

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

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jim Tornatore
Trustees	Joe Mooney
	Katie Sack
	Jackie Wandell
DPW Supervisor	Matt Seamans
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Trisha Thomas
Code Enforcer	Bill Stell

CODE: Issued two building permits and two citations. Addressed a safety issue on Whig Street. Conducting annual fire inspections.

GUESTS: **Wendy Walsh – Tioga County Soil and Water** - Discussed Federal and State funding possibilities for Slosson Creek restoration and disaster mitigation. The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) will be visiting the creek on Thursday 9/11 to assess the situation.

Nick Rodgers – Rodgers Tax and Bookkeeping –As a new business applicant for the village, Nick is looking to expand his clientele by opening an office at 9 Park Street. He informed the public and the board of the services his business will provide to the community.

MINUTES: Approved as presented for the month of August 2025, with a motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*

FINANCIAL REPORT: Not currently Available

WORK IN PROGRESS:

1. **Garbage Truck** – DPW has found a 2001 freightliner in Rochester that looks to be a good opportunity. Planning to make a trip to inspect the truck further later in the week.
2. **Restore NY** – Environmental testing on Whig Street is in progress. A hazardous board hanging from Whig Street property roof has been removed.
3. **Slosson Creek** – Recovery and repair of the creek will be a long-term process consisting of three phases. Phase one: permits and removal of debris; Phase two: rebuilding concrete walls; Phase three: watershed assessment. First phase is in progress with the combined efforts of the town and village to clear the creek of debris.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$19,669.27 from abstract numbers 17-26, 18-26, 19-26 and 20-26, with a motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR: Public comments were focused on code enforcement, current fire hydrant inspections, dead trees at Trout Ponds and the condition of the Skate Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #23-26 Approval of business Permit #3-25 for “Rodgers Tax and Bookkeeping,” upon providing all necessary paperwork, at 9 Park Street – adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Sack*. Roll call vote. Mooney, Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. Giblin- Excused.

RESOLUTION #24-26 Authorization to hire Tappan Spaulding Library cleaner, Malloy Chapman, who was approved by the Library Board at their August meeting – adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Mooney, Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. Giblin - Excused.

REPORTS:

- **Public Works-** Planning of road repair for Brook, Central, Franklin and Watson. Scheduled milling 9/16-9/18, paving to be completed on 9/19. Multiple UDIG requests regarding repaving. Researching garbage truck purchase. Fire hydrant inspections. Dealing with generator malfunction at well #4. Mitigation of Slosson Creek. Robert is enrolled in the 2026 Water Operator Apprentice Program through NYRWA, still searching for a suitable CDL school.
- **Clerk/Finances-** Working on summer arts grant. Processing business/building permits, assisting with code enforcement administrative tasks. Quarterly water billings and leak notices. Looking forward to and preparing for fall training.
- **Library-** The cleaner at the library has given her notice, position to be filled.
- **Infrastructure-** Fire hydrant inspections are 75% complete, no damage found so far.
- **Parks-** Generator at well 4 has failed. Investigation into the issue has revealed antifreeze was in 5 of 10 cylinders. Currently waiting on quotes for repair/replacement.
- **Police-** Will be present for Halloween festivities.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 pm

Motion: *Trustee Mooney*

Seconded: *Trustee Wandell*

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