

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **September 13, 2022**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

PRESENT: Mayor James Tornatore
Trustees John Tomazin
Joe Mooney
Ted Hardenstine
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jess Moore
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

EXCUSED: Deputy Mayor Scott Kasmarcik
Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin

GUESTS: Jordy Searle, Josh Riechers, Brandon McWherter – Direct Driven Motorsports LLC have applied for a business permit to operate at 10 N. Main Street. Board voices concerns of past appearance issues, property maintenance, and unregistered vehicles. DDM assures that will not be the case for this business, as they have a very detailed lease agreement with the property owner that stipulates property maintenance and includes only a certain number of unregistered vehicles allowed on the property at one time. DDM has done a lot of work to the inside of the building so far and has plans for exterior works as time and funds allow, they also understand that a property inspection will be required before they can open for business. Discussion of proper waste oil disposal is discussed, DDM will be following all proper protocols for disposal of all waste fluids. General consensus of the community is positive, many are anxiously awaiting their opening and feel its good to have a new young business in the village. Village Board approves the Business permit request.

MINUTES: Approved as presented for the months of July and August 2022 with a motion by Trustee Hardenstine, seconded by Trustee Mooney.

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

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$92,847.85 from abstract number 24-23, 25-23, 26-23 and 27-23, with a Motion by Trustee Mooney, seconded by Trustee Hardenstine.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Municipal Building Windows** – Final walk through by Beth from Crowth & Sterns, McPherson Builders, Clerk Benthin and Mayor Tornatore has been completed. The last few minor punch-list items have been completed as well. Mayor Tornatore has requested a quote from McPherson to refreshen the paint signage above the main entrance doors.
- **Code Violation Case** – Discussion of current options for moving forward; process through local court, that could result in fines to the property owner but no requirement to correct violations; taking the case to the Supreme Court level which could force the owner to correct violations or demolish the structure but would be expensive in legal fees; enforce through our Village Code procedures, if violations not corrected in given time period correction/demolition can be forced, if action completed by village costs incurred can be billed to owner and levied to tax bill if not paid.
- **ARPA** – All funds have been received. A separate meeting will be held to discuss how the funds will be used.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #27-23

Fire District Billing Adjustment (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore, – Yes. Kasmarcik – Excused. 0 – No.

REPORTS:

- **Code Enforcement** – No report. Code Officer not in attendance.
- **Public Works** – see attached report. Brief discussion of Cook St. flooding from runoff water. Supervisor Seamans suggests reangling of drainage lines would alleviate the flooding. 80 tires removed from old dump site; discussion follows on how to dispose of them. Board agrees for DPW to take to Taylors for the per tire disposal fee rather than the DPW using any more time or resources on the task. Brief discussion of the future of Village solid waste collection as the current garbage truck needs replacing. Mayor speaking with other villages that provide the service. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and DPW Supervisor to meet in coming weeks to discuss best options to bring to Board for discussion; Well #4 flow meter has failed read accuracy certification and needs to be replaced, discussion on replacement options follows. Trustee Mooney inquires if there is a better way to communicate tasks/issues/requests to Supervisor Seamans as the barrage of daily emails seems to be cumbersome to productivity. Previous spreadsheet system that Trustee Tomazin had created/suggested is reviewed, Trustee Hardenstine suggests using same method but converting to a sharable document that all Board members and DPW can access. Further discussion of data options, layout etc. Mayor Tornatore comments that all the board members need to be respectful to each other in all forms of communication and work together as a team for the Village.
- **Clerk** – Window project complete, submitting for \$100,000 grant reimbursement. We have received SAM grant funds of \$50,000. Front counter applications are being reviewed. Obtaining quotes for a new copy machine as our current machine requires replacement of parts that are no longer manufactured. Attended kick off meeting for Lighting of the Green, tentative schedule is established.
- **Mayor** – Thursday COG meeting at Owego Village Office on Elm St. discussing Ambulance Service in Tioga County. Mayor wishes Trustees to attend either in person or online if they can.
- **Planning Board** – No September meeting.
- **Infrastructure** – Mayor Tornatore seeking next project and funding opportunities.
- **Library** – Passed Resolution to sell stocks. Anticipating funds from the School District in January.
- **Police** – Coverage for Holiday Magic discussed. Will determine if needed once HM plans are more solidified as to location of events.

BOARD COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Motion by Trustee Mooney, seconded by Trustee Hardenstine to adjourn at 8:44pm. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer