

Minutes of the November 29, 2016 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Jonathan Taylor (29); Trustees: Alan Schober (30), and Kurt Werts (27). Excused: Robert Bendix (27) and Stuart Blodgett (24).

Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Attorney Art Williams, DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend, and Chief WWTP Operator John Reynolds. General Public – 3.

MAYOR

At 4:05 P.M., Mayor Taylor opened the meeting. He introduced Bill Davis, engineer for MRB Group, who discussed the ongoing process of major capital upgrades being consider for the Water Treatment Plant, and how to fund for the potential projects. He informed the Board of the timeframe for the necessary steps that need to be completed for the grant application the Village is considering.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously 3-0 (Trustee Bendix and Blodgett Excused – TBBE) to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Newark Village Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Village Board) has reviewed the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as Village Engineer) on the above referenced Village of Newark Water Treatment Plant Improvement & Upgrade Project (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board determines that said Action is classified as an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved agencies under SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board

does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Engineer is directed to provide notice hereof to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing on or before noon on **Friday, December 30, 2016**.

The Board scheduled a Special Board meeting for January 3, 2017 to consider making Negative Declaration under SEQR for the proposed WTP Capital Upgrade project.

Norm Waterman of Waterman's Funeral Home requested that the Board approve the installation of a headstone for one of his customers that exceeds the size allowed by current cemetery regulations. He stated that the Village has already made exceptions to these regulations; he also provided documentation and pictures which he stated support his view, and that the Village should grant his request because of this. DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend stated that he reviewed the pictures and information provided by Mr. Waterman; Supervisor Townsend stated that two of the exception occurred before the stone size policy was put in place, and that the other two cases involved headstones for multiple plots. Mr. Waterman's customer has only one plot, which is why the size of the headstone allowed is smaller than one for multiple plots. Mayor Taylor responded in saying that the Village, in the last few years, has begun to enforce the regulations related to headstone size without exception. Mr. Waterman stated that there have been numerous exceptions already. Mayor Taylor and DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend strongly disagreed with that statement. Their view is that any exceptions that were made were either oversights, or something that Village authorities weren't made aware of. After much back and forth discussion and questioning, the Village Board stated that they will not grant Mr. Waterman his exemption, and that the Village will continue to strictly enforce the headstone size regulation moving forward.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously 3-0 (TBBE) to approve the donation of \$80.00 to the Newark Basketball Boosters Club.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously 3-0 (TBBE) to go into Executive Session at 4:44 P.M. to discuss a specific individual within the DPW and pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 3-0 (TBBE) to come back into open session at 5:20 P.M.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 3-0 (TBBE) to approve a 2.00% pay raise for Michael Bouwens, effective December 8, 2016, due to his achieving the 1A Operator status for the WTP.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 3-0 (TBBE) to accept the resignation of Jose Santell, effective December 9, 2016.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously 3-0 (TBBE) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

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Stephen Murawski, Village Clerk-Treasurer