

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **October 14, 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
	Ken Giblin
	Katie Sack
	Jackie Wandell
DPW Supervisor	Matt Seamans
Clerk/ Treasurer	Pam Benthin
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Trisha Thomas
Code Enforcer	Bill Stell

**CODE:** Addressed multiple complaints and completed multiple inspections. Six fire inspections were done. Discussed the ramp situation at UHS and their future building plans.

**GUESTS:** **James Bradley, Jr. – B&B Automotive Service and Restoration, Inc Business Permit-** Their business is primarily the restoration of old cars. Their previous place of business was lost in a fire. They have signed a lease to operate out of 10 North Main St. for the next five years. Their lease allows for up to 15 cars on the premises at any time. They will focus on metal and body work at this location. No painting will be done at this location.

**Dan Scherer- Tioga County Health Department-** Dan joined us for a discussion on fire hydrant maintenance. It was determined that fire hydrants positioned on dead end streets needed to be flushed 2-3 times a year to make sure they are free of mineral and chlorine buildup. Fire Hydrants that are not on a dead-end need to be flushed every 2-3 years or according to our agreement made with the Fire Department if it has been decided that there is need for more frequent flushing. It is recommended that it be done every year. Inspections of hydrants occur every six months. An update to the current agreement may result from a discussion between the village and the fire commissioners on the frequency of flushing hydrants not on dead-ends.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Accepted as read

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Discussion centered around the unsafe porch on 6 Whig Street, the removal of two dead ash trees at the park, and potential shared services between the Town and the Village.

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- 1. Garbage Truck** – A 2001 Freightliner FL80 garbage truck has been purchased by the village. It came with 100,000 miles on it and very little rust. A cab mounted strobe light, augmentations to the rear riding boards, and door decals are to be put on it soon. The 1989 Ford will stay in our possession until a few runs have been made with the new truck. The Ford’s tires will be transferred to the new truck.
- 2. November Meeting Date Change-** Since the second Tuesday of November is Veteran’s Day it has been decided that the date of our November meeting will be held Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> instead.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$255,400.83 from abstract numbers 21-26, 22-26, 23-26, 24-26, 25-26, and 26-26 with a motion by *Trustee Wandell*, seconded by *Trustee Giblin*.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- RESOLUTION #25-26** Approval of Business Permit – adopted with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #26-26** 2025 New York State Codes – adopted with a motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #27-26** Town/Village Shared Services- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Wandell*, seconded by *Trustee Mooney*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #28-26** Budget Adjustment- Summer Rec- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Mooney*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Tornatore, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.

**REPORTS:**

- **Public Works-** We are waiting on quotes for repair/replacement for the generator at Well #4. Possible lead on a collaboration with the school district to help us get Bob CDL trained. All of the fire hydrants have been cleaned and inspected. Repaired several broken valve boxes in preparation for paving. Paved Brook St., Central Ave., Franklin Ave., and Waston Ave. Currently working on filling in the shoulders of those streets as well and clearing the piles of pavement left behind. Repaired shoulders on Smullen. Repaired broken sidewalk at 23 Brook St. due to Slossen Creek Mitigation. Repaired two broken stand-up pipes and purchased a new garbage truck.
- **Clerk/Finances-** Attended Fall Training. Worked with NBT and attended training on additional security for bank accounts. Completed several final water reads and billings. Worked on FOILS and resident inquiries. Worked on funding requests and attended several meetings for flood clean-up, restoration and mitigation. Submitted the Arts Grant application for 2026. Coordinated purchase of garbage truck. Trisha and Meghan attended Retirement System training. Currently working on CHIPS reimbursement process. Completed funding application and paperwork for Summer Recreation 2026. Provided Library with information for their 2024 tax return preparation. Getting quotes to have several doorknobs changed and rekeyed. Lighting of the Green applications are available at the office. Received notice from the health department that there will be no more Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant, because funding was cut.
- **Mayor-** Noted that there is legislation coming into effect that will dictate that all new home installations will need to be electric.
- **Library-** Working on the 2024 tax return.
- **Parks-** Waiting on quotes to take down a couple of dead ash trees and the bathrooms are officially closed for the season.
- **Youth-** End of year meeting to be scheduled soon.

- **Police-** Will be present for Halloween festivities.
- **School Districts-** Waiting for a reply to our CDL inquiry.
- **Municipalities-** Stray Haven doesn't have New York State Authority to house dogs for municipalities at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Motion: *Trustee Mooney*

Seconded: *Trustee Sack*

*Trisha Thomas*  
*Deputy Clerk Treasurer*