

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **August 9, 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
		Ted Hardenstine
	Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin
	DPW Supervisor	Matt Seamans

GUESTS: Mr. & Mrs. Frieman in attendance to observe.

MINUTES: Not available at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved as presented. Reconciled as of July 31, 2022.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$60,196.26 from abstract number 21-23, 22-23, and 23-23, with a Motion by Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik, seconded by Trustee Hardenstine.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Municipal Building Windows** – Project is almost complete. A walk through was completed yesterday, a short punch list of finishing touches needs to be completed. Clerk Benthin has submitted the SAM Grant \$50K reimbursement paperwork. Mayor Tornatore requests DPW add storm window management to their preparation for winter task list.
- **Summer Rec. Program** – Received new Joint Youth Municipal Agreement from Town of NV attorney. Clerk Benthin forwarded to village attorney at Coughlin & Gerhart for review before being finalized.
- **ARPA** – No new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #25-23 Authorization for Clerk Treasurer to Transfer funds for MB Window Project (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Kasmarcik*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. Mooney – Excused. 0 – No.

RESOLUTION #26-23 Authorization to hire – Library Assistant (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. Mooney – Excused. 0 – No.

REPORTS:

- **Code Enforcement** – No report. Liaison Kasmarcik reports that the second court date for the Rewey Ave. situation has been set for August 25th. Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik and Village Attorney to attend with CEO Jerzak.
- **Public Works** – see attached report; Lengthy discussion concerning the garbage truck and the future of garbage service through the village. Further discussion and research required before best course of action can be determined; August to be busy with repairs, leak on Whig St. near school scheduled to be dug and repaired on Aug. 17, the grate at the corner of Brook & Main St. is slated for repair with NYSDOT the 3rd week of August as well as the grate on Water St., chip sealing on Elm, Marble and Lawrence should be completed this week, installation of the Rock St. culvert and ditch work is planned for the 3rd week of August as well; continuing to complete hydrant testing, Main St. proving difficult due to traffic.
- **Clerk** – Information requested at July meeting regarding possible ways to fund the purchase of a truck for the DPW. Clerk Benthin shares the following options: ARPA funds; USDA loan/grant program, 15% grant, balance funded by low interest loan; Multi-Year Plan funds; include in next year's budget; CHIPS funds next year, this option would mean roads would not get paved/milled/surfaced etc. next year; Discussion follows, no finalized decision made.
- **Mayor** – Should be receiving the renewal documents for the *Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Water and Hydrant* use from the Fire Department soon, once received we will review and pass to attorney if need be. Discussion follows regarding fire departments reporting of water used amounts to DPW and metering of hydrant at Village barn to monitor gallons used by FD, Towns, County etc. A more accurate reading of known gallons used from water system is needed for annual reports that are submitted to the DEC and SRBC. Reading meters monthly is discussed, as well as meter upgrades.
- **Planning Board** – Regular meetings to resume in September
- **Parks** – The Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier will be using the park this weekend for a picnic and art demonstration. DPW reports that the park, including the bathrooms were in much better condition than expected after Summerfest.
- **Youth** – Clerk Benthin will be scheduling the final meeting for some time in October.
- **Police** – Coverage for Summerfest went well, invoice was also a pleasant surprise, will continue to use the 'off duty officer' option when available. Halloween coverage, board members agreed on 6-11pm. Village will post this year, suggested Trick-or-Treat hours of 5-9pm.

BOARD COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

- Trustee Tomazin – expresses enjoyment of being on such an active, conversing, and involved board; accolades to Supervisor Seamans and the DPW crew, much more work is being done around the Village than in the past and they are managing it well and doing a great job; requests that DPW trim trees/shrubbery along sidewalks prior to Halloween.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik, seconded by Trustee Hardenstine to adjourn at 8:04pm. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer