

Minutes of the March 17, 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 (9); Trustees: Robert Bendix (9), Stuart Blodgett (7), Alan Schober (8), and Rebecca Vermeulen (7).

Police Chief Mark Thoms, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Kevin Velte, and Attorney Art Williams (Excused).
General Public: 8

WELCOME BY
MAYOR

At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Taylor led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

Mayor Taylor asked for a moment of silence the recent passing of former Clerk/Treasurer John Trickey.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

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

- Regular Board Meeting February 18, 2020.
- Special Board Meeting February 21, 2020.
- Workshop/Special Board Meeting March 5, 2020.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Mayor Taylor, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the March vouchers and invoices Mayor Taylor reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$221,968.55 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

FIRE CHIEF
KEVIN VELTE

Chief Velte gave the following updates:

- 123 calls for service YTD.
- House Fire at E Miller St./Colton Ave. last week. Asst. Chief Witt was in charge of the scene.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to accept the lowest written quote of \$35,800.00 from Youst Commercial Coatings to Epoxy Seal the Fire Department truck bay floor.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT/
ECONOMIC

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- Yearly reports update.

DEVELOPMENT

CLERK
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to grant the request for Relief from Excess Sewer Consumption for 508 Vienna St., Lot 23 for \$228.00 for the 24,000 gallons of water the Village confirmed did not go into the Sanitary Sewer System.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to deny the request for Relief from Excess Sewer Consumption for 718 Peirson Ave. for the 15,000 gallons of water requested because the Village could not confirm the potential water leak did not go into the Sanitary Sewer System.

MAYOR

David Bovee, Project Manager from NYSEG, spoke on the upcoming new natural gas transmission line that is going to be installed on Lincoln Rd. Bob Hutteman, on the Village's behalf, requested some minor changes to the plans, as well as Preconstruction Meetings to address all the concerns the Village has before the project begins. Newark is also concerned about making sure that Lincoln Road is completely restored, and not just patched, after the project is completed. Mr. Bovee agreed to the requests.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to approve the attendance of Mike Gonzalez and Mike Bouwens at the FLWWC Spring Training on April 2nd at a cost of \$25.00 each.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to accept the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from NYS AG & Markets dated 02/25/2020.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to accept the Dog Control Office Inspection Report from NYS AG & Markets dated 02/25/2020.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the use of the Village's parking lot on E Union St by the Newark Wahoo Swim Club to hold a chicken BBQ on May 3, 2020.

Tabled discussion on lease renewal for cell tower rental with BRICO until a later date.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to schedule the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 budget for April 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Village Court Room.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the use of the Village's parking lot on E Union St by Laurel House Comfort Care to hold a chicken BBQ on April 19, 2020.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to transfer \$150,000.00 from the Water Fund Reserve Accounts for transfer to the Unallocated Fund Balance of the Water Fund, subject to a permissive referendum.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve the Spring Brush Pick Up schedule from April 13th through May 29th, with the last pick up the week of June 1st.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the use of Church St., from S. Main St. to Maple Court, for the Farmers Market held on Thursday afternoons from May to October, and for the street to be closed during the event

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve supporting the effort by Bassett Homes to obtain the exemption from Wayne County of the Mortgage Tax, and sales tax for products purchased in Wayne Co., for the apartment complex scheduled to be constructed at 200 Hope Ave.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to table the request for an additional curb cut at 178 Willow Ave.

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 Vermeulen and carried unanimously to send two officers to the ESLETS conference from May 13th-14th in Hunter, New York at the cost of hotel and meals only.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried 4-1 (Trustee Schober voted No) to send Officer Kuhn to the NY Hostage/Crisis Negotiating Conference on May 19th-22nd in Buffalo, NY.

Motion Trustee Vermeulen, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to change the amount in Village Code Chapter 140, Section 24. Paragraph B., Not to Exceed, from "\$50.00" to "\$250.00".

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to approve the following changes in Chapter 145, Section 16:

- B. Whenever such an emergency exists and the ~~Coordinator~~ Superintendent of Public Works of the Village of Newark shall have caused announcement thereof to be made (ADDED: through the Village of Newark website, their social media sites, the Village Nixle Notification System,) by the local radio station, whose normal operating range covers the Village of Newark, (ADDED: and any other pertinent means of communication,) it shall be unlawful for any person to park or suffer to be parked any vehicle of any kind or description between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., inclusive, upon any street, avenue or roadway in the Village of Newark, provided that vehicles may be parked for a period of time not longer than three minutes for actual loading or unloading of passengers or 30 minutes for actual loading or unloading of property, provided further that no other ordinance or local law restricting parking as to place or time is violated thereby.
- C. (ADD) Any vehicle found in violation of Section 145-16 (B) shall be removed, without liability to the Village of Newark for possible damage from said place, by the police and placed in a parking lot or garage. The cost of towing (not to exceed \$250.00) and parking (at the rate of \$5.00 per day commencing on the third day) will be incurred to accomplish this. Said fees shall be paid by the owner or operator prior to the release of said vehicle to the owner or operator. [**Added 03-17-2020**].

TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees had anything for Open Session.

TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

Casey Carpenter of 213 Grace Avenue addressed her concerns to the Board about potential ground water contamination coming from the old Garnsey Road Landfill located at the east end of the Town of Palmyra.

Noah Madison of Boy Scout Troop 90 in Williamson, New York asked the Board about what the Village of Newark is doing in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Mayor Taylor shared the Village's action plan in response to the directives from the governor of New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Vermeulen and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. to discuss a specific position within the DPW.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Stephen Murawski
Village Clerk-Treasurer