

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **January 10, 2023**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – To Adopt 2023-24 Budget:** Public Hearing opens at 6:31pm. Discussion of budget changes based on public and Trustee comments from last meeting. Originally proposed increase of 7.9%, now down to 5.5%. Further lengthy discussion of budget line items. Public Hearing closes at 7:32pm.

**RESOLUTION #47-23** Adoption of the 2023-2024 Village Budget. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Hardenstine*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.

**GUEST:** Jamie from Smith Brothers Insurance. Discussion of current plan that went into effect 12/1/22, as well as the other options that were provided last year. Lengthy discussion regarding HSA contributions & requirements, plan options for future years, types of plans other municipalities are signing up for, and future offering of multiple plans for employees to choose individually what one best fits their needs. The board requests Jamie to return later in the year for review of offered plans for the December 2023 health plan year.

**MINUTES:** Not available at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Not available at this time.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$35,538.92 from abstract number 38-23, 39-23, and 40-23, with a Motion by *Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Trustee Hardenstine*.

**GUESTS:** Residents in attendance: Jim Wurtenberg, Jared Martin, David Chamberlin, Sandy Kasmarcik, Janet & John Frieman, Alex Torra, Joe Onofrio, Mark Lott, and Ellen Giblin.

Joe Onofrio, discussion of the properties he owns on Dimmick – being charge Capital and Debt charges for a lot that does not have a service line; and the corner of Silk and Main streets – property has 3 water services, Joe wants to know what steps he has to take, and what needs to be removed in order for him to only pay one set of service fees for the property as it is one tax map number. Board to consult with Hunt Engineering and legal counsel.

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- **Joint Youth Agreement** – Updated agreement sent. Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign to be reviewed during ‘New Business’. No further questions or discussion from the Board.

- **DEC Bailey Hollow Dump Update** – DEC arriving the 16<sup>th</sup> of January to begin drilling of monitoring wells. All loose tires have been removed. DPW states approximately 10 are still partially buried. Board requests DPW to remove all visible tires and any that may be unearthed in the process.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- RESOLUTION #48-23** To Change the February Board Meeting Date – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #49-23** Authorize the Mayor to Sign – Intermunicipal Agreement for the Summer Recreation Program. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Kasmarcik*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #50-23** Authorize Clerk/Treasurer to Process Budget Adjustment – Garbage Truck Tires & Rims. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Kasmarcik*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #51-23** Authorize Clerk/Treasurer to Process Budget Adjustment – Office Copy Machine. (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Kasmarcik*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.

#### REPORTS:

- **Code** – CEO Chandler and Jerzak working well together. Jerzak, being CEO for the Town/Village of Nichols has suggested to the Nichols Boards that they hire CEO Chandler as a Deputy CEO so that he can further train and work with him. If this comes to fruition, a possible shared service could be arranged to split the cost of CEO Training with Town/Village Nichols. No update for the Rewey Ave. code case.
- **Public Works** – see attached Supervisor report. Discussion of layout of report and necessary/unnecessary items for future report.
- **Clerk** – Currently working on budget and local law updates. Village has been approved for the Low-income Water Assistance program through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.
- **Mayor** – Continuing to work with county agencies to seek funding opportunities for Hope Cemetery.
- **Parks** – Trustee Mooney has started working on this year’s Lowes Hometown Grant submittal; Supervisor Seamans waiting on Mike Jura for update regarding the bridge at the Trout Ponds; Hydrant meter backordered, waiting on update from supplier; Hydrant testing complete, will be tested every 5 years going forward.
- **Library** – Invoice sent today to NVCS D for tax monies.

Motion by Trustee Hardenstine, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik to adjourn at 9:00pm. Carried

Jessica Moore  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer