

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **September 14, 2021**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

**Present were:**

Mayor	James Tornatore
Deputy Mayor	Cliff Alexander - excused
Trustees	Michael Reynolds - resigned
	Scott Parmelee
	John Tomazin
Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin

**MINUTES:** Minutes were read and approved as presented from August 2021 with a motion by Trustee Parmelee, seconded by Trustee John Tomazin. Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** No report at this time.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$25,382.87, from abstract number 21-22, 22-22, 23-22, 24-22, 25-22 and 26-22 with a Motion by Trustee Parmelee, seconded by Trustee Tomazin.

**GUESTS:**

- **Jamey Remaley:** Here on behalf of Northern Tioga Neighbors Network (NTNN) This is a group of dedicated volunteers who identify and respond to our neighbor's needs. They offer community services in a compassionate care manner to enhance the quality of life for people living in Berkshire, Richford, and Newark Valley. Jamey requested a spot in our newsletter, as well as a \$500 donation to keep this program up and running.

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- **Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act (MRTA)** – Our choices are to stay in or opt out. If we opt out, we will not receive any tax revenue. If we remain in, we cannot opt out later. But, if we opt out now, you can opt in at a later time. If we do not opt out, we should look at some of our site development.
- **American Rescue Plan** – A Seminar was held last week at the County. We have a bit less than \$97,000 coming. However, there are some restraints with the money. Clerk Benthin is working to see what our lost dollars were during the pandemic that are recoverable. Eligible projects are being looked at, such as; updates to the Trout Ponds – including bathrooms, trails, and improving outdoor space. Things that will improve public health/well-being. Municipalities can pool money and work on projects together.
- **9 Brook Street** – One bid was received from LCP Group Inc. and that bid has been opened. Based upon review and prior experience, the Board has determined that they are a responsible bidder, an official resolution to follow.
- **Municipal Building Windows** –The bid opening for this project will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2021. A special Board Meeting is scheduled Monday, September 27, 2021.
- **Village Trustee Vacancy** – Michael Reynolds submitted his resignation from the Village Board as Trustee, effective August 31, 2021. Candidates for this open board seat are being asked to attend a special Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021.

- **Holidays** – Tabled
- **Franchise Charter Communications** – Awaiting response from Spectrum.
- **Municipal Building Cameras** – nothing to report.
- **Village Planning Board Recruitment** – Mayor is actively working on filling this. He has four potentially interested members.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION #27-22** Approval of Annual Water Audit from Insero & Co. CPA's (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Parmelee*. Roll call vote. Alexander – excused. Reynolds – resigned. Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore, – Yes. 0 – No.

**RESOLUTION #28-22** Accept Resignation of Trustee Position – Michael Reynolds (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Parmelee*. Roll call vote. Alexander – excused. Reynolds – resigned. Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. 0 – No.

**RESOLUTION #29-22** Bid Award for Demolition of 9 Brook Street – LCP Group, Inc. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Parmelee*. Roll call vote. Alexander – excused. Reynolds – resigned. Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. 0 – No.

**RESOLUTION #30-22** Authorize Village Clerk to Transfer Funds – Building Reserves to Capital Project Fund for Window Restoration Project (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin* seconded by *Parmelee*. Roll call vote. Alexander – excused. Reynolds – resigned. Parmelee, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. 0 – No.

MOTION to apply for the 2022 Restart New York Re grants, through *The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes* and the *NYS Council on the Arts*, for musical entertainment at the Trout Ponds Park. Motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Parmelee*. Carried.

### REPORTS:

- **Code Enforcement** - see attached report.
- **Public Works** - see attached report.
- **Planning** - Village Master Plan update is scheduled for review at next week's Tioga County Planning Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- **Parks** - Nothing to report. Deputy Mayor Alexander not present to discuss.
- **Library** - They potentially have a new board member. Hoping by next month to pass a resolution to vote new board member in.

- **Police** – Waiting to have a full board to discuss who would be taking over.
- **Clerk** – After 2 years, we received the Grant Disbursement agreement from the State SAM grant for windows. Sarah Rudin and I are attending NYCOM’s Fall Training in Saratoga Springs the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**BOARD COMMENT/CONCERNS:**

Motion by Tomazin, seconded by Parmelee to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Carried

Sarah Rudin  
Office Specialist