

Newstead Town Board Meeting- May 26, 2020

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:45pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
Edmund Burke- Councilman
Joseph Dugan- Councilman
Brendan Neill- Town Attorney via phone
Emily Janicz- Assistant Town Attorney via phone
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Jendrowski & Councilwoman Morlacci who were absent for social distancing.

Supervisor Cummings led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 11, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke to approve as presented.
Carried

Agenda Changes – a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan to make the following agenda changes: add motion accepting opening guidelines Carried

Communications – The Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A notice was received from Charter Communications announcing programming changes coming in June.

A letter from a Williamsville resident offering suggestions for making Akron-Newstead better.

A letter from Buffalo Solar Solutions regarding a potential solar project on Clarence Center Rd.

A letter of resignation was received from Liz Pask, 2nd Deputy of the Town Clerk's office resigning her position effective May 29, 2020. Her resignation was accepted with great regret.

A notice of Wetlands Delineation for County Line Stone Co was received from the NYSDEC.

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

Work Session: The Supervisor reported no work session was held last week but the following items were discussed prior to tonight's meeting: water & sewer project updates, planning item updates, building issue updates, grant updates, plus any other items brought before the Board.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one present to speak, no written comments

Budget transfers: a motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke to approve the budget transfer(s) as presented in a memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 5/26/20.
Carried

Approval of Bills – Councilman Dugan reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2034 have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch(es) #2038 for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 499-538, totaling \$580,723.17. Councilman Burke seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2038:

General Fund (A)-\$15,789.09, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$113.13, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$2,594.98, CAP-SEW 1 Rehab (HAR)-\$6,055.23, 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)-\$0, Refuse (SR)-\$0, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$27.80, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$82.80, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$0, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Water Districts: Consolidated (SW00)-\$234,957.49, (SW1) \$5,809.60, (SW2) \$4,846.340, (SW3) \$13,785.05, (SW4) \$11,893.69, (SW5) \$16,647.68, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$28,986.75, (SW7A) \$5,476.52, (SW8) \$11,532.75, (SW9) \$7,558.23, (SW10) \$214,566.04; Total:\$580,723.17 Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – a report was presented from the Highway Supt as follows: crews have completed the following work: replaced cross culver and completed road ditching on McNeeley Rd & Stage Rd, mowed all town parks, helped the Town of Clarence mill, cleaned walking paths in Skyline Park of brush & trees, filled holes at Evergreen Cemetery, repairs to broom & new bristles, cut tree butts & ground out stumps, pipes road ditches on Stage Rd, and boarded up broken window on Main Rd building.

Assessor – no report, Tina was attending B.A.R. hearing sessions all day and this evening.

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

Richard Abraham	6767 Cedar	Roof
Mary Partridge-Tybor	12898 Swift Mills	Pole Barn
Gary Roth	6505 Draper	New furnace & A/C
Darren Kanehl	7780 Fletcher	Siding
Gary Bailey	4959 S Newstead	Deck
Jennifer Coker	11071 Howe	IG pool
Jamie Gonsowski	5070 Havens	AG pool
5720 Cummings Rd Inc	5720 Cummings Rd	Gazebo
Michael Steszewski	6756 Utley	AG pool
Diane Koehler	5867 Barnum Rd	One Family Home
Richard Barnes	6368 Dye	Pavilion
ANJ Properties LLC	7534 Scotland Rd	Barn repair & siding replace

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

Town Clerk- Dawn reported she has accepted Liz’s letter of resignation with great regret and for now the position will not be refilled. It will be looked as again going into fall.

Town Attorney(s) – nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski- not present

Dugan – he attended an event organized by Councilwoman Morlacci on Saturday where everyone participating met at her daycare and flags were distributed then volunteers went out and placed flags on veteran’s gravesites in the cemeteries. It was well attended.

Burke – nothing at this time

Morlacci- not present

Supervisor- the April Supervisor’s report is on file with the Clerk’s office. He has continued to attend weekly virtual meetings with the Supervisors & County Executive. He also He also attended virtual meetings with Congressmen Schumer & Reed regarding funding bills for local governments. He spoke with Peter Henley regarding July 4th events being cancelled and has been working with the team on a reopening plan for the Town Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings- nothing new

Planning- nothing new

Water/Sewer- he has addressed a sewer district issue between the Village and Niagara Label. Scott reported we should see some movement on the water grant with the next 2 weeks.

Grants- the final docs for the trailways grant will be in this week and that project will be closed out. New signage will be installed all along the bike paths by the highways crews this week. No new movement on the generator or parks grants due to staffing constraints at the State.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing- Local Law #1 of 2020- Parking Restrictions:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the calling of a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2020 that would change parking restrictions on Cummings Rd in the area of the new bike path crossings. The public hearing will be held on July 13, 2020 at 7:15pm. The Town Clerk is authorized to publish the legal notice in the Akron Bugle. (Resolution) Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Absent, Morlacci-Absent
Carried

Approval- Cancellation of 2020 Summer Recreation Program:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Supervisor Cummings approving the cancellation of the 2020 summer recreation program due to the COVID-19 pandemic concerns. Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Absent, Morlacci-Absent Carried

Approval- Cancel Work Session:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the cancellation of the work session on June 1st due to the COVID-19 emergency requirements. Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Absent, Morlacci-Absent Carried

Approval- Reopening Guide Plan for Employees:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the proposed Employee Guide for Reopening of Buildings as presented, which is intended to be a moving plan that will be adjusted as necessary. Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Absent, Morlacci-Absent 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 Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:13pm.
Carried

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