

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, **October 10, 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 Joe Mooney  
Ted Hardenstine  
Jackie Wandell  
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans  
Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin

**EXCUSED:** Code Officer Max Chandler

**PUBLIC IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** David Chamberlin, Sandy Kasmarcik, Marsha & Michael Sierra, Doug Cornwell, John Frieman and Jared Martin.

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

**FINANCIAL**

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

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- **Lowes Hometown Grant** – Project in full swing, basketball court has been poured, roofing and repair on the pavilions has been started, Red Vest Day (RVD) scheduled for Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our insurance company has approved the use of the basketball court doubling as an ice rink in the winter months.
- **DPW Truck** – After further research following last month’s Board meeting , it was determined that the Dodge 5500 will be the more versatile truck for DPW task. Resolution to follow later in the meeting to rescind previous purchase resolution and replace with authorization to purchase the 5500 model.
- **Hazard Mitigation** – Mayor Tornatore and DPW Supervisor Seamans attended a meeting with plan consultants, and other municipalities. Village has done very well with the mitigation areas of the plan, needs improvement on preparedness. A second meeting will take place in late October.
- **AED in MB** – no update at this time.
- **ARPA Funds** – Plan for use of \$93,000 must be made by 12/31/2024 and the funds must be spent by 12/31/2027. Public input meetings will be scheduled.
- **Office Entrance** – Project to be put off till spring 2024 both due to time availability and temperature needed for proper curing of concrete.
- **Vac. Truck** – Village of Owego sent the Vac Truck to auction, no longer option to purchase directly.
- **LCRR (Lead Copper Rule Revision)** – No new updates. October 2024, need to have inventory of water lines to state.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$21,390.49 from abstract number 23-24, and 24-24, with a Motion by *Trustee Hardenstine*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- RESOLUTION #36-24** Rescind Prior Resolution and Replace - #34-24 Purchase of DPW Truck (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #37-24** Authorize Clerk to Transfer Funds – Lowes Hometown Grant (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Hardenstine, Kasmarcik, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell - Yes. 0 - No.

## **REPORTS:**

- **Code** – CEO Chandler not in attendance, no report provided. 22 Rewey fine has been paid and is up to date. Next property inspection to be scheduled.
- **Public Works** – Final fogging coat applied to all stoned roads from this year and last. Clean up of down tree at the community garden. In preparation for the coming winter the plow harness for the 2011 Chevy has been repaired. Dodge 5500 truck has been ordered. Installed the new water service at 73 Whig St. for the Peyper Fields glamping site. DPW staff has spent many hours working on the Lowes project at Trout Ponds Park.
- **Clerk** – Trisha Thomas started September 25<sup>th</sup> and so far, training is going well, she is quick to catch onto processes. Had to close the office a few times for an hour or so due to meetings. Have seen an increase in residents signing up for garbage/recycling service, we have heard its due to a rate increase by Dependable as well as Taylors/Casella.
- **Mayor** – Assemblymen Chris Friend toured Hope Cemetery and the Mausoleum, met with the Hope Cemetery Association, and is looking for funding to help save the mausoleum, possibly in the form of a SAM grant. REAP meeting tomorrow to fill the Community Development Specialist position for TEAM Tioga, that was left vacant after the departure of Abbey Ortu.
- **Parks** – Lowe’s Hometown Project. Nothing else to report.
- **Youth** – Annual meeting scheduled for Oct. 18th.
- **Library** – Director Chapman doing a great job with programing. Liaison Mooney attended the Library Board meeting, and they are in need of more members. Doug Cornwell, who was in attendance, volunteered to join.
- **School Districts** – Interact Club volunteering for Red Vest Day at the Trout Ponds. School District provided parking and shuttling for the NV Applefest

## **COMMENTS & CONCERNS:**

- **David Chamberlin:** Inquires as to what is happening on Whig Street (73 Whig, *Peyper Fields*) as he was not present for the Site Plan review meeting. Inquires as to what the boundaries of the Village are (Hope Cemetery to Creekside Diner)
- **Mike & Marsha Sierra:** Moved to the Village last fall after purchasing 26 Main St. from June Esler. Just wanted to express how much they are enjoying living here, “It’s like living in a Hallmark Movie”.
- **Sandy Kasmarcik:** Going forward, a stated reason should be presented as to why the minutes and financial reports are not available; Inquires as to the status of office staff, are there 2 employees or 3. Currently, 3 for training purposes as the current Deputy Clerk has put her house for sale and will be leaving the area once sold.
- **Doug Cornwell:** The Municipal Building is constantly referred to as the Post Office building, would like to see the building renamed after the builder and referred to as the *Royal W. Clinton Municipal Building*.

Motion by *Trustee Kasmarcik*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney* to adjourn at 7:11pm. Carried

Jessica Moore  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer