

Minutes of the October 20, 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 (19); Trustees: Robert Bendix (19), Stuart Blodgett (17), Alan Schober (19), and Trustee Kurt Werts (16).

Police Chief David Christler, Village Clerk/Treasurer Steve Murawski, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Peake, Fire Chief Gerry VanDeWalle, AECC Executive Director Mike Muscolino (Excused), Village Justice Michael Miller, and Attorney Art Williams.

General Public: 16

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 LARRY
MILES

Mayor Taylor asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Larry Miles, Brother-In-Law of John Reynolds, who is the Chief WWTP Operator.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

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

- Regular Board Meeting September 15, 2015.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to approve the October vouchers and invoices which Trustee Bendix reviewed for reasonableness and which were submitted for payment approval. Payments totaling \$2,081,610.76 were authorized for all funds.

The Board thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

CLERK
TREASURER

Mr. Murawski introduced Mr. Randy Shepard, Partner for Bonadio & Co., who provided the Board with a brief overview of the audit of the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statements for the Village of Newark. Mr. Shepard noted that the Treasurer had provided the Audit report and other information previously to the Board to review in preparation for the meeting tonight.

FY 2015 AUDIT

FIRE CHIEF
GERRY
VANDEWALLE

Fire Chief VanDeWalle spoke on the following:

- 22 fire calls for the month. There has been a significant drop since last month in false alarms after meeting with the involved entities responsible for the majority of them.

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- “Fire Prevention Week” activities ongoing this week.
- Ongoing training activity occurring. The Chief noted you can see the positive impact of it when out in the field on calls.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Tom Parks from Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co. # 4.

POLCIE CHIEF
CHRISTLER

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize Inv. Gary VerStraete to attend the annual Fire Investigators Certification Seminar in Montour Falls, N.Y. on November 4th-6th at a cost of approximately \$300.00. This training is necessary for Inv. VerStraete to maintain his Fire Investigator certification.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to authorize Patrolman Weegar to attend the Instructor Development School at the FL Law Enforcement Academy from November 30th - December 11th at a tuition cost of \$175.00. The training will certify Officer Weegar as a General Topics Instructor, and no overtime should be required since the training occurs on his shift, per Chief Christler.

Chief Christler also spoke on the following:

- The Semi-Annual shooting training required for all active officers is ongoing for the period of 10/18-10/23/2015.
- The department will be scheduling additional patrols between the hours of 5:30 P.M. – Midnight for Halloween, October 31st, as is their normal practice, to help keep the children safe.

CODE
ENFORCMENT /
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Peake spoke on the following:

- He introduced Bill Finewood, whom the Mayor presented with a plaque. Mayor Taylor thanked him for his volunteer work in creating the artwork being utilized with the current Newark Chamber of Commerce banner program. Current Chamber President Chrissy Kent also voiced her thanks to Mr. Finewood for his involvement in this program.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to appoint Patrick Camblin to the Planning Board to complete the term of Jerry Wage, which expires December 4, 2017.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to appoint Emily Howard as the 2nd Alternate for the Planning Board.

Mr. Peake introduced to the Board Eric Colburn, who is planning on 2015 October 20 Minutes of Village Board Meeting

starting a kayak and canoe rental business in the Village of Newark. Mr. Colburn asked the Board why the previous rental business didn't stay in the Village. The Board informed him that the previous business owner wasn't consistently open for business for the one summer he was here, which lead to frustration on the part of customers who wanted to rent canoes and kayaks from him.

Mr. Colburn stated that he will initially have ten canoes and twenty kayaks to rent. He has three more years of working for the railroad, and he wants to devote his energy full time to this business once retired. Trustee Bendix noted that there are no recreational activities like this in the Village at the present time. Mayor Taylor noted that respondents to the Village of Newark's Facebook page stated that they would be willing to support and are excited about a business such as this in Newark. Mr. Colburn also asked about where he could place his sign for the business. The Mayor asked Mr. Peake to assist in contacting the NYS Canal Corp. contact in Lyons to find out the answer. Attorney Williams reminded Mr. Colburn of the need to carry a \$1,000,000.00 General Liability insurance policy that names the Village of Newark as an Additional Insured.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to approve the attendance of Mark Peake, David Carr and Roger VanDeMortel at the Wayne County Code Officials meeting on October 27th in Newark. The only cost will be for lunch.

Mr. Peake also informed the Board that he will be using up his vacation over the next month, and that he will make sure that all responsibilities are covered, and that everyone is informed of his time off.

CLERK/
TREASURER

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to accept the "Unmodified Opinion" Independent Audit report from Bonadio & Co. for fiscal year 2015 Financial Statements.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the Village of Newark to relevy the delinquent 2015-2016 Newark Village Property Taxes to Wayne County for collection. The actual wording and relevy amount will appear in the minutes for the next Board meeting after the relevy amount has been determined.

Mr. Murawski informed the Board that Deputy Water/Sewer Billing Clerk Noreen Stafford has returned to work effective today.

