

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **May 13, 2025**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jim Tornatore  
Trustees Jackie Wandell  
Katie Sack  
Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin  
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

**MINUTES:** Approved as presented for the month of April 2025, with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Balances as of March 31, 2025- Read

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- 1. Office Hiring-** We have progressed through second interviews and would like to move forward with hiring applicant Meghan Hildebrand.
- 2. MB & DPW Paving-** We have obtained two quotes, that are both on state bid, to repave the DPW and Municipal Building parking areas and driveways. Suite Kote and Broome Bituminous have sent in quotes to mill and resurface the Village Barn and the Municipal Building. Projects were to be done at the same time as road paving, in an effort to decrease the cost of mobilization. The lower of the two quotes was for \$71,258.63. There was public discussion about putting the money toward DPW Barn repairs/upgrades instead.
- 3. Trout Ponds Additions- Tree & Tables-** Eastern Red Bud Tree is to be planted with a plaque, by the creek bank to honor the country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A small ceremony by the Daughters of the American Revolution will occur at 2:00pm on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the planting. Community discussion brought up the idea of potentially adding handicapped accessible tables to the Trout Ponds Park. These would be in addition to the picnic tables with the open ends that are already there. It would also need to be decided as to who would be responsible for installation and maintenance of the new tables.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$45,730.05 from abstract number 04-26 and 06-26, with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- RESOLUTION #12-26** Authorization to Hire (Copy attached) – adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Sack*. Roll call vote. Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. Giblin, Mooney- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #08-26** Authorization to Pave Village Properties (Copy attached) – Tabled with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Tornatore*. Roll call vote. Tornatore – Present, Wandell – Yes. Sack - No. Giblin, Mooney- Excused.

## REPORTS:

- **Code-** 3 permits issued, closed out 2 permits. Had 4 complaints- 2 taken care of and 2 need followed up on, discussion on NYS Solar Law
- **Public Works-** Finished AWQR, repaired service line leak in front of 6 Whig St. (found during leak detection), repaired garbage truck exhaust, finished Municipal Building painting project, started cleaning up from recent flooding at TP's, continued with all other normal day to day operations
- **Clerk/Finance-** ARPA Submitted, AFR Submitted, candidate interviews, correspondence and paperwork for PFAS, closed out again 2019 Brook St. headwall replacement project, Window Grant closed, Restore NY project, Tioga County Planning information was prepared and disseminated, renewed liability insurance, recertification paper work for Pro-Housing, Empire State Development/ Strategic Plan information gathering and submittal, newsletters out, AWQR done and out
- **Mayor-** REAL ID in effect, NYS Budget has passed, Summerfest is July 26<sup>th</sup> and the parade will be on Main St. this year
- **Parks-** In the process of cleaning up after the last little flood. May 17<sup>th</sup> is NTYL Baseball Day. Bathrooms are open and the water is on.
- **Police-** continuing to maintain our good relationship

## Guests:

Discussion centered around the DPW equipment, transparency of the Village Government, funding and repair needs of the Village Barn, Summerfest, newsletter distribution .

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01

Motion: *Trustee Wandell*

Seconded: *Trustee Sack*

Trisha Thomas

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer