

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **May 10, 2022**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

<u>Present were</u>	Mayor	James Tornatore
	Deputy Mayor	Scott Kasmarcik
	Trustees	John Tomazin
		Joe Mooney
		Ted Hardenstine
	Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin
	DPW Supervisor	Matt Seamans

GUESTS:

- **Abbey Ortu** – Seeking funds from the Village for the Nick Wilson Memorial Bike Park. The park was established in 2009 as a memorial to local BMX rider Nicholas Wilson who was KIA in Iraq in 2006. The park has been maintained over the years by the Baker Family and community members, but it is now in need of some major refurbishments such as plywood replacement and fresh paint. Community members and the group Saints2Sinners are organizing a cleanup/working party day on May 21st and there will be a benefit held June 4th to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. Abbey is requesting \$2000.00 from the Village for this project. The board agrees with a motion by Trustee Kasmarcik, seconded by Trustee Hardenstine to purchase the needed 16 sheets of plywood, using ARPA funds, not to exceed \$2000.00.
- **Lizz King & Bill Etter, Mo Jo’s Hot Sauce** – Owner/Operator/Manufacturers of Mo Jo’s Sauce seeking Board approval to move forward with purchasing 116 Whig Street, currently a residential home and turning it into a commercial production space for their product as they are looking to grow their business. They have already been in contact with some of the surrounding neighbors, Village Code Enforcement and McElwain Engineering about converting the property. There will be no changes to the exterior of the building. The Board gives tentative approval on the conditions that a business permit and all supporting documentation be submitted, and all surrounding property owners are invited to an informative meeting and can voice any concerns.
- **Planning Board** – Members Sandy Kasmarcik, Walter Knudsen, Sue Hills and Philip Nedlik in attendance. Members are seeking to update the Villages current no smoking policy. Current policy states that there will be no smoking within 25ft of any Village structure, ballfield, or play area with the Village. Members are seeking to change the policy to no smoking at all on any Village property, including those with structures, ballfields, or play areas. They also propose to update the verbiage to include no smoking/use of any tobacco products, cannabis products and vaping products. Board approves with resolution #16-23.
- **Scott Evans** – Village has a right-of-way to the reservoir through Scott’s property. Scott is here to inform that after years of being a Village resident he is relocating and will no longer be maintaining the right-of-way road that leads to the reservoir, adding this to the DPW areas to mow and maintain.

MINUTES: Approved as presented with a motion by Trustee Tomazin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved as presented. Reconciled as of April 30, 2022.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$16,486.34 from abstract number 7-23, 8-23, 9-23, and 10-23 with a Motion by Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik, seconded by Trustee Mooney.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Municipal Building Windows** – Project moving along very well. Crew is very professional and communicable with staff every step of the project. LCP Group has started the abatement monitoring. Storm windows have begun to arrive. Crawford & Stearns did a site visit and are very happy with the progress and quality of work for far.
- **Village No Smoking Policy** – Covered under the guest segment. Mayor Tornatore thanks the Planning Board for all their hard work on this subject.
- **ARPA** – No new information. Will pay for plywood for the Nick Wilson Bike Park out of these funds. Clerk submitted quarterly report. Second installment of funding should be received in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #16-23 Modification of the current NO Smoking Policy (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. Mooney – Abstained, 0 – No.

RESOLUTION #17-23 Increase of Water Usage Rates (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Tomazin*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. 0 – No.

RESOLUTION #18-23 Transfer to Equipment Reserves – Sale of Kubota (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Tomazin*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. 0 – No.

MOTION Village to cover cost of 16 sheets of plywood for Nick Wilson Bike Park. Funded with ARPA funds, not to exceed \$2000.00 (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik* seconded by *Hardenstine*.

REPORTS:

- **Code Enforcement** – Answered 2 F.O.I.L requests. Working with Lizz from Mojo’s Sauce concerning expansion of business. Continued work on the Rewey Ave issues. Reviewing a possible property line issue Brook/Park St. Met with retired CEO Bill Foster to review Muncity software.
- **Public Works** – see attached report; Pavilion #1, paint is in process, aluminum fascia is bent and ready to install. Bathrooms were opened for the season last week, still maintain a daily cleaning regimen. Main ball field is in good shape, NTYL has freshly painted the concession stand and the dugouts and have re-soiled the field. DPW has fixed ruts in back field, will take more attention to return to usable condition. Discussion of the Brook St. drain on the corner of Brook and Main streets that is becoming a hazard due to its sunken state in comparison to the road level. Supervisor Seamans is awaiting CHIPS funding numbers to know if Brook will be able to be paved this year. In the meantime, possible temporary solutions were discussed including ‘jersey barriers’, one of the large orange barrels instead of the smaller less noticeable cones, or a steel plate.
- **Clerk** – AUD complete and submitted. Joint Youth state aid and insurance submitted. Village insurance policy renewed.

- **Mayor –**
 - Review of Cemeteries Board meeting organized by Council of Government. Mayor Tornatore, Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik and Clerk Benthin attended. Group meeting with members from each cemetery located in Tioga County, all are in the same boat, lack of funding.
 - Hope Cemetery is adjusting their burial rates to increase revenue as well as expanding the back section of the cemetery to accommodate more burials. To do so, the roads will need to be expanded as well, hopeful the Village and Town can assist. If the cemetery is unable to maintain itself the ownership, care and maintenance will default to the Town of Newark Valley. Discussion of Mausoleum, building is deteriorating, some crypts have already been transferred to other mausoleums by request of family members. Remaining entombments will need to be moved to either a different mausoleum or moved to the cemetery into a specific section.
 - 10 Watson will be demolished by the Tioga County Land Bank once funds are available.

- **Parks –** This Saturday, May 14th is the all-day NTYL baseball day at the Tout Ponds Park. Trustee Tomazin to reach out to John Haney concerning back field improvements.

- **Youth –** State funding request has been submitted, typically it is August when we are notified of approval/denial, if approved, funds are typically received in October. Board inquires as to if there will be swimming at Greenwood Park this year, answer unknown at this time.

- **Library –** Referendum placed on the NVCS District budget ballot for annual district-based funding of \$50,000. If passed, the average household in the NVCSD will see a tax increase of approx. \$16.00/yr. Voting Day is next Tuesday, May 17th.

BOARD COMMENT/CONCERNS:

- Further discussion of the Scott Evans/Reservoir easement and the required maintenance. Village office to review easement documentation.

Motion by Trustee Tomazin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik to adjourn at 8:49pm. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer