

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **April 9, 2024**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

**PRESENT:** Mayor James Tornatore  
Trustees Ken Giblin  
Joe Mooney  
Jackie Wandell  
Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin

**GUEST:** Joe Onofrio proposed a decrease of the speed limit within Village limits (from the Creekside Diner to Hope Cemetery) to 30 MPH. This decrease was proposed and supported by the Village Board in 2021, but the proposed speed limit change was rejected at a higher level. DOT is stating that the Village must orchestrate this change. DOT conducted a survey in 2021 to gather data for the change, but their sample was not taken during peak traffic hours. The idea of borrowing a radar speed sign to deter speeding through the Village was suggested. Mayor Tornatore will be looking further into this issue. It was also mentioned, by another resident, that the bushes in front of NBT Bank were obstructing the view of drivers when on Water Street and that this was a safety concern worth looking into.

**MINUTES:** Approved as presented for the month of March 2024, with a motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*.

**FINANCIAL**

**REPORT:** Not available at this time

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Clerk/Treasurer	Benthin
Deputy Mayor	Mooney
Attorney	Coughlin & Gerhart
Engineers	HUNT Engineers
CPA	Insero & Co./ CPA
R.E.A.P	Tornatore
T.O.I.	Tornatore
COG	Tornatore
Emergency Preparedness	Seamans/Giblin
Historian	Vacant

**COMMITTEES/LIAISON:**

Code/Fire Inspection	Benthin
Public Works	Seamans/Mooney
Clerk/Finance	Benthin/Mooney/Giblin
Mayor	REAP, TOI, Hope Cemetery
Planning	Sandy Kasmarcik/Wandell
Parks	Seamans/Mooney
Youth	Benthin/Wandell
Infrastructure	Benthin/Seamans/Mooney
Library/Police	Mooney
School Districts	Wandell/Tornatore
Municipalities	Tornatore
Personnel	Mooney/Wandell
Budget	Mooney/Giblin

## WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **LED Lighting-** A survey was done of the lighting fixtures in the village buildings. It was suggested that upgrading our lights to LED's would be beneficial. With an upgrade, it was estimated that the DPW Barn would save approximately \$66.00 a year in electric costs and would see a 12% return on the investment. The Municipal Building would save approximately \$2,200.00 a year with a 75% return of investment. The approximate costs for this project would be \$545.00 for the DPW Barn, \$47.00 for the Wells, and \$2,936.00 for the Municipal Building.
- **Village Holidays:** There was no more discussion on changing the Village holiday schedule and the resolution was passed later in the meeting. -Resolution attached
- **LCRI (Lead Copper Rule Improvements)** – A spreadsheet for data and a shared calendar for appointments have been created. A mailer was also created and sent to Village residents. We are waiting to see how many residents send in their data via email before making appointments.
- **ARPA Funds** – The truck is still ordered but if there is no answer from the dealer soon, we will look into opening up bids.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$20,236.36 from abstract number 04-25, 05-25, and 06-25, with a Motion by *Trustee Wandell*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney*.

## ORGANIZATION:

- RESOLUTION #04-25** Mileage Allowance (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell -Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #05-25** Village Board Meetings (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #06-25** Audit of Claims (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #07-25** Designation of Depository (Copy attached)- adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #08-25** Schools and Conference Approval (Copy attached)- adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 – No.
- RESOLUTION #09-25** Official Newspapers & Radio Stations (Copy attached)- adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 – No.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- RESOLUTION #10-25** To Hold a Public Hearing (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell -Yes. 0 - No.

- RESOLUTION #11-25** Village Holidays (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Mooney*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell -Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #12-25** Completion of Employee Probation (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #13-25** Budget adjustment/Transfer of Funds (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Giblin*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell - Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #14-25** LED Lighting Upgrade (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell -Yes. 0 - No.
- RESOLUTION #15-25** Authorization to Hire (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Mooney*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Tornatore, Wandell -Yes. 0 - No.

#### REPORTS:

- **Code** –Martin Jerzak (former Code Officer for Village) is very interested in coming back and has a meeting to discuss details further. He would be available one day a week.
- **Public Works** – Millings at the Trout Ponds are to be used to create a parking lot by the basketball court.
- **Clerk** – The Family enrichment Network wants to do a “Touch a Truck” event at the Trout Ponds for one day mid-week in July. We received the best designation in fiscal and environmental stress on our Received Annual Fiscal Stress Report. The Tioga County Veterans Agency wants to do an event on PTSD Awareness June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Trout Ponds and waiving the reservation fee was discussed because it was a philanthropic event. The Town cleanup days will be Friday and Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Eighty percent of our taxes have been collected for the village’s levy. Trustee Kasmarcik resigned from the Village Board on 04/09/2024.
- **Mayor**- Hope Cemetery hasn’t contacted the contractor/engineer yet for the mausoleum reconstruction. There will be a public gathering to view the interior in May. This event will be put on our social media page.
- **Parks**- Millings have been delivered for the basketball court parking lot.
- **Youth**- Paperwork is starting for the season and a resolution to hire will be created in the coming months.
- **Infrastructure**- Talk about improving\repairing the entrance to the Village office.
- **Library**- The Library needs to fill out the long 990 tax form and is looking to file for an extension until November.
- **Personnel**- Trisha Thomas has successfully completed her six-month probationary hiring period and Robert Smith Jr. is approved for the DPW MEO position.

#### COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Trustee Mooney praised Trustee Kasmarcik’s contributions and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Giblin* to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Carried

Trisha Thomas  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer