

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening **September 8, 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
DPW Supervisor Matt Seamans

CODE: Closed out a building permit, issued two new building permits, addressed 3 complaints and answered phone calls, completed 3 inspections, currently working on 5 different violations and scheduling more fire inspections.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: The Community Connection property has officially transferred ownership to the Community Connection Nonprofit.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted as read.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Nick Wilson Bike Park-** The park will not be open for the remainder of the season and it was reported that the Saints2Sinners group is fundraising for repairs.
- **DPW Barn-** The Village is waiting for estimates and will be sending these numbers to NILAND and to the insurance company.
- **Garbage Rates-** Solid Waste rates were increased at the beginning of September to cover the cost of tipping fees and recycling services.
- **9/11 Remembrance Event at the Depot-** We shared a post about the upcoming September 11, 25th Anniversary Remembrance event at the Depot and will be sharing it again prior to the event.
- **Trout Unlimited-** Trout Unlimited has a volunteer opportunity scheduled for September 19th. They are creating a spawning area in the creek for Brook Trout, which requires the incorporation of old Christmas trees into the creek's bed. Help moving and placing the trees will be needed.
- **USDA/NRCS Grants- Slosson Creek-** We are in the beginning phases of the Slosson Creek projects.
- **Railroad Crossings-** The railroad tracks near the Depot have become worn and could be considered hazardous to bikers and pedestrians. The Village sent an email to RJ Coleman, who owns the railway, in an attempt to have the sections that cross the roadways repaired. Marcia Keichel has also contacted the company on behalf of this effort as well.

- **Smullen Ave/ Cook St.-** Paving was completed by Broome Bituminous and was a success.
- **E-Bikes, 4 Wheelers, etc.-** Concerns have been raised about the safety of E-Bikes and scooters on Village property.

BILLS:

Presented. Approved in the amount of \$13,689.34 from abstract number 19-27, 20-27, 21-27, 22-27, 23-27, and 24-27 with a motion by *Trustee Foster*, seconded by *Trustee Sack*.

REPORTS:

- **Public Works –** Cut down and removed 6 lilac trees at the Butterfly Garden for the Tillers and Toilers, paved Smullen Ave. and Cook St., prepared pipe for UHS additional water service- awaiting their approval to move forward, flushed dead end hydrants, repaired curb stop at 125 S. Main St.
- **Parks-** Damage was done to the lawns at the Trout Ponds. The police were contacted and the culprit has since repaired the damage. The water at the park will be left on until nighttime temps are at risk of freezing. When nighttime temperatures are near freezing the water will be turned off to ensure the pipes do not freeze.
- **Library-** The Library is currently working on getting insulation in the attic.
- **School-** The new school year begins Thursday 9/10.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 PM

Motion: *Trustee Sack*

Seconded: *Trustee Foster*

Trisha Thomas

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer