

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **April 14, 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
Jackie Wandell
Ken Giblin
Bill Foster
Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

CODE: Nine fire inspections were completed and two phone calls to schedule more were made, answered two phone calls, issued a building permit for the Baptist Church on Whig St then inspected the new ramp at Baptist Church, inquiry about a permit for a roof was answered, completed three hours of mandatory training, spent one hour in court to gather information about an ongoing code issue at 36/38/40 South Main St.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Discussion centered on the speed limit signs and the proposed Newark Valley- Berkshire Rail Trail study.

MINUTES: Approved as presented for the month of March 2026, with a motion by *Trustee Giblin*, seconded by *Trustee Foster*.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted as Read

APPOINTMENTS:

Clerk/Treasurer	Benthin
Deputy Mayor	Sack
Attorney	Coughlin & Gerhart
Engineers	HUNT Engineers
CPA	Insero & Co./ CPA
R.E.A.P	Mooney
COG	Tornatore
Historian	Neal Clinehens

COMMITTEES/ LIAISON:

- Code/Fire Inspection – Stell/Foster/Benthin
- Public Works – Seamans/Foster/Giblin
- Clerk/Finance – Benthin/Mooney/Giblin
- Mayor – REAP, Hope Cemetery
- Planning – Sandy Kasmarcik/Wandell
- Parks – Seamans/Foster
- Youth – Benthin/Wandell/Sack
- Infrastructure – Benthin/Seamans/ Foster
- Library – Mooney/Benthin
- Police – Sack
- School Districts – Wandell
- Personnel – Sack/Wandell/Benthin/Seamans

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **DPW Barn-** The Village has met with HUNT engineers and looked over a preliminary drawing created by DPW Supervisor Seamans. This sketch was created to give HUNT an idea of what the village is looking for when the time to rebuild comes. Asset lists are still being worked on, and some items are being replaced as the need arises.
- **After School Program-** The Village is looking into how to best support an after school program (3/26/2026 meeting minutes further discuss more specific aspects of this possible program) without creating liability for the Village. This program would be self-funded and we were told that if families could not afford it there were subsidies that may be able to help.

BILLS:

Presented. Approved in the amount of \$37,651.91 from abstract number 03-27, 04-27, and 05-27, with a motion by *Trustee Foster*, seconded by *Trustee Giblin*.

ORGANIZATION:

- RESOLUTION #01-27** Mileage Allowance – adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #02-27** Village Board Meetings–adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #03-27** Audit of Claims–adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #04-27** Designation of Depository–adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #05-27** Schools and Conference Approval–adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #06-27** Official Newspapers & Radio Stations–adopted with a motion by *Giblin*, seconded by *Sack*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RESOLUTION #07-27** Budget Adjustment– adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #08-27** Authorization to Hire – adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Giblin*. . Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #09-27** Omitted Tax – adopted with a motion by *Giblin*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. Tornatore- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #10-27** Transfer Funds/Budget Adjustment – adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell – Yes. 0 - No. 0- Excused.

REPORTS:

- **Public Works-** Scot Coombs retired and Benjamin Wilson was hired on March 30th and so far his work is impressive, flushed and inspected all dead-end hydrants, started picking yard debris, removed and prepped for storage one sander, straightened all road and traffic signs, purchased and replaced ECM in new garbage truck and truck is currently operational, progressing through the process of obtaining a new barn with help from the office staff, prepped the tractors for mowing season and started rolling the sites that we mow.

- **Clerk/Finance-** Working on the fiscal year end/Annual Financial Report, training Trisha and Meghan on processes involved in Annual Financial Report, working on insurance policy, looking to hear from our auditors to schedule an audit soon, attending Restore NY Project meetings, working on catching up on Restore NY reporting, Elections were held and oaths have been administered, coordinated meetings and communicating between parties regarding the after school program, fiscal stress score came back as no designation which is really good, street light repair has been put in motion.
- **Mayor-** Slosson Creek Call- preliminary crew from SLR are coming to do field work in the creek on April 23rd and 24th. They want Village officials and the residents of Brook and Rock Streets who were affected by flooding to come to an on-site meeting on Brook St, Friday April 24th at 9:00 AM.
- **Parks-** getting everything opened and cleanup is to start soon.
- **Youth-** Heidi has signed grant funding paperwork for this coming year's summer recreation program.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM

Motion: *Trustee Sack*

Seconded: *Trustee Giblin*

EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

Motion to enter executive session to discuss possible new program at 7:27 PM by Trustee Sack, seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Executive session adjourned at 9:15 PM

Trisha Thomas

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer