

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **February 10, 2026**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Mooney
Trustees Katie Sack
Bill Foster
Ken Giblin
Jackie Wandell
Clerk/ Treasurer Pam Benthin
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

CODE: Twelve fire inspections were completed, and we are working on scheduling more. Working on a complaint.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Discussion centered around the proposed Rail Trail study and the new Newark Valley Town Supervisor, Kathleen Grant, introduced herself to the board.

MINUTES: From January 13, 2026 were acknowledged and accepted by the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted as read

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$19,265.28 from abstract numbers 37-26 and 38-26 with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Foster*.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

1. **DPW Fire-** There is no longer a building on site and most of the foundation has been demolished as well. Most of the larger items were salvaged from the building prior to demolition. LCP will be done soon and will level off the area that used to be the foundation. The office is continuing to work on pricing assets and inventory.
2. **Requested Street Light Repair** – We are in search of a third light to add to our outage list. When it is located we will get the repair teams out here to fix them.
3. **Main Street Speed Limit-** After researching prior instances in which this topic has been addressed the Mayor has decided that his next step is to contact Tony Signorillie at DOT about the status of the most recent speed study. The residents who have requested a decrease in the speed limit are the most likely avenue for change on this matter. Their requests and petitions to NYS DOT have more weight than the Village's requests do.
4. **Rail Trail-** There is a study being done by the county to see about constructing a Rail Trail between Berkshire and Newark Valley. One resident expressed that they believe the funds for this study would be better used to stock Brook Trout in the Trout Ponds. The Village has no part in the funding of the Rail Trail Study and can see the value of both ideas.
5. **Slosson Creek Study-** A study is to be done on Slosson Creek by the SLR International Corporation. The study is to be done in the Spring. A meeting was held last Wednesday where the SLR Corporation introduced their team members and the steps that will be taken to complete the study.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RESOLUTION #45-26** Balancing of Budget – adopted with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #46-26** 2026-27 Tax Levy – adopted with a motion by *Trustee Giblin*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #47-26** Multi-Year Planning- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Wandell*, seconded by *Trustee Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #48-26** Adding to Reserves for Capital Charges and Debt- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Foster*, seconded by *Trustee Giblin*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #49-26** Budget Adjustment- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Wandell*, seconded by *Trustee Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused.
- RESOLUTION #50-26** To Payout Vacation- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Giblin*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 – Excused
- RESOLUTION #51-26** Funds Transfer- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Giblin*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 – Excused
- RESOLUTION #52-26** Authorization to Sign- adopted with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Wandell*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0 - Excused

REPORTS:

- **Public Works-** The new generator was installed and is up and functioning, built shelving in temporary Averdi trailers to maximize storage space, removed all items that were safe to salvage from old barn, filled Averdi trailers and salt barn's empty bay with contents from old barn, monitored demolition of old barn, maintained all services in the Village without interruption (plowing, daily water routines, water sampling, moved snow piles, opened up snow covered hydrants, repaired handrail at the library.
- **Clerk/Finances-** Worked with NBT to resolve the BillPay situation, met with the county and continuing to do the required reporting for the Restore NY Project, processed the caucus paperwork and notices, processing abatement and demolition paperwork, Newsletters to come out by end of this week or beginning of next week.
- **Parks-** 3 Trees need to be removed at the park, currently we are missing the equipment necessary to cut the trees down due to the fire. Mayor Mooney will investigate calling someone to take the trees down.
- **Library-** Joe Mooney will relinquish his library treasurer duties to one of the library board members on Sunday.
- **Personnel-** The MEO Position has been posted.

COMMENTS:

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:27 pm
Out of Executive Session 7:59 pm
Executive Session Adjourned 8.00pm

Motion: *Trustee Sack* Seconded: *Trustee Wandell*

Motion: *Trustee Sack* Seconded: *Trustee Foster*

Trisha Thomas
Deputy Clerk Treasurer