

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were:

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

**NOMINATION OF TRUSTEE:
RESOLUTION #13-20**

John Tomazin appointed to the Village Board of Trustees (Copy attached) adopted with a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Alexander. Roll call vote. Alexander, Parmelee, Reynolds, and Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

John Tomazin sworn in as Village Trustee filling the vacant spot left by the resignation of Doug Card.

MINUTES:

Minutes were read and approved as presented from April 9th with a motion by Parmelee, seconded by Reynolds. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed as presented. Trustee Parmelee inquiries about the possibility of putting some funds from the Memorial account into a CD.

BILLS:

Presented. Approved in the amount of \$41,036.27, from abstract number 07-20, 08-20, 09-20 and 10-20 with a Motion by Alexander, seconded by Reynolds. Carried.

GUESTS:

Randy Crawford: In-depth discussion of Municipal Building windows project. Review of project as a whole; Review of \$100,000 SHPO grant award for restoration of current windows. Mr. Crawford has spoken with SHPO regarding the possible change in scope of the project from restoration to replacement, a change of that degree would require a full review of terms and probable loss of grant funds; Review of 'R' values of glass, restoration of wood construction windows vs. install of vinyl/fiberglass windows, interior and exterior storm window options, and screen options; Review of restoration process: removal, sanding, repaired, glazed, reinstallation; Review of operating options, weights attached via rope vs. chain, chain is approved by SHPO, holds up better to use of the window but does run at a higher cost compared to rope.

The Reynolds Family: In-depth discussion of the acquisition of 9 Brook St. by the Village. Reynolds family reviews the details of the request for those present; Review of grant options, 75/25% submittal due 6/6/19, 100% submittal due 10/1/19; Reynolds family qualifies as severe repetitive loss applicant as of June 2015 with approx. \$55K paid out of pocket for deductibles, driveways repair, bridge repair, vehicle damages, porches, landscaping etc. since 2006; Review of elevation vs. demolition, Reynolds family feels that elevation is not an advantageous option due to the actual damage to the parcel not just the home during flooding events; Discussion of Hydrology Study and the possible widening of the creek on Brook St. to alleviate future flood incidents; Reynolds family confirms that proceeding with the 100% funding grant option due October 2019 is the best option for their family and the Village; Discussion of 100% grant, funding includes engineer, asbestos /lead removal, demolition. Approximately a 12-18 month project.

NEWSLETTER – It has been brought to the attention of the Village Board that only providing the Village Newsletter in electronic format is not keeping a large portion of the Village population informed of the current happenings and issues of concern in the Village. It has been decided that the Village News will return to printing paper copies that will be mailed directly to each Village resident.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- Restore NY Grant – In process. Agreement to be submitted early to mid-June.
- Municipal Building Windows – work in progress – see Guest notes above.
- Cook Hill & Slosson Creek – work in progress
- 9 Brook St. – Owner Buy-out Request – see Guest notes above.
- Abandoned Properties – Housing study moving forward.
- Trustee Vacancy – Filled by nomination of John Tomazin
- MEGA – Opt out letters mailed by MEGA May 13th
- Master/Site Plan – Reynolds – work in progress
- Trout Ponds Park – Electric upgrade – waiting for ground to be dry enough for equipment and work to proceed.
- Franchise Spectrum 2020 – Como – nothing to report
- Unfulfilled Building Permits – work in progress, Code sending out renewal letters as permits expire.
- AED for Municipal Building– Benthin – nothing to report
- Solid Waste – Review for fiscal 2020-21 – nothing to report
- NYSERDA Funding (CEC) – Presently on hold
- Deed – Ladder Factory – Como – nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

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Authorizing Mayor to contact Hunt Engineering for assistance in preparing a grant application (Copy attached) – **Tabled**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Code Enforcement – Foster/Parmelee – 4 Fire Inspections complete, 16 Complaints/Order to remedy sent out to residents.
- Public Works – Foster/Alexander – Water Street paving complete. CHIPs reimbursement due to NYS DOT by May 23rd. DPW to clear down tree from 58 Whig Street.
- Mayor – Tornatore – nothing to report
- Personnel – Tornatore/Alexander – Evaluations to take place.
- Planning – Reynolds – working with Elaine Jardine
- REAP – Tornatore – nothing to report
- Parks – Alexander – Memorial Tree – Purchase a native tree to replace current dying tree instead of ornamental, as they are heartier and hopefully won't need replacement. DPW working with experimental drainage options for the area between the bathrooms and pavilion #1 to rectify the standing water issue in that section of the park.
- Youth – Vacant – no funding granted from Floyd Hooker this year.
- Library – Reynolds – nothing to report
- Police – Reynolds – scheduling patrol coverage for this year's events. Looking into the Maple Ave. drag racing issue.
- Public Works Succession Policy – Tornatore/Alexander – Apprenticeship program recruiting for water operators.
- Attorney – Como – nothing to report
- Clerk – Benthin – nothing to report

BOARD CONCERNS:

- Trustee Tomazin – Vehicle Replacement Plan – Village does not currently have a replacement plan for the aging vehicles and equipment.

Motion by Alexander, seconded by Reynolds to adjourn at 9:52 PM. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer