

Newstead Town Board Meeting- February 24, 2020

The Board entered executive session at 7:30pm to discuss a resolution on tonight's agenda on a motion from Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci. Carried

The Board exited executive session on a motion by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan at 7:43pm, having taken no action. Carried

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:45pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: Edmund Burke- Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
John Jendrowski- Councilman
Joseph Dugan- Councilman
Jeannine Morlacci- Councilwoman
Brendan Neill- Town Attorney
Emily Janicz- Assistant Town Attorney
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer
Jennifer Herberger- Deputy Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Supervisor Cummings who is out of town.

Councilman Jendrowski led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 10, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci to approve as presented. Carried

Agenda Changes – none

Communications – The Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A letter was received from Buffalo Modular Homes requesting to tap into the town waterlines at 6485 Hake Rd.

A notification of a seminar was received on how to develop a good solar project in communities, which will be held March 20th from 8:00am-1:00pm at the Erie County Fire Training Academy at 3359 Broadway in Cheektowaga.

A request for a beer/wine permit was received from Peggy Kidder for a family reunion at Veteran's Park on July 26th.

A request for a beer/wine permit was received from Jennifer Brennan for a graduation party at Veteran's Park on August 1st.

A request for a beer/wine permit was received from Lisa Mazur for a birthday party at the Cultural Center on April 5th.

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to accept and file the presented correspondence. Carried

Work Session: The Deputy Supervisor reported that no work session was held last week due to the holiday however, the following items were discussed prior to tonight's meeting: water & sewer project updates, planning item updates, building issue updates, highway truck purchases, Limerick Hall lease, plus any other items brought before the Board.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one spoke

Budget transfers: a motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci to approve the budget transfer(s) as presented in a memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 2/24/20. Carried

Approval of Bills – Councilman Jendrowski reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2009 & 2012 have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch(es) #2013 & 2015 for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 140-188, totaling \$158,695.36. Councilman Dugan seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2013 & 2015:

General Fund (A)-\$106,186.29, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$1,063.80, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$49,653.04, CAP-SEW 1 Rehab (HAR)-\$0, CAP- Bike Path (HTG)-\$0, CAP- Water Improvement (HW)-\$0, CAP Water-Downey (HW01)-\$0, CAP- Water-Cedar (HW02)-\$0, CAP- Water-Knapp- (HW03)-\$0, Drainage (SD)-\$0, Fire Protection (SF)-\$1,644.00, Refuse (SR)-\$0, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$27.57, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$78.28, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$0, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Water Districts: Consolidated (SW00)-\$42.38, (SW1) \$0, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$0, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$0, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$0; Total:\$158,695.36 Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – not present and no report was given

Assessor – Tina’s report was presented by the Deputy Supervisor stating she has completed the reassessment project and will be double checking the properties with no change prior to printing the assessment notices in the next few weeks. She is holding a taxpayer information session February 25th at 6:30pm at the town hall. There is now tentatively an overall increase in assessments of \$183,638,823. This number is expected to change through the informal hearings and assessment challenges process.

Building Office – the following building report was presented by Christine Falkowski of the Planning & Building Department:

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| Mark Bruning | 7700 Swift Mills Rd | Pole Barn |
| 5720 Cummings Rd., Inc | 5720 Cummings Rd | Roof |
| Paul Jeziorski | 5725 Ayers Rd | Shed |
| Janice Bridger | 69 Golden Pond Est | Roof |

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

Town Clerk- nothing at this time

Town Attorney(s) – he attended AOT and learned a lot of information.

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski- he attended the Library Board meeting and commends Kristine and her board for the job they do. He also met with Tolson Electric at the library to rewire a sensor, he had a conversation with a resident regarding NextEra Power lines and passed information from Brendan on to them, he spoke to a resident about an application to hook into Erie County Water and spoke to Jon Cummings regarding a water issue here at the Town Hall.

Dugan – he conducted the annual Court audit and thanks Sandy for doing such a great job. On Sunday he observed the conclusion of the house fire on Main Road and commends the fire departments that worked it and also Dan Kowalik for going above and beyond his scope of duty.

Burke – he attended an event for Legislator Ed Rath on February 12th and spoke to Adam Burg regarding the cancer coverage premium.

Morlacci- she agrees with Councilman Dugan regarding how well the fire departments worked at the Main Road fire.

Supervisor- not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings- nothing new

Planning- nothing new. Awaiting responses regarding demolition letters.

Water/Sewer- ADESA sewer project moving forward. Had a few issues that are in the process of being resolved. Waterline project is waiting for information from NYS before moving forward.

Grants- still waiting to hear from NYS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval- Annual Court Audit for 2019:

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan accepting the annual audit review of the Justice Court records for 2019 as performed by Councilman Dugan. The court records have been found to be maintained in an exceptionally organized and proper manner. A copy of the audit will be filed with NYS Office of Court Administration along with the resolution. (Resolution attached) Cummings-Absent, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye
Carried

Approval- Firefighter Cancer Benefit:

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci approving entering into a contract with Chubb Accident & Health for the provision of the enhanced cancer disability benefit insurance policy for eligible volunteer firefighters and authorizing the Supervisor to execute all necessary documents for the policy. (Resolution attached) Cummings-Absent, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye
Carried

Approval- Beer/wine permit request:

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci approving the request for a beer/wine permit as requested by Peggy Kidder at Veteran's Park on July 26, 2020 for a family reunion.
Cummings-Absent, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye Carried

Approval- Beer/wine permit request:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci approving the request for a beer/wine permit as requested by Jennifer Brennan at Veteran's Park on August 1, 2020 for a graduation party.
Cummings-Absent, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye Carried

Approval- Beer/wine permit request:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the request for a beer/wine permit as requested by Lisa Mazur at the Cultural Center on April 5, 2020 for a birthday party.
Cummings-Absent, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye Carried

Approval- Cancel Work Session:

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci to cancel the March 2nd work session.
Cummings-Absent, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye Carried

Privilege of the Floor/Question Period: no one spoke.

There being no further business to come before the board for the regular meeting a motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06pm.
Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Herberger, Deputy Town Clerk