

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **February 07, 2023**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

PRESENT: Mayor James Tornatore
Deputy Mayor Scott Kasmarcik
Trustees John Tomazin
Joe Mooney
Ted Hardenstine
Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin

EXCUSED: DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

MINUTES: Not available at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved as presented for the month of December 2022.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$17,455.67 from abstract number 41-23, 42-23, and 43-23, with a Motion by *Trustee Tomazin* seconded by, *Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik*.

GUESTS: Residents in attendance: David Chamberlin, Jared Martin, John & Janet Frieman, Mer Barrett, Sandy Kasmarcik, Jim & Kathy Wurtenberg, Mark Lott, Marty & Ken Schneider, Joe Onofrio, and Charles Romig, Ashley Graham, and Henry John Jr.

PRESENTATION: Dan Scherrer – Tioga County Department of Health: New Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR). Newest data required by EPA, lead testing of customer water service lines from the curb stop to the interior of the home. The first step currently, due by 10/16/2024, is to submit an inventory of all service lines and what category they fall in. At this time there are too many unknowns regarding the process and how testing will be conducted to go into further detail.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Bailey Hollow Dump Update** – DEC completed dig and sampling process. Results to Village in a few months.
- **Lowes Hometown Grant** – Opportunity to apply has come around again this year, due by February 20th. Trustee Mooney spearheading the application process. If awarded fund would be used to repair and enhance the Trout Ponds Park facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #52-23 Planning Board Chairperson Appointment – Sandy Kasmarcik (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. Kasmarcik – Abstained. 0 - No.

MOTION To carry over vacation time to the 2024 fiscal year for DPW Supervisor Seamans. Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Tomazin*.

- RESOLUTION #53-23** Directing Treasurer to balance the accounts for fiscal 2022-2023 (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #54-23** 2023-2024 Tax Levy (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #55-23** Authorize Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds to multi-year planning. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Tomazin*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #56-23** Authorize Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds to Water Capital Improvement Reserves and Debt. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #57-23** To hold a special meeting 2/28/23, for the purpose of approving fiscal yearend transactions. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #58-23** Authorize Clerk-Treasurer to Process Budget Adjustment – Chips Reimbursement. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Hardenstine*, seconded by *Kasmarcik*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #59-23** Authorize Mayor to sign – Grant award for summer Artistic Expressions at the Trout Ponds music program. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #60-23** Authorize Clerk-Treasurer to Process Budget Adjustment – Library Martins Plumbing invoice. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Hardenstine*, seconded by *Kasmarcik*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. Mooney – Abstained 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #61-23** Tappan Spaulding Library Board of Directors Appointment – Rachel Defresne. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Tomazin*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Tomazin, Tornatore – Yes. Mooney – Abstained 0 - No.

REPORTS:

- **Code** – New CEO doing great, in office 3-4 days a wk., has completed 3 inspections and issued 3 sidewalk violations. Signed up for online code classes. Working well with office staff and previous CEO Jerzak. Will attend March board meeting.
- **Public Works** – Supervisor Seamans not in attendance.
- **Clerk** – New court date for the Rewey Ave code situation scheduled for 2/23. Meeting this week to resolve Onofrio water bill/service line inquiry from last month’s meeting. Received reimbursement(69%) from insurance for the NYSEG damage claim from 2 years ago. Budget submitted to State and USDA, water/service re-levies will be submitted to County this wk. Working on electric rate contracts. Submitted annual accident report to DOL.

- **Mayor** – Still seeking funding opportunities for Hope Cemetery.
- **Planning** – Potential new members to be submitted to the Board next month.
- **Parks** – Lowes Hometown Grant
- **Youth** – Clerk currently processing annual paperwork required by NYS.
- **Police** – Liaison to contact for Summerfest coverage.
- **Library** – Has received first round of funds from school tax collection, \$44K of the \$50K.

GUESTS:

- **Mer Barrett, Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce President** – Mer has been re-elected as President of the Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce after J. Frederici stepped down. Has planning meetings underway for Summerfest, looking to bring new activities this year including Ax Throwing and a Cornhole tournament. Has better signage and advertising planned for this year. Event take place at the Trout Ponds again, July 29, from 9-5, with the parade commencing at 10:00am on Main St. and fireworks after dark from Hollenbeck Hill.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Various discussions from residents in attendance. Topics include sidewalk forms for resident use, streetlight outages, blight in the village, future of Village garbage service, garbage collection procedures, and the Owego Pennysaver readers column comments including dissolution of the Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session entered at the time of 9:48pm, on a motion by *Trustee Tomazin*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney*, for the purpose of discussing personnel related matters. Exited executive session at 11:20pm

Motion by *Trustee Tomazin*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney* to adjourn at 11:22pm. Carried

Jessica Moore
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer