

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

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| <b><u>PRESENT:</u></b> | Mayor           | Joe Mooney   |
|                        | Trustees        | Katie Sack   |
|                        |                 | Bill Foster  |
|                        |                 | Ken Giblin   |
|                        | Clerk/Treasurer | Pam Benthin  |
|                        | DPW Supervisor  | Matt Seamans |

**CODE:** Completed five fire inspections, answered a couple phone calls, issued a building permit, did an inspection on it, and addressed three complaints of high grass.

**GUESTS:** **UHS- New Building 119 Whig St.**  
Jenny Richards, Karen McElwee, and Chris Stastny presented their drawings for the proposed new UHS building to replace the old building at 119 Whig St. Their plan is to put the new bigger building in place and when it is fully operational to take the old building away. The new facility will operate the same as its predecessor, but it will have a larger footprint. The new building is almost double the size of the current building and will have an entrance on the west side. They also plan to expand the parking lot to offer more space as well. If approvals go through on time, they anticipate breaking ground in August and hope to occupy the new building by the end of the year. The 239 plan needed for the building project has been sent to the County for approval and their meeting is on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Ed Nizalowski- Historical Society Update**

The historical society has begun their busy season and hosted Fred's Frolic, Bluebell Day and Depot Friday Nights. Farmstead tours will be starting soon as will a host of educational programs at the homestead. On June 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 pm there will be a special performance featuring the Army Mountain Division Band at the Depot. July 11<sup>th</sup> the Bement Billings Farmstead will host Shady Strong's BBQ Competition. The historical society have also digitized some of their educational recordings and posted them on their website.

**Trout Unlimited- Allen Peterson**

Allen Peterson, a volunteer coordinator for the Owego Creek division of Trout Unlimited, spoke about using recycled Christmas trees to create embankments for trout to spawn in and hide from the glaring sun. This would be in a privately owned field next to the Trout Ponds. This project would impact the health and potentially increase the number of trout that make it upstream to the park. This project is looking to turn a space that would be a death zone for trout into a trout hatchery. If approved by the board the trees will be installed by mid-October.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Discussion was centered around the meeting held by Keith Flesher on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It was an open forum in which constituents and their representatives were able to discuss problems facing the county.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Not available

**WORK IN PROGRESS:** **-Hometown Heroes Banners- United Way-** The office will be accepting applications and payment for banners to pass on to the United Way. Any questions should be directed to the United Way.

- **EWP Approval-** We asked Tioga County Soil and Water to apply for Emergency Water Protection assistance after the July 2025 flood. This would be a 75/25 grant with the Village footing 25% of the cost, equaling an estimated \$38,000 contribution. The proposal is to create in-stream structures on both sides of Rock Street heading south, to slow water and stabilize the stream wall. The Village portion of the grant is an estimate. If the board chooses to move forward with this then work is to start Spring of 2027.
- **Library-** The Library hired Bill Davies to remove the insulation in the building, and it was hauled away in the village garbage truck. At this time all insulation has been removed, the attic vacuumed and sprayed with an odor neutralizer. It will be reinsulated in the fall. Eve work needs to be done, and roofing repairs are to be done as well.
- **DPW Barn-** Site surveys have been done and we have seen some preliminary drawings from HUNT. The insurance is moving really slowly and we are working to get the septic added to the insurance claim.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$25,618.48 from abstract number 09-27, 10-27, 11-27, and 12-27 with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Foster*.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- RESOLUTION #11-27** To Hold a Public Hearing– adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack– Yes. 0 - No. Wandell- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #12-27** Approving Summer Recreation Employees– adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack– Yes. 0 - No. Wandell- Excused.
- RESOLUTION #13-27** To Move Forward with Emergency Watershed Protection– adopted with a motion by *Foster*, seconded by *Sack*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack– Yes. 0 - No. Wandell- Excused.

#### **REPORTS:**

- **Public Works-** We are progressing through the new barn process. Site surveys and site planning for septic are the current topics of conversation. A free camera system is being installed in the garbage truck courtesy of resident Chris Cena. The camera system will allow us to see all four sides of the garbage truck. We are reporting back to Chris to help him gather information on how to develop better camera systems in the future. Water has been turned on at the Trout Ponds, cemetery, and the Village gardens. Bob is making progress on his CDL. Installed the S. Main St./Bridge St. sign. Installed the 250<sup>th</sup> America Birthday banner. Huge thank you to Jared Martin for the use of his truck and Zeb Patterson for operating the truck and hanging the banner! Attended New York Rural Water Association training school. Repaired a curb stop at 55 Smullen.
- **Mayor-** Meeting tomorrow with the Tiller's and Toilers. There have been questions about the bike park and it is closed due to unsafe conditions. We have applied for a couple of grants and have not received them.
- **Parks-** Handicap picnic tables have been built and are under pavilion #1. The signs, identifying who has reserved the pavilions, will be put up later when we receive them. A bike rack will be installed shortly. Jared Martin is making good on his prior offer last fall to cut down a couple of dead trees at the park. We will be looking into pricing for playground much as it will be needed in the near future.
- **Youth-** There are four new hires this year for Summer Recreation.
- **Infrastructure-** As of today there is no parade permit yet for Summerfest.

- **Library-** Erin's doing a great job with story time and a thank you goes out to the Community Connection for hosting story time.
- **Schools-** Sent out a survey on Cardinal Care.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 PM

Motion: *Trustee Sack*

Seconded: *Trustee Giblin*

Trisha Thomas  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer