

Newstead Town Board Meeting- July 27, 2020

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
Edmund Burke- Councilman
John Jendrowski- Councilman
Joseph Dugan- Councilman
Brendan Neill- Town Attorney
Emily Janicz- Assistant Town Attorney
Michael Bassanello- Highway Supt.
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Councilman Burke led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 13, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan to approve as presented. Councilman Burke also thanked Christine Falkowski for stepping in and transcribing minutes that night.

Carried

Agenda Changes – none

Communications – The Clerk presented the following correspondence:

Notices were received from Charter Communications announcing programming changes coming in August.

A letter was received from the Village of Akron notifying the Town of the increase in reimbursement rate for Police Officers assigned to the Town Court effective August 1, 2020.

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

Carried

Work Session: The Supervisor reported work session was held last week where the following items were discussed: water & sewer project updates, planning item updates, building issue updates, grant updates, LOSAP, Property purchase, gas well, Kathryn Dr, Court issues, National Grid, Food Pantry request, plus any other items brought before the Board.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one spoke

Budget transfers: a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to approve the budget transfer(s) as presented in a memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 7/27/20.

Carried

Approval of Bills – Councilman Dugan reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2047, 2050 and bond payment/BAN payoff have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch(es) #2055 for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 753-787, totaling \$12,589.76. Councilman Jendrowski seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2055:

General Fund (A)-\$9,947.67, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$103.93, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$2,353.10, CAP- Scotland Rd (HS)-\$0, CAP- Koepsel Rd (HW)-\$0, CAP Water-Downey Rd (HW01)-\$0, CAP- Water Cedar (HW02)-\$0, CAP-Water Knapp (HW03)-\$0, CAP- Bike Path (HTG)-\$0, Drainage (SD)-\$0, Fire Protection (SF)-\$0, Refuse (SR)-\$0, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$34.04, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$89.64, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$0, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Consolidated Water (SW00)-\$61.38, WD1(SW1)- \$0, WD2(SW2)- \$0, WD3(SW3)- \$0, WD4(SW4)- \$0, WD5(SW5)- \$0, WD6(SW6)- \$0, WD7(SW7)- \$0,

WD7A(SW7A)- \$0, WD8(SW8)- \$0, WD9(SW9)- \$0, WD10(SW10)- \$0; Total:\$12,589.76
Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – a report was presented from the Highway Supt as follows: there was damage done to the soccer complex driveway and yard by vehicles doing donuts so the park will be locked up and closed nightly from now on.

Assessor – a report was presented from Tina and read by the Supervisor stating she will be reviewing and valuing new construction for the next couple months and they plan to send out Agricultural, Aged and Disability exemption renewals at the end of August into the first part of September. No additional small claims petitions have been filed thus far.

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

Darren Polkowski	6778 Cedar	Geothermal System
5720 Cummings Rd, Inc	39 Sprucewood	Deck
Henry Chimes	7985 Maple	Shed
5720 Cummings Rd, Inc	28 Thornwood	Carport
Lynn Wujek	13570 Stage	Covered deck
Robert Wideman	11720 Hunts Corners	One Family Home
Brandon Fix	4895 Ayers	AG pool
Ryan Lacey	11491 Tonawanda Creek	Floodplain Dev/Det. Garage
Town of Newstead	5877 Buell St	Cell Tower Antenna replacements
5720 Cummings Rd, Inc	184 Cottonwood	Deck
Robert Massaro	13268 Dorsch	Roof
5720 Cummings Rd, Inc	173 Cottonwood	Covered deck
Gary Bailey	4959 S Newstead	Detached Garage
Salvatore Vacanti	4040 Pohl	Generator
5720 Cummings Rd, Inc	26 Willowood	Covered deck

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

Town Clerk- Dawn presented the Dog Control Officers 2nd quarter report to the Board.

Town Attorney(s) – nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski- he met with Dan Kowalik on COVID-19 updates at the Command Center. He commends them for all their work and having the command center set up so efficiently. He addressed a drainage complaint from a Stage Rd resident and is working on it with Mike. He and Dave met with Brad Rehwaldt on the Denio water issue in the basement and he is addressing a request for an outside spigot at the library. He also worked with Councilman Dugan on an address change issue for Wade Bogart.

Dugan – he and Councilman Jendrowski exchanged emails with Wade Bogart regarding an address change that was found in error for his property. They have worked to get it changed with Amherst Control and both fire companies. There is an outstanding issue with the Google Earth app.

Burke – he addressed a phone call from a constituent regarding a girl scout project proposal. He referred them to contacting the Town Clerk with a written letter outlining her request. He also attended the ribbon cutting for the new Bank on Buffalo.

Supervisor- the June Supervisor’s Report is on file with the Town Clerk. He attended the Bank on Buffalo ribbon cutting ceremony and attended a Zoom meeting with Congressman Reed on financial

aid packages for towns. He reported the 2021 budget process has begun, with budget request sheets being handed out to all the department heads. Due to COVID-19 anticipated shortfalls he is asking everyone to limit spending for next year since the reported tax cap is estimated to be 1.54%. He commends every department this year for the cuts they have made already. He addressed issues on the I Squared R gas well purchase proposal and spoke with the County Engineers regarding adding a double solid line on the Cummings Rd hill area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings- nothing new

Planning- airBnB, solar requests, SS Brakes property mowed

Water/Sewer- Scott gave an update on the close out of the ADESA rehab project. Final docs and plans will be distributed to the Town, Village and ADESA by Wendel.

Grants- nothing new

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval- 6801 Maple Rd- Extension of 60 days for Demolition:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan acknowledging that the Notice of Hearing was properly served to the owner of property at 6801 Maple Rd, Newstead, NY (SBL#33.00-2-28.2) and barring any unforeseen circumstances, will not revisit whether the structure on the property needs to be repaired or demolished for 60-days from today's date (July 27, 2020) to allow for a pending sale of the property to occur.

(Resolution) Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried

Approval- Proposed Rotary Building on Bike Path:

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski approving the proposal from Akron-Newstead Rotary to erect a building on the bike path in the area of the Y nearest to Clarence Center Rd.

Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried

Supervisor Cummings announced that after much discussion, the Board will not be appointing anyone to the vacant Council seat between now and the November election.

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 Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:02pm.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC, Town Clerk