MAYOR

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to appoint Helen Blandino to fill the term for Thomas Smith,

who resigned on October 14, 2015, as Commissioner for the NHA Board. This term runs until June 30, 2017.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to authorize the Village of Newark Police Department to enforce all parking regulations in the Village Code on the properties of the Newark Housing Authority at 200 East Avenue Hi Rise Apartments, Northview Terrace - Driving Park Circle, and Windsong Terrace – Marie Avenue in the Village of Newark.

Mayor Taylor thanked Heather Burbridge for repainting all the entrance signs to the Village of Newark on a completely volunteer basis.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to declare surplus thirteen (13) high bay Lithonia 400 watt multi tap light fixtures and to dispose of them at Fair Market Value.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to declare surplus two Sludge Disposal hoppers from the WWTP and to dispose of them at Fair Market Value.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to allow the Newark Interact Club to hold the annual Pumpkin Walk in Perkins Park on October 30th, and to utilize the Village electric vehicle to transport the pumpkins.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to authorize the annual Turkey Day Race on the streets of the Village of Newark on November 26th starting at 10:00 A.M., and authorizing the Police Department to provide an escort for the participants.

SCADA Contractor Change Order #2 for the WWTP Project was presented to the Board for their consideration. Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approve SCADA-CO #2 at a cost not to exceed \$23,823.93

Village Justice Michael Miller made a presentation to the Board requesting that they consider hiring an armed Village Court Security Officer to provide protection for the Court during regular court hours and during scheduled trials. The new Security Officer would utilize the metal detector currently located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building to scan entrants to the Village Court.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to approving the hiring of a Village Justice Court Security Of-

ficer to work Wednesdays on Village Courts days and any other trial dates.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Schober and carried unanimously to authorize the AECC to expend up to \$1,000.00 of their budget on their annual Halloween and Christmas parties for the children.

LEGAL

Attorney Williams had nothing for open session.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Werts noted that there are numerous areas in the Village of Newark where streets have been dug up by the contractor for NYSEG to install new natural gas lines. The work is necessary, but he noted that the patching of the roads needs to be monitored so that the streets are restored to their previous condition before they were dug up. Mayor Taylor noted that the DPW Supervisor Doug Townsend is working with NYSGEG to obtain their long term schedule for gas line replacement in the Village so that he can coordinate that with the Village's road paving schedule.

Trustee Schober noted that the sidewalk replacement project for the west entrance to the Village Municipal Building is still outstanding, and that it needs to be completed by the upcoming winter season.

Trustee Bendix noted that the NYS DEC is hoping to come to the November Village Board meeting to make a presentation on the potential implementation of a Deer Herd Management program within municipalities. Mayor Taylor noted that the Village wants to encourage the public to attend so that everyone has an opportunity to present their view on the matter. He stated the Village needs to have a strong consensus on the matter before any concrete action might be taken.

Trustee Blodgett noted once again that there is no sidewalk on Wood Lane, which presents a safety issue for students walking to and from school at the Junior and Senior High Schools. Mayor Taylor noted that Bob Hutteman of Lu Engineering has provided the Village with information on the Transportation Enhancement Program that provides municipalities with grant funding to complete projects like this one to improve public safety. Attorney Williams noted that the area of Wood Lane between Peirson Avenue and the entrance to the school properties has minimal street lighting that may present a potential safety hazard.

Clerk Treasurer Steve Murawski presented a request that the Village Board strongly consider taking action to complete the proposed security upgrades to the foyer/receptionist area for the Village Office on the 3rd floor of the municipal building. The Board consensus is that the

project needs to be completed as soon as it is feasible.

TIME FOR THE
PUBLIC

Town of Arcadia Supervisor Richard Colacino asked why the natural gas lines that are being replaced are not being put in the terrace area of the street instead of in the street itself. The Board noted that the contractor for NYSEG is doing that where possible already.

Steve DeJohn of Grace Avenue thanked Mr. Colburn for bringing his business to Newark. He suggested that he also consider the site near Murray Street and the old Erie Canal locks near North Clinton St. as a possible location. Mr. DeJohn stated the locks are historically significant and could possibly attract out of town residents to stop in Newark.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss a specific individual with the Police Department.

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to come back into open session at 7:27 P.M.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Werts and carried unanimously to authorize the 207-c status requested by Officer Randy Kuhn for the period of July 10, 2015 through August 24, 2015, without prejudice to the Village's right to make supplemental determinations should new or additional facts be made known.

Motion Trustee Schober, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:29 P.M. to discuss a specific position within the Village Justice Court.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to come back into open session at 7:45 P.M.

Motion Trustee Bendix, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to authorize the Village to hire a Village Justice Court Security Officer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Motion Trustee Werts, seconded Trustee Blodgett and carried unanimously to hire former Palmyra Police Chief Dave Dalton to fill the position of Village Justice Court Security Officer.

ADJOURNEMENT

Motion Trustee Blodgett, seconded Trustee Bendix and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Stephen Murawski,
Village Clerk-Treasurer