

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **June 14, 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
	Trustees	John Tomazin
		Joe Mooney
		Ted Hardenstine
	Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin
	DPW Supervisor	Matt Seamans

GUESTS:

- **Mari Townsend** – Running for Tioga County Court/Surrogate Court/Family Court Judge on the Republican Ballot of the June 28, 2022, Primary Election. Attending tonight’s meeting as part of her outreach efforts to introduce herself to residents across the county. Mari is currently the Candor Town Judge and the 2nd Assistant County Attorney, DSS Division.
- **Mark & Sandra Ruscak** – Owners of 17 Whig Street. Currently in legal proceedings to evict a tenant/squatter, have been advised not to make contact with tenant or access the property until the eviction warrant has been issued. Due to these circumstances the grass has been mowed by the Village DPW as it was over the code allowed height. The Ruscak’s are requesting that the Village Board forgive some or all of the \$109.41 mowing bill. They have incurred many unplanned costs during this eviction process. The board agrees to discuss further and contact the Ruscaks’ with their decision.

MINUTES: Approved as presented with a motion by Trustee Tomazin, seconded by Trustee Mooney.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Approved as presented. Reconciled as of May 31, 2022.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$40,302.31 from abstract number 11-23, 12-23, 13-23, 14-23, 15-23 and 16-23 with a Motion by Trustee Tomazin, seconded by Trustee Mooney.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Municipal Building Windows** – Project moving along very well. Crew continues to be super helpful, communicative, and respectful. Currently ahead of schedule from projected timeline. The fixed storms have arrived and are being installed, the operable storms are in transit. Project should be complete by end of August; original projection was October.
- **Summer Rec. Program** – Awaiting Town of NVs attorney to complete agreement document. Clerk Benthin to send invoices to Towns. Summer Program begins June 27th.
- **ARPA** – No new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #19-23

Authorization for Clerk Treasurer to Transfer funds for MB Window Project (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. Kasmarcik – Excused. 0 – No.

REPORTS:

- **Code Enforcement** – CEO Jerzak currently sick with pneumonia. Court date set for July 14th for the Rewey Ave. issues. Village Attorney unable to attend due to schedule conflict, Mayor Tornatore or Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik will attend as support to CEO.
- **Public Works** – see attached report; road matters including the removal of curb stop at 5 Spring St. and repair of drain/grate at corner of Brook St. and Main St. discussed. Supervisor Seamans to contact NYSDOT for assistance with the repair to Brook/Main St. drain. Hydrant testing going well, slow due to scheduling of all parties involved. Supervisor Seamans, working with Bill Foster and Fire Department, have created an agreed upon procedure for testing going forward. Paving slated to begin in July, working with Town of NV to pave at the same time to save on costs. Paving will be the same stone and oil that was used on the Trout Ponds Park Road.
- **Clerk** – CEO Jerzak set up an ISO Review for insurance purposes when he started with the Village in January, we received a 4 out of 10. Received letter from TC Soil & Water, they will be scheduling an inspection of the trees/shrubs that were planted at the Trout Ponds Park in 2016, in effort to slow bank erosion. Spectrum has been attempting to perform work on a pole on Main Street, workers have been getting shocked due to the dated wiring that previously powered the Christmas decorations that were put up each year around the Village green. Breaker has been switched off, Board to decide whether to repair with all new wiring, which will also require an agreement with NYSEG as they own the poles, or to just remove all old wiring. Front Counter staff Sarah Rudin has submitted her resignation later, her last day of work will be June 24th. The annual Inero audit is underway, they are continuing the remote process that began in 2020 and are requesting a lot more information and documentation than in previous years. The clock on the Village Green has had its yearly maintenance, hands and time piece have been rated as “fair”, replacement could be necessary in the future.
- **Mayor** –
- **Planning Board** – Taking the summer off, meeting will resume in the fall. Mayor expresses appreciation of their hard work these past months with finalizing the Village no smoking policy.
- **Parks** – Ball field improvements look great. NTYL parents are looking to purchase an electronic score board, if purchased DPW will assist with install. Discussion of ‘back’ field and the necessary measures needed to make it usable once again.
- **Youth** – see work in progress section.
- **Library** – Referendum on the NVCS District budget ballot for annual district-based funding of \$50,000, passed on May 17th. Office working with Director Chapman on a revamped voucher template. Received the Town of Newark Valleys annual contribution for the library.
- **Police** – Trustee Tomazin to secure coverage for Summerfest evening including during fireworks.
- **School District** – Review of water leak on Whig St. at old bus garage site. Currently water is off to site, DPW turns on/off each time school need to utilize water at that location. Supervisor Seamans working with school to schedule repair once school is out for summer.

- **Municipalities** – Discussion of other municipalities contributions to Trout Ponds Park, Summer Rec. program and Library.
- **Personnel** – Supervisor Seamans shares information he obtained at the recent Highway/Road school training that he recently attended. Many municipalities/companies have in place an employee retention clause when it comes to the training expenses incurred for an employee to obtain their CDL license. Municipality/Company agrees to pay the training cost and employee must maintain employment for 'X' number of months/years, if the employee self terminates before that time period they must pay back a pro-rated amount of the training cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session entered at the time of 8:24pm, on a motion by Trustee Tomazin, seconded by Trustee Mooney, for the purpose of discussion Litigation related matters. Exited executive session at 8:34pm

Motion by Trustee Mooney, seconded by Trustee Hardenstine to adjourn at 8:35pm. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer