

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **February 11, 2020** 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

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Bill Woods: Board member of Region 7 Fish & Wildlife. Discussion of stocking the Owego Creek and Trout Ponds Park in the spring and installing signage for public fishing access.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Not available at this time.

BILLS:

Presented. Approved in the amount of \$27,597.80, from abstract number 43-20, and 44-20, with a Motion by Parmelee, seconded by Alexander. Carried.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- *DPW Retirement/Apprentice* – Discussion of the impending retirement of Steve Pado in mid-June; 2 applications received so far; Discussion and review of the Apprenticeship Program; Discussion of cutting DPW staff to 2 people and the impacts it would have, discussion of 2 full time and 1 part time/per diem and the impacts; Job posting to be placed on website and FB page once received from the county civil service; Mayor Tornatore and DPW Foster to attend local job fair next month.
- *NT Chamber of Commerce* – Rental space change – A thank you from the Chamber Board and Mer for the approval to move to the 2nd floor office space; Discussion of renovation of the room; Chamber has secured manpower and funds to refinish the floor; Discussion of renovation of the walls and ceiling; Chamber met with Team Tioga and is working on a funding opportunity from the Community Grant Foundation, grant will require assistance from the Village office to complete; Contractors to be contacted for quotes of floor, walls and ceiling restoration; Room prep being completed voluntarily by Mer Barrett, Trustee Parmelee, and resident Mark Lott.
- *Smart Watt – Maintenance Agreement & Report* – Discussion of maintenance agreement and whether to continue for another year; RFP to local companies, i.e. Matco, Blanding, T&B Electric, Triple E for quote of time and materials to

service when need arises; 1 year savings report, positive, stayed under projected savings.

- *Water Billing System update* – Discussion of options between Zenner and Badger; Badger not yet responded with a presentation date; Discussion of possible 3rd vendor, DPW Foster to contact.
- *USDA Grant – Truck* – DPW Foster to acquire quotes for new truck; Discussion of truck options: dump, 350/450/550, central hydraulics; Discussion of having a 'plain' truck with no plow, no sander, just used for making supply runs out of the Village and keeping an open bed for hauling; Discussion of using grant for a new truck and then trading in older truck for a ½ or 1 ton for the suggested use;
- *Municipal Building Windows* – in process, awaiting direction from OPRHP
- *Master Plan/Mitigation/Housing Study* – REAP creating a separate non for profit organization for restoration of homes; Landbank seeking \$1million in funding for demolition & restoration; Landbank to begin project in Newark Valley; Discussion of completion of Master Plan, Mayor to contact Elaine Jardine for direction of what is left to complete.

GUESTS/Privilege of the Floor:

- *Mer Barrett: NT Chamber of Commerce* – Thank you again to the Village Board for there support and assistance.
- *Joe Onifrio: Resident/Multi-Property owner* – Concern with the Village speed limit on Main Street; Discussion of Village speed limits, Village able to designate speeds on all Village Streets except Main Street; Main Street speed designated by NYS DOT; DOT turned down last two requests for lowering the entire stretch from cemetery to 'truck stop'/Diner to 35mph; Board suggests resident petition be submitted by a resident to the DOT.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #38-20

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

RESOLUTION #39-20

Authorization of Village Treasurer to balance accounts for fiscal year 2019-2020 (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Tomazin, seconded by Alexander. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION #40-20

Assessment of 2020-2021 Tax Levy (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Alexander, seconded by Tomazin. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION #41-20

Authorization of Village Clerk/Treasurer to transfer designated budgeted funds to appropriate accounts for Multi-Year Planning (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Reynolds, seconded by Parmelee. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION #42-20

Adoption of NYCOM's Amendments to New York State's Criminal Justice Reforms (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Parmelee, seconded by Tomazin. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION #43-20

Authorization for the Village Clerk to Apply on behalf of NT Chamber for the Community Foundation Grant (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by Alexander, seconded by Reynolds. Roll call vote. Alexander, Reynolds, Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore. -Yes. 0 - No. Carried.

RESOLUTION #44-20

Authorization for the Village Clerk & DPW Supervisor to rollover 5 days each of unused vacation time from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021 (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:

- Code Enforcement/Fire Inspector: Foster/Parmelee – New 'Discovery Law' adding additional work to the complaint and fire inspection process; Discussion of village unregistered vehicle code compared to state unregistered vehicle code.
- Public Works: Foster/Alexander – reviewed DPW report, see attached;
- Mayor – Tornatore: Village is in need of laundromat facility; Mayor meeting with local businessmen to discuss possible location opportunities besides current closed laundromat; Patterson Court LLC/Tomazin also looking into laundromat facility for the Village.
- R.E.A.P – Tornatore: Landbank committee has a representative from the Town of Newark Valley now in Matt Tomazin.
- Youth – Tomazin: Golf Outing/Fundraiser is progressing, Chamber has been assisting with promoting and Keith Flesher of Berkshire will be sending notices to local vendors;

- Library – Reynolds/Tornatore: New Director, Erin Chapman has started, Carol to continue working with Erin for the time being; Carol/Erin working on completing Library year-end report; Trustee Reynolds unable to attend Library meetings due to new afternoon time; Liaisons to be reassessed at the April organizational meeting.
- Clerk – Benthin: Clerk/Treasurer Benthin and DPW Supervisor Foster each have unused vacation time due to meeting the needs of the Village; Discussion of rolling over unused time into upcoming year or paying out unused time; See above Resolution #44-20

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- Trustee Tomazin inquiry of status of large tree located next to pavilion #1 at Trout Ponds park; DPW Foster contacting tree removal services; Inquiry of Office Staff situation; Discussion of possible assistance options ex.: close the office to the public 1 day a week, shorten office hours, part time front counter position.
- Discussion of Smullen Ave; Smullen Ave water pipes not updated in past water project; DPW has repaired three line breaks in the past 2 years; Village to contact HUNT Engineering this spring/summer for assessment of replacement.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Alexander, seconded by Trustee Tomazin to adjourn at 10:10 PM.
Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer