

Newstead Town Board Meeting- May 9, 2022

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
John Jendrowski- Councilman
Joseph Dugan- Councilman
Edmund Burke- Councilman
Patricia Pope- Councilwoman (remotely)
Emily Janicz - Town Attorney
Michael Coutu- Assistant Town Attorney
Dawn Izydorczak – Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Councilman Dugan led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on April 25, 2022 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to approve as presented.
Carried Unanimously

Agenda Changes – A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to approve the following changes: remove motions E. & F. and add resolution H. approving Municipal Solutions contracts
Carried Unanimously

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A copy of a notice of petition for annexation was received from the Vet’s Club of Akron requesting annexation of a parcel on Lewis Rd(Rt. 93) owned by Vet’s Club of Akron currently within the town boundaries into the Village of Akron boundaries. The petition has been filed with the Village of Akron.

An email was received from Pat Rodrigues of the Newstead Historical Society regarding the Maple Lawn Cemetery Restoration Project/Fund notifying the town of their plans for restoration this year.

A letter was received from the Village of Akron regarding increases in sewer district rates effective August 15, 2022.

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

Work Session: The Supervisor reported that work session last week was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The following items were discussed prior to tonight’s meeting: a meeting with the auditors was held on the 2021 audit and a meeting was held with Frank Falkowski on the Lewis Rd property annexation. Items discussed: water/sewer updates, planning items, building issue updates, grant updates, plus any other items brought before the Board.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one spoke

Budget Transfers: none

Approval of Bills – Councilwoman Pope reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2236 have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. Abstract Batch(es) #2243 was presented for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 434-486, totaling \$61,765.64. Councilman Jendrowski seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2243:

General Fund (A)-\$21,669.82, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$0, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$6,756.49, CAP-Multicultural Ctr (HMCC)- \$0, CAP-Water-Scotland (HS)-\$0, CAP-Water-Koepsel (HW)-\$0, CAP-Water-Draper (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)-\$32,045.08, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$348.75, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$127.50, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$593.50, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Consolidated Water (SW00)-\$224.50, 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: \$61,765.64 Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – no report presented

Assessor – a report was presented from Tina and read by the Supervisor stating the assessment roll has been filed with the County and the legal notice was placed in the paper. Change of assessment notices have all been mailed. The changes mostly relate to new construction and/or physical changes on properties. The equalization rate has dropped to 86% due to the increasing real estate market. We will be conducting a full reassessment project next year as planned and she has asked the Board to pass a supporting resolution to that effect at the meeting. She reminds the Board that reassessment is not a bad word if it is done properly, and the entire town goes up at the same time and all taxpayers benefit from the reduced tax rates. She provided sales information for 3/1/22 – 3/30/22.

Building Office – the following building report was presented by Julie Brady of the Planning & Building Department:

13399 Main Road LLC	13399 Main Rd	Zoning compliance
Jarred Redford	11815 Sheila Ln	Pool deck
Richard Rebmann	5974 Cummings	Deck
Eric Kraus	12070 Rapids	Shed
Robert Taylor	7695 Moore	Roof- solar array
Andrew Smith	5867 Barnum	AG pool deck
Patrick Duffy	6051 Barnum	Single Family Home/barn
Mona Anastasi-Bachman	11287 Main	Roof
William Lawrence	4212 Crittenden	Roof
Peter Santalucