

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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Mayor	James Tornatore
	Trustees	John Tomazin
		Joe Mooney
		Ted Hardenstine
	Attorney	Nick Cortese
	Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin
	Code Officer	Max Chandler

Attorney Cortese Comments – Explained basic rules for participation during Board meeting. Allow the Board to speak and accomplish their duties, do not interrupt. The public is asked to only speak during the regularly scheduled comment period. Be respectful, be polite. No personal attacks.

MINUTES: Approved as presented for the months of January & February with a motion by Mooney, seconded by Hardenstine.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Approved as presented for the month of March 2023.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$19,467.28 from abstract number 05-24, 06-24 and 07-24, with a Motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Tomazin*.

GUESTS: Residents in attendance: John & Janet Frieman, Marty Schneider

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Trout Ponds Tree Planting** – postponed due to flooding at the park. Will be rescheduled.
- **Lowes Hometown Grant** – Application submitted, awaiting notice from Lowes of the next steps in their application process.
- **AED in MB** – AED has been ordered. We have received the cabinet and signage. AED should be received soon. Once received Maine EMS will train any employee interested in learning the correct use of the AED, as well as CPR training.
- **DPW Tuck** – discussion of timing of purchasing a new DPW truck. When should truck be ordered, type, equipment included? How to pay for the vehicle? USDA grant? ARPA? Etc. More research needs to be done for truck type & payment. Supervisor Seamans, Deputy Mayor Kasmarcik & Trustee Mooney will research.
- **ARPA** – Decision by 12-31-24; Spend by 12-31-27.
- **LCRR** – no update. Supervisor Seamans will have an update in the near future.
- **Summer Rec.** – office has submitted paperwork for State grant, Public Health permit along with appropriate insurance documentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #14-24 Planning Board Appointment (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Tomazin*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tomazin, Tornatore - Yes. 0 - No.

REPORTS:

- **Code** – see attached report.
- **Public Works** – Supervisor Seamans, not in attendance. Mayor spoke – No CHIPS \$ amount as of yet, due to late NYS Budget. We should have CHIPS amount soon. We need to discuss how to best use CHIPS \$. Supervisor Seamans will present his recommendations upon his return.
- **Clerk/Finance** – Quarterly newsletters have been sent, USDA changes to annual report – report will need to be resubmitted in new format to new person, MEGA/CCA – current contract expires in July. Due to CCA rates being higher than regular rates. MEGA suggests we not renew our contract. If participating residents do nothing, they will automatically switch to NYSEG after their July reading. AUD/AFR – applied for and received an extension. Report due by June 30th. Due to unusual events, the fiscal year end is a bit behind. Tioga County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan renewal has begun. I attended the first meeting. Participating in this plan not only helps with public safety and asset protection but is an important part of obtaining grants. The Village's electric contract is up this year. I am obtaining quotes from a variety of vendors.
- **Mayor** – update regarding Tioga County shared services. Shared services are proving to be a money saver.
- **Planning** – New member per resolution this evening, Janet Frieman.
- **Parks** – nothing to report.
- **Youth** – Nothing to report.
- **Infrastructure** – We need to move forward on determining a plan to repair the walkway located at the entrance of the Village office.
- **Library/Police** – Library has opening for two Board members.
- **School Districts** – Second round of applications currently being accepted for NVCS D Superintendent position.
- **Municipalities** – nothing to report.
- **Personnel** – nothing to report.

GUESTS:

Keith Flesher, Tioga County Legislator – Introduced himself. Newest member of the Tioga County Legislature. Keith would like to be more involved with the municipalities. He will be attending each municipality's meetings throughout the year. He is open to communication. Mayor mentioned Water St. bridge is in need of repair. Trustee Tomazin asked if the County is doing any inspection of railroads due to recent accidents. Legislator Flesher explained that the IDA and railroad are in charge of the railroad not the county.

Marty Schneider – Has reviewed the annual water report. Does the Village use fluoride in the water. Mayor replied that we do not. Very happy that new trees are being planted at the Trout Ponds, concerned that some large dead trees need to be removed. Discussion of type of paving performed last year. The rougher surface is collecting a lot of dust. Discussion of trying to borrow a street sweeper. Discussion of pros and cons of types of road surfacing. This was an economic decision.

Motion by *Trustee Tomazin*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney* to adjourn at 8:43pm. Carried

Pam Benthin
Clerk/Treasurer