

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **September 10, 2019** at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were:

Mayor	James Tornatore
Deputy Mayor	Cliff Alexander
Trustees	Michael Reynolds
	Scott Parmelee
	John Tomazin
Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin
DPW Supervisor	Bill Foster
Attorney	Frank Como

MINUTES:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed as presented.

BILLS:

Presented. Approved in the amount of \$72,157.03, from abstract number 21-20, 22-20, 23-20 and 24-20 with a Motion by Alexander, seconded by Tomazin. Carried.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- Restore NY Grant – work in progress, submitted packet is being reviewed, estimated 60-90 days for review process.
- Underutilized Properties – Discussion of vacant properties; Review of the resident letters previously sent to owners of underutilized properties, received one owner follow up; Discussion of current condemnable properties, Discussion of 'deeming unsafe' vs condemning; Discussion of the 'Red X' program and placing of these signs for First Responder safety.
- Master/Site Plan – Surveys have been sent, once results compiled, final draft to be submitted to county.
- Trout Ponds – Eagle Scout Project – Beginning stages; exercise station footer holes in process of being dug; down trees are preventing some progress, DPW is working as time allows; some exercise stations have been constructed at EC Boldis home while awaiting readiness of site.
- Vandalism – North Village Welcome sign recovered; Insurance to cover repair/restoration; Discussion of repair/restoration of both South and

recovered North sign; See resolution #23-20 for authorization to repair/restore both signs, South sign cost to be covered by Multi-Year Planning fund.

- 17 Brook St – Slosson Creek retaining wall – Review of quote from D&J Concrete; broken down into 3 sections, replacement with solid concrete wall of the - 25' eroded/tipping section, 52' section of block wall on existing footer and a 22' section of block wall that will require a new footing; imperative that the tipping section be addressed immediately, the other 2 sections can be addressed at a later date; DPW to remove the current tipping section and backfill after contractor has completed the wall restructure; See resolution #24-20; Discussion of obtaining a second quote for just the construction of the wall, as well as quotes for the total job, thus taking the pre and post work off DPW workload.
- DPW Roof – materials on order, awaiting delivery, approx. 2 weeks; Discussion of addressing the DPW Barn windows and lighting after completion of the roof project.

GUESTS/Privilege of the Floor:

- Renee Thompson/Corey Reylea/Michele Kline/Joe Onofrio/Robert Brown – Smullen Ave. goat complaints.
 - Discussion of noise nuisance complaints involving goats housed at 32 Smullen Ave; Lengthy discussion between Village board and all involved parties present; Discussion by Board members as to how to proceed to resolve
 - Board determines that notice be sent to Renee stating that her attendance be required at the Village Board work session on September 23rd and that she present her remediation plans for the situation. She will then have until the following Village Board meeting on October 8th to institute said plan. A decision will be made at that time as to whether the efforts are satisfactory to appeasing the noise nuisance complaints or if the goats will need to be removed from the property
- Mer Barrett – Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce has applied for a gaming I.D from the NYS Gaming Commission, once obtained will need license issued from Village, projecting to play 1x a week on Wednesdays at the UCC church to start with, tentative start in Jan/Feb, will open the providing of refreshments each week to the local Girl/Boy Scouts, sports club etc. as fundraising opportunities; Discussion of Summerfest, positive vendor feedback, looking at possible alternate locations within the Village next year so all vendors can be located in same area; Discussion of Chamber putting on a Movie Night 1-2x a month;
- Carol Forde – Tappan Library in process of submitting grant packet for restoration/renovation of the library front steps and main entrance door.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #23-20

Authorization of Repair/Refurbishment of Village Welcome Signs (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Alexander, seconded by Reynolds. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. - Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION #24-20

Authorization of Repair to Retaining Wall at 17 Brook Street (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Alexander, seconded by Tomazin. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Public Works – Collection of leaves & brush; continued work on downed trees at Trout Ponds; Backhoe repairs; Airbrakes on Garbage truck repair; Kubota blade sharpening, going forward blades will be sharpened by outside vendor, 2 sets in rotation; Well #3 propane heater needs to be replaced before heating season; Reminder of Badger Meter system upgrade next year.
- Planning – Surveys are out, awaiting return data.
- Youth – Tomazin – Joint Youth annual meeting to be held in October/November

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- Discussion of DPW truck quotes from Robert Green Truck Division; Ford vs Dodge; Gas vs Diesel; Current stock limited, 2018/2019 stock vs 2020 stock;
- Discussion of over grown and crowded sidewalks; clear by Halloween for safer trick or treating; Any resident that receives a complaint letter has 30 day to correct before DPW can step in, cut/trim and charge.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Parmelee to adjourn at 9:35 PM.
Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer