sewer fee for a water leak of 28,000 gallons (\$266.00) that did not enter the Village of Newark sanitary sewer system.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the following budgetary transfer:

Description of Account	Account	Reason Transfer	Debit	Credit
General – Cemetery Contractual	A8810.400	Headstone	7,300.00	
General - Fund Balance	A909.0000	Damage		7,300.00

Mr. Murawski spoke on the following:

- Budget preparation process is ongoing, and the Village will be scheduling the budget workshop for some time in mid-March.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to declare surplus the old Stone tamper and to authorize the Village to dispose of at Fair Market Value.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the WTP and the WWTP to solicit bids for chemicals used in the plants' operations for FY 2016.

FY 2015
EXTERNAL
AUDIT PROPOSAL

Trustee Schober asked when was the last time the Village solicited bids for the annual external audit of the Village. He also asked if there are any other firms that perform municipal audits, and should we consider seeking other proposals from qualified firms. After some discussion and comments, motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engagement Letter with Bonadio & Co. to perform the Village's FY 2015 audit at a price not to exceed \$11,900.00, and a Single Audit on Federal Funding not to exceed \$1,600.00

Mayor Taylor noted that there will be a linkage meeting between the Village, the Town of Arcadia and the Newark School District on March 10, 2015 to hear updated information on a proposed solar farm in the Town of Arcadia.

LEGAL

Attorney Art Williams had nothing for open session.

POLICE CHIEF
DAVID
CHRISTLER

Police Chief Christler requested that Investigator Warren be authorized to attend the Basic Mobile Device Training through the U.S. Secret Service. Trustee Schober asked the Chief to inform the Board on the usefulness of the training to the Village of Newark specifically. After hearing the Chief's update, motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize Investigator Warren to attend the training noted above in Hoover, Alabama at the National Computer Forensics Institute from June 7-12, 2015 at no cost to the Village. No overtime should be incurred; Investigator VerStraete should be able to handle any investigations that may arise.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to authorize Sgt. Thomson to attend Taser recertification training in Utica, New York April 9th-10th at a tuition cost of \$200.00. No overnight lodging is required. The training is required to authorize Sgt. Thomson to continue to provide the Village Police Department's annual Taser training.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to approve the application for 207-c status from Officer Aaron Dean for an injury incurred while on duty, retroactive back to January 21, 2015.

Chief Christler also noted the following:

- St. Michaels Catholic Church had their initial meeting for the 2015 Church Festival, which will be held on June 12th-13th, 2015 on the church property. They will requesting that the Village close a portion of South Main St. as in previous years at a future board meeting.

TRUSTEES Trustee Bendix provided an update on his meeting with Mark Peake in his capacity as the Economic Development liaison for the Board. Trustee Bendix noted that many good things are happening in the area of Economic Development in the Village, and that some new ideas will possibly be presented to the Board in the near term future.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC No one else from the public had any comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TWE) to go into Executive Session at 6:59 P.M to discuss pending litigation.

ADJOURNEMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer