

Minutes of the February 18, 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 (5); Trustees: Robert Bendix (5) and Stuart Blodgett (4), and Alan Schober (5). Excused: Trustee Rebecca Vermeulen (3).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Asst. 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.

MOMENT OF
SILENCE

Mayor Taylor asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of former Mayor Nick Neuhard and former Trustee Helen Blandino, both of whom were very active in the community.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (Trustee Schober Late and Trustee Vermeulen Excused - TSL and TVE) to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2020.
- Special Board Meeting January 29, 2020.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to approve the February vouchers and invoices Trustee Blodgett reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$355,624.79 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

Assistant FIRE
CHIEF WITT

Asst. Chief Witt left for a Fire Call.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT/
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Gordman's ribbon cutting this morning well attended.
- Three new buildings will probably be going into the Village Industrial Park.

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to acknowledge receipt of the Thirty Day

Advance Notice for Liquor License application of Houghton Restaurant Group at 205 S Main St.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to increase the contribution for health insurance premium for Non-Union staff hired after May 31, 2019 to 25%, and to reaffirm the 15% contribution rate for Non-Union staff hired after May 31 2015.

Mr. Murawski shared that the Village collected \$322,617.63 for payment of Water/Sewer bills for calendar year 2019 through the Payment System, which allows for payment by debit and/or credit card. The number of transactions was 2,016 for the period, which is about 14% of the total bills processed for the year.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to approve the following lowest responsible bids for the WTP and the WWTP chemicals for FY 2021:

Water Treatment System -

Liquid Chlorine – Slack Chemical Co. @ 1,084.32 per ton (↑ \$84.90 per ton).

Liquid Chlorine – Slack Chemical Co. @ \$139.44 per 150 cylinder (↑ \$30.00).

Hydrofluosilicic Acid – Univar USA Inc. @ \$.288 per lb. (↑.01¢ per lb.).

Blended Orthophosphate – Aqua Smart @\$11.50 per gallon(↑\$1.16 per gallon). Three Year fixed rate contract.

Diatomaceous Earth – Slack Chemical @ \$779.42 per ton (↓\$6.58 per ton – Could purchase before June 2020 pending FY 2021 bid prices).

Sodium Hypochlorite – Jones Chemical Co. @ \$1.15 per gallon bulk, \$3.00 gallon drum (Needed pending the upgrade).

Waste Water Treatment System –

Polymer – Slack Chemical @ \$11.543 per gallon (↓45.0%).

Aluminum Sulphate – Thatcher Company of New York @\$0.994 per gallon (↑41%). Three Year fixed rate contract.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to approve the use of Central Park on May 9, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. (Actual activities from 1:30-5:00 P.M.) for the Family Promise Program fundraising event, and to close Church St. from S. Main St. to Maple Court during the time.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to authorize the Village to go out to bid for Lawn Maintenance of the Village Cemeteries and Parks.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to approve the use of Central Park on June 30, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. for the Care Net Of Wayne County Ministry Fair event, and to close Church St. from S. Main St. to Maple Court during the time.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 3-0 (TSL and TVE) to approve naming the scoreboard at Colburn Park in honor of Bob Ohmann, previous owner of the Newark Pilots, in recognition to all his time and resources he committed to improving Colburn Park as the lessee.

Mayor Taylor noted that the Village met recently with NYS DOT. They informed the Village that five new or upgraded pedestrian crosswalks would be installed in the Village. Two of them will be at the intersection of Route 88 North, North Main St. and Pearl St., one at the intersection of W. Union St., NYS Route 31 W. and Mason St., one at 165 E. Union St. (upgrade), and one at the intersection of E. Union St., NYS Route 31 E., and Colton Ave.

Mayor Taylor also noted that the Village of Newark received the American Public Works Association-Genesee Region project of the year award, for projects between \$5 million and \$25 million dollars, for the Route 88, South Main Street project that was substantially completed in 2019.

Joe Nicosia, Newark Library President, Melissa Correia, Library Director, and Russell Harris, Newark Library Building Committee member, presented a proposal to the Village Board to build a glass wall meeting room in the library building with funding they received from a recent endowment. Ms. Correia read a prepared statement on the matter. Much discussion, and many questions, followed.

Trustee Schober arrived at 6:26 P.M.

The library staff then spoke to Trustee Schober to provide him a quick update of what they shared so far, and some further questions and comments were then offered. Mayor Taylor then asked if the Board was ready to vote on the matter.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TVE) to approve the Newark Public Library expending approximately \$12,000.00 to construct the glass wall meeting room, \$13,000.00 for the Mitsubishi equipment to upgrade the HVAC, and \$4,000.00 to replace the front door, all from the endowment funding.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unani-

mously 4-0 (TVE) to spend Wood Lane Sidewalk grant funding to purchase the Option 1, Standing Lighting package, for the ten street lights that are going to be installed on Wood Lane along the newly installed sidewalk.

Mayor Taylor had nothing else for Open Session.

LEGAL Village Attorney Art Williams had nothing for Open Session

POLICE CHIEF Chief Thoms noted the reports that he provided to the Board.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TVE) to approve the training request of Investigator Warren to attend the Mobile Device Examiner Training offered by the U.S. Secret Service in Hoover, AL, from April 27th through May 21st, 2020 at no cost to the Village, including overtime. By participating in this training, the Village will receive a new UFED 4PC device to replace the old model that is at the end of its useful life, saving the Village \$9,385.00. The equipment allows the investigator to search mobile devices for evidence.

TRUSTEES None of the Trustees had anything for Open Session.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC No one from the Public wished to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TVE) to go into Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. to discuss specific individuals within the Fire Dept. and the DPW.

OPEN SESSION Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TVE) to come back into Open Session at 7:57 P.M.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 4-0 (TVE) to schedule the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Workshop on Thursday, March 5, 2020, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room in the Municipal Building at 2:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously 4-0 (TVE) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer