

A Work Session was held April 7, 2026, at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following Board members were present:

Present:

Kathleen Grant, Supervisor
Warren Smith, Councilmember
Joseph Tomazin, Jr. Councilmember
Lucy Johnson, Councilmember

Absent:

Brett Walter, Councilmember

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant, Jim Marzen, Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski

Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Grant led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Supervisor Grant discussed a supervisor training she would like to attend in Canandaigua on April 27th & April 28th. Supervisor Grant had said that she felt there was a lot she could learn. The cost is \$250.00. Supervisor Grant also discussed getting the names changed on the NBT cards and adding Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant and Supervisor Grant and removing Stu and Theresa.

Resolution #45-2026

**Authorize Supervisor Grant to Attend Training in
Canandaigua on April 27th & April 28th**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved Supervisor Grant to Attend Training in Canandaigua on April 27th & April 28th

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski discussed briefly that he had spoken with the DCO from Waverly and had said they had been able to take them to Lansing. Supervisor Grant also said that she had spoken with Charlie from Richford, and he had said they were working with Cortland.

Old Business

Supervisor Grant briefly discussed again the dates for clean-up days and they are April 30th – May 2nd. Supervisor Grant discussed that she had talked with Brandon Clark as the website was not up yet. The .Gov needs a few things updated. Supervisor Grant has said he was going to be coming Thursday@ 4pm to help get fixed. Brandon sent out the catalog of services to get the ball rolling. Councilmember Tomazin asked to have him come to the next meeting to discuss the .GOV.

Supervisor Grant discussed that the thermostats have not been installed yet. Jim Marzen said that he would get them in. Supervisor Grant mentioned that she hasn't talked with Spectrum. Also, that the Historians have a wish list. They would like a laser printer. Neil will be at the next meeting.

Supervisor Grant discussed that she had been talking with Lindsey (Town Attorney) and she will be at the next meeting. Lindsey had asked Kare if she finished the Solar Project. There must be a PILOT, but this one doesn't want to go by assessment. File is on her desk regarding the Solar Project and the PILOT. Project must be completed and if not done they do not get money from the Federal Government.

Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski discussed a proposal for changes of the Town Fees as he feels the fees need to be raised. The proposed changes are on file at the Town Office.

Resolution # 48-2026

Authorize the Proposed Changes to Raise the Fees for Permits for the Town of Newark Valley

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved the changes to the permit fees for the Town of Newark Valley.

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed the agreement to spend as he needs approval. He can't give a dollar amount on CHIPS and he doesn't have prices on the oil. The approval is for \$110,000.00 for road materials. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant briefly discussed some of the roads that they were going to do (Murphy to Lawrence, Marean Rd, Markham to Settle)

Resolution # 46-2026

**Authorize to Have the Names Changed on the
NBT Bank Cards by Adding Highway Superintendent
And Supervisor Grant and Removing Stu & Theresa**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved having the Names Changed on the NBT Bank Cards by Adding Highway Superintendent and Supervisor Grant and Removing Stu & Theresa.

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Grant discussed briefly that we will check if it is set for Tax Exempt. Supervisor Grant discussed NYSEG and how they called about electric vehicles, she told them no and sure it was a scam. Discussed on the other Villages writing letters to the Public Service Commission on the high electric.

Resolution # 47-2026

**Authorize Supervisor Grant to Write Letters
To The Public Service Commission on High Electric**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved Supervisor Grant to Write Letters to The Public Service Commission on High Electric.

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Grant discussed that we all need to have the training for sexual harassment, cyber security and violence in the workplace. Stephanie will get emails sent with the link. Supervisor Grant also discussed the Assessor position, and that Karen Hall would be willing to do it. Councilmember Tomazin discussed that the Tax Grievance Day is fast approaching, Supervisor Grant did not know what it was. It was explained that people come in to speak with Assessor about their taxes being too high. Councilmember Tomazin discussed that he feels we need to check with other Towns to see what they are paying their Assessor, and to find out if it is a state law that pay is based on \$11.00 an acre.

Resolution #49-2026

**Authorize Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant
to use Money for Road Repair from the Budget**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant to use money for road repair from the budget.

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin – AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that Stu's sign was done.

Larry Ames NYS Licensed Home Inspector came to meeting not knowing there was no privilege of the floor. Councilmembers decided that he could have a few minutes of the Boards time. Larry discussed the right to home inspections and that prior to COVID there were home inspections and know the home inspections can be waived. He discussed it to great lengths.

A motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Smith at 8:22 Pm.

The next Scheduled Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L Corson
Town Clerk