

Minutes of the November 16, 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 (26); Trustees: Robert Bendix (Excused), Stuart Blodgett (23), Chris Burgess (26), and Emily Howard (25).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Superintendent of DPW Bob Hutteman, Village Clerk-Treasurer Valerie Quade, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Bouwens (Excused), Economic Developer Mark Peak (Excused), Fire Chief Chuck Witt and Attorney Art Williams.
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 Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting October 19, 2021.
- Special Board Meeting October 28, 2021.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the November vouchers and invoices Mayor Taylor reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$711,294.12 were authorized for all funds.

Mayor Taylor recognized the Girl Scouts Kaylin Stoneham and Erika Stoneham from Troop 40153 earning their Silver Award.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

CHIEF
CHUCK WITT

Chief Witt discussed the following:

- The fire department had 67 calls. 24 of those calls were in 24 hours due to the rain flooding basements.
- Fire Department inspection is Saturday November 27th.

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve listing 1993 E1 pumper firetruck for sale at fair market value.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the new membership, Timothy Welch and Culter Muckey, to the Newark Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. Timothy Welch has joined the Arcadia Hose Company #2 and has had his arson

check done and was investigated by his company. Culter Muckey has joined the Excelsior Hook & Ladder #4 and has had his arson check done and was investigated by his company.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve reappointment of Jean Bendix to a 5 year term for the Planning Board, Marsha Williams to a 5 year term to the Zoning Board and Dave Carr to a 1 year term as a Planning Board Alternate.

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Burgess, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to authorize the Village of Newark to relevy the delinquent 2021-2022 Newark Village Property Taxes and penalties totaling \$182,832.17 to Wayne County for collection.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve using EFPR Group, CPA's for the May 31, 2020 ARPA revenue loss calculation .

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve Boy Scout Troop 122 to pick up the live Christmas trees from the Village residents after the holiday.

James Schuler, Tracey Edwards Kelly and Elena Torres-Russell discussed with the Village Board a Unity Christmas Window Painting. They talked about the kids which age range from kindergarten to twelfth grade are gathering to paint windows for businesses. Their goal is to have them all done by December 4th which is the night of the Village's tree lighting ceremony. Many businesses are going to stay open late so people can walk around the Village. Their request is that after the tree lighting ceremony is done they invite the attendees to walk around the Village to look at the window displays.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Howard and carried unanimously to approve the Village of Newark to participate in the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Motion Trustee Howard, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to the request to hold a homeless donation walk in Perkins Park pending the date of 12/11 or 12/18 is available and they use the walking path in the park for safety concerns with the unknown weather conditions.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had no updates.

POLICE CHIEF
MARK THOMS

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve Investigator Warren to attend introduction to phone repair course offered by the National Computer Forensics Institute on

January 3-7, 2022 in Hoover Alabama. There is no cost to the Village for training, lodging, travel or meals. No overtime will be incurred.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve Investigator Warren to attend introduction to skimmer forensics course offered by the National Computer Forensics Institute on January 23-28, 2022 in Hoover Alabama. There is no cost to the Village for training, lodging, travel or meals. No overtime will be incurred.

SUPERINTEN-
DENT DPW BOB
HUTTEMAN

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to approve the design contract with C&S for East Avenue for \$204,000.00.

Bob Hutteman discussed the following:

- South Hill water storage tank is back online after being painted. It will need to be drained in one year for inspection.
- The roof at the WTP had a few tears in the seams. The company installing came back to re-seal the roof.
- Construction in the new sand filter will be starting soon.
- WTP driveway is completed.
- Library boiler is working however having electrical issues. It should be 60-70% complete by January due to material shortages.
- DPW is continuing picking up leaves.
- DPW is working on getting the Christmas lights up.
- Plow trucks are ready and the salt building is full.

Mayor Taylor thanked Bob, Mike and the crew for the great job they did taking down the South Hill Water Tower without significant issues.

TRUSTEES

Trustees has no update.

TIME FOR THE
PUBLIC

Eileen VanNorman of 770 Blue Cut Road and Debbie Snow of Blue Cut Road addressed the Village Board about speeding on Blue Cut Road. They are concerned about people speeding while children are out waiting for the bus or playing. Also there are people are walking their dogs on the side of the road since there are no sidewalks. Chief Thoms said that he would meet with them regarding finding on the electric speed sign that was put on the road earlier this year. He also said that he would increase patrols in the area.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:58 P.M. to discuss pending contract and specific DPW employee.

OPEN SESSION

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unan-

imously to go into Open Session at 8:17 P.M.

MAYOR Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Burgess and carried unanimously to prohibit animals in all Village of Newark facilities.

The Village Board and Clerk Treasurer discussed the possibility of looking into different PO systems.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22P.M.

Valerie Quade
Village Clerk-Treasurer