

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were:

Mayor	James Tornatore
Deputy Mayor	Michael Reynolds
Trustees	Cliff Alexander
	Doug Card
	Scott Parmelee
Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin
Attorney	Frank Como

MINUTES: Minutes were read and approved as presented from February 13th and February 27th 2019 with a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Alexander. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No reports this month.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$12,133.71, from abstract number 01-20, 02-20, 03-20 with a Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Parmelee. Carried.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Restore NY Grant – Received grant disbursement packet.

Municipal Building – Review of project – Plan going forward - scrutinize each step of process making sure project is a good financial decision for the Village as a whole. Funds may be better utilized elsewhere. Will proceed through the preliminary steps at minimal cost to the Village. Randy Crawford to make a site visit for a review of project. Village to move forward with RFP. After review of proposed bids Village still has the option to terminate the project if it is determined not to be financially advantageous.

Cook Hill & Slosson Creek – Submitted – Awards Dec. 2019

9 Brook St. – Owner Buy-out Request – work in progress

Abandoned Properties – Housing study moving forward. Mayor reviews purpose of housing study and current members. Working to help obtain funding options for owners to either renovate or demolish structures

NYSERDA Funding (CEC) –Presently on hold

MEGA – CCA – *see new business

Master/Site Plan – Reynolds – work in progress

Trout Ponds Park – Electric upgrade – spring 2019

Franchise Spectrum 2020 – Como – nothing to report

Deed – Ladder Factory – Como – nothing to report

Community Garden – Yard hydrant – Installation late March/April 2019
AED for Municipal Building– Benthin – Waiting on John Mac Foundation board response from follow up request stating 2 AED’s are needed due to building layout and access of areas.
Solid Waste – Review for fiscal 2020-21 – work in progress.
Maine EMS Rental Agreement – Now current, 2018-2019 rent paid in full. Waiting on return of lease agreement.

Guests –

- June Esler – Discussion of property maintenance/code enforcement issues along Main Street in the Village.
- Kim Frey – Discussion of Village project financing and its effects on some village residents.
- John Tomazin – Discussion of Village maintenance and beautification. The condition of ‘*Welcome to Newark Valley*’ sign on Route 38 needs to be addressed.
- Bonnie Jo Leach - Discussion of current building permit and code violations.
- Mer Barrett – Discussion of Summerfest 2019. Discussion of Northern Tioga Chamber willingness to be involved with Village for projects that aim to better the Village for its residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 01-20

Approval of Transfer of Funds (Copy attached) adopted with a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Card. Roll call vote. Reynolds, Card, Alexander, Parmelee, and Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 02-20

Authorize Mayor to sign support of Apprenticeship program (Copy attached) adopted with a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Parmelee. Roll call vote. Reynolds, Card, Alexander, Parmelee, and Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

MEGA – Review of MEGA project, Review of webinar presented by MEGA earlier in the day, MEGA proposal of \$0.05092/kwh for regular electric cost, proposal of \$0.0542/kwh for renewable energy cost. Village Board to decide whether to Opt-in or Opt-out of moving forward with the project tonight. See Res. #03-20.

RESOLUTION # 03-20

Authorize Mayor to sign MEGA approval form (Copy attached) adopted with a motion by Alexander, seconded by Card. Roll call vote. Reynolds, Card, Alexander, Parmelee, and Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

MOTION

Authorizing Mayor to sign requested assurances document from the NYS DOT (Copy Attached) adopted with a motion by Card, seconded by Reynolds

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code Enforcement – Foster – no report
Public Works – Foster/Card – no report
Mayor – Tornatore – nothing to report
Personnel – Tornatore – nothing to report
Planning – Reynolds- nothing to report
REAP – Tornatore – nothing to report
Parks – Card – nothing to report
Youth – Card – nothing to report
Library – Card – nothing to report
Police – Reynolds – nothing to report
Attorney – Como – nothing to report
Clerk – Benthin – nothing to report

MOTION by Card, seconded by Parmelee to Enter EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:55pm
Out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:20pm

Motion by Card, Seconded by Parmelee to adjourn at 10:22 PM. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer