

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **May 18, 2026**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Mayor	Joe Mooney
	Trustees	Katie Sack
		Jackie Wandell
		Ken Giblin
	Clerk/Treasurer	Pam Benthin

**CODE:** Issued 4 permits, completed 11 hours of training, 1 building permit inspection, took a phone call about a new building installation.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Discussion was centered around the events that have been put together to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is an exhibit at the Depot that shows the lives of 31 Revolutionary Soldiers, who settled in Newark Valley after the war ended. They also have an exhibit on the Borden Milk plant and there are essays by our local school children hanging in the Depot as well. At the county level a book is being written by the historical societies of the towns in Tioga County that outlines each town's history. The Depot will be holding a flag raising ceremony prior to each of its Friday night concerts this year. There will be a special Military band concert June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Depot.

**MINUTES:** Approved as presented for the month of April 2026.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Accepted as Read

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- **Hometown Heroes Banners United Way-** The Village was approached by Bob Russell from the United Way about their Hometown Hero Banner Program. This program allows residents to purchase a light pole banner to honor those who have served in the Military. Each banner includes the service members' name, branch of service and photo. These banners would be paid for by the residents purchasing them. The hero must be from Tioga County. The purchaser will need to provide a photo of the hero. The Board passed a motion to participate in this program with a motion from *Trustee Sack* and seconded by *Trustee Wandell*.
- **Library-** Squirrels were an issue in the library attic and after discussing ways to get them out with Erin, DPW tried placing moth balls in the attic as a deterrent. This did rid the library of squirrels but left a strong odor that was affecting staff. DPW collected as many moth balls as possible and sprayed a safe odor neutralizer in an attempt to get rid of the smell. The library has purchased 2 air purifiers to also reduce the smell. The library has since had Serve Pro come in to get an estimate for removing the old attic insulation and reinsulating the attic. The library is looking for other estimates for this process as well. DPW has boarded up the entry points used by the squirrels and the library is looking into making further repairs to the building. The board agreed to donate at least one dumpster for insulation removal at the library.
- **DPW Barn-** HUNT Engineers are working on all of the preliminary work to move forward with the new barn. Insurance is a slow process, but the Village has submitted all documentation necessary at this current moment.

- **Slosson Creek Study-** SLR Surveying Group was out surveying the last Friday in April and held an informational meeting on Brook Street, in an attempt to collect information to mitigate flooding in the area. The Village was approved for a study on the creek and anything after that is not a guarantee. This is a slow process that may take years.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$52,039.59 from abstract number 06-27, 07-27, and 08-27, with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Giblin*.

**REPORTS:**

- **Public Works-** Matt Seamans is at water training this week and was awarded 2026 Water Operator of the Year by the New York Rural Water Association. Congratulations Matt! DPW has been busy mowing and keeping up with their other weekly tasks.
- **Clerk/Finance-** We received a grant from the Community Foundation of the Southern Tier for two handicap picnic tables for the Trout Ponds. They have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. The Village participated in the Newark Valley Town Cleanup Days. Our insurance policy has been renewed. Our annual audit is currently under way.
- **Mayor-** The creators of the proposed after school program formed an LLC and will be running the program without the Village this year.
- **Parks-** Water is on and the bathrooms are open. The DPW guys have been mowing and maintaining the grounds.
- **Police-** Coverage will be needed for Summerfest.
- **Schools-** Budget vote is May 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Personnel-** We have heard from some of our residents that our newest hire is an asset. He is ambitious and well-motivated.

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**COMMENTS:** Sheriff Gary Howard will be providing coverage for the June 27<sup>th</sup> Military Band Concert at the Depot.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Motion: *Trustee Wandell*

Seconded: *Trustee Sack*

Trisha Thomas  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer