

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **August 11, 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
Jackie Wandell
Ken Giblin
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

CODE: Multiple fire inspections completed. In the process of getting calls back for more commercial inspections. Sent out complaint letters and closed out others.

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FLOOR: Marcia Kiechle and the Historical Society were praised for their efforts at the Depot and their many other programs, by the county. There was also brief discussion on the progress of the Restore NY Grant.

MINUTES: Approved as presented for the month of July 2026.

WORK IN

PROGRESS:

- **Nick Wilson Bike Park-** The Saints2Sinners group looked over the bike park and concluded that structurally it was in worse shape than they had anticipated. In light of this there has been discussion about potentially replacing the current configuration with a pump track. This would be a process that would use clean fill to create different obstacles that would be paved over. This option would utilize the entire park space better and would require less maintenance in the long run. We have been notified that the Saint2Sinners group has created a GoFundMe page in an effort to raise funds for bike park repairs.
- **DPW Barn-** Soil samples were taken on Monday and results concluded that the site was suitable to build on as far as the soil samples were concerned. Soil percolation testing (soil drainage testing) is to be done later this week.
- **Garbage Rates-** Tipping fees and recycling rates have been increasing, so the Village's solid waste rate needs to be increased to cover these fees. The Village has been trying to cover these costs without increasing our rates for a while and are unfortunately no longer able to do so. The total increase to solid waste billing will be a \$4.00 increase per quarter, resulting in a total yearly increase of \$16.00.

BILLS: Presented. Approved in the amount of \$19,091.82 from abstract number 16-27, 17-27, and 18-27, with a motion by *Trustee Sack*, seconded by *Trustee Foster*.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #15-27 To Remove Assets– adopted with a motion by *Wandell*, seconded by *Giblin*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell– Yes. 0 - No. 0-Excused.

RESOLUTION #16-27 Increase of Solid Waste Rate– adopted with a motion by *Sack* seconded by *Foster*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell– Yes. 0 - No. 0-Excused.

RESOLUTION #17-27 SOP For Hydrant Inspections– adopted with a motion by *Sack*, seconded by *Wandell*. Roll call vote. Foster, Giblin, Mooney, Sack, Wandell– Yes. 0 - No. 0-Excused.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Not available at this time

REPORTS:

- **Public Works** – Worked on Summerfest: supplied all the road closure signage for 4 locations and dismantled after event, supplied and removed all garbage cans and dumpster for event, repaired wiring on the green's bandstand for the band. All vehicles have been serviced. Shoulders were cut on Smullen in preparation for paving. A big thank you goes out to the Town of Newark Valley for that. Oversaw soil boring at the old barn. Oversaw new fiber wire planning on Smullen. Replaced back up alarm on garbage truck. Pulled shrubs and cut bushes for Tillers and Toilers. There are still more bushes to cut. Met with Saints2Sinners at the skatepark and discussed some new ideas after giving the park a closer look. Potholes were filled in.
- **Clerk/Finance-** As per Mayor Mooney- The grant agreement with USDA has been signed for the Slosson Creek work that needs to be done. Restore NY meetings have been going on as the project progresses.
- **Youth-** Summer Recreation is completed for this year and was well received by the community.
- **Police-** Two new candidates will be running for Tioga County Sheriff in 2027: Frank Lavore and Shawn Nalepa.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 PM

Motion: *Trustee Sack*

Seconded: *Trustee Wandell*

Trisha Thomas

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer