

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **July 14, 2026**, at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

**PRESENT:**

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| Mayor           | Joe Mooney   |
| Trustees        | Katie Sack   |
|                 | Bill Foster  |
| Clerk/Treasurer | Pam Benthin  |
| DPW Supervisor  | Matt Seamans |

**CODE:** Answered 4 phone calls, issued a permit for a pool and one for a roof, closed out two permits. Issued a permit for an upgraded heating system, handled multiple complaints about grass and junk in the lawn. We are working with the Lawyer on how best to properly serve violations and the process to go about court issues

**PUBLIC**

**HEARING:** **UHS- New Building 119 Whig St. Site Plan Review**  
**Entered at 6:36 PM**

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 new building will include a secondary water line that will need to be created as part of the project.

**Public Hearing closed at 6:41 PM.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #14-27** Site Plan Approval– adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Mooney, Sack– Yes. 0 - No. Giblin, Wandell- Excused.

**PRIVILEGE**  
**OF THE**  
**FLOOR:**

Discussion was centered around the Nick Wilson Memorial Bike Park and the repairs needed to reopen. The Village IS willing to partner with Saints2Sinners in an effort to complete the necessary repairs to the park. The Friends of the Tappan Spaulding Library were also in attendance and provided information on the many services the local library has to offer.

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

**FINANCIAL**

**REPORT:** Accepted as Read

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS:**

- **Nick Wilson Bike Park-** We will continue to look for grants and work with the Saints2Sinners group in their efforts to repair the bike park. DPW is still upkeeping the grounds at the bike park
- **Hometown Heroes Banners- United Way-** A website and social media post will go out informing the community of the project and how to apply. The office will be accepting applications and payments for banners to pass on to the United Way. Any questions should be directed to the United Way.
- **DPW Barn-** We are currently waiting for some soil testing that needs to be done to install a new septic system for the new barn. The testing will help us determine the best place for the new septic. We are slowly moving forward with the insurance process as well.

**BILLS:** Presented. Approved in the amount of \$22,756.00 from abstract number 13-27, 14-27, and 15-27, with a motion by *Trustee Foster*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*.

**REPORTS:**

- **Public Works-** Two trees were cut down at the Trout Ponds with the help of others, silenced the fire alarm in the Municipal Building Saturday morning 7/11/26. Worked with United Alarms to figure out why the smoke detectors were going off and it turned out it was just a dirty detector. It was cleaned and is now fully functional again. Cut overhanging trees back and mowed shoulders on overgrown roads. Have been working on continual landscaping maintenance, truck maintenance and other daily/weekly/monthly tasks.
- **Clerk/Finance-** Met with NRCS, took annual trainings on sexual harassment and workplace violence prevention, there was a post office job fair on the Village Green, answered 9 FOIL requests, met with Code Enforcement officer and Village Attorney in an attempt to streamline the violations and court processes, Community Foundation Grant was submitted, processed new summer recreation employees paperwork, began the process for renewing the SRBC Docket for Well #4, which is a process involving hydrogeologic testing and many other steps, working on bike park grants, SLFRF updated report, went over new election reporting requirements.
- **Mayor-** Wanted to commend the office on the Caviar & Grits Community Concert that was held on Saturday 7/11/2026. A good time was had by all.
- **Parks-** The male and female cardinals, created by Marc Randall, have been placed on the bathroom doors at the Trout Ponds. They look great! Trout unlimited is going to put rocks in place in the stream to make it easier for the Trout to move upstream into the park. This is going to require the use of the backhoe and will be completed shortly.
- **Youth-** Summer Recreation is in progress and is going well.
- **Library-** The library is collaborating on its summer programs with Summer Rec.
- **Police-** Looking into the need for police presence for Summerfest .

- **School Districts-** Heidi Cardone thanked the Village at a school presentation for the time we put into working with them on Cardinal Care.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 PM

Motion: *Trustee Sack*

Seconded: *Trustee Foster*

Trisha Thomas

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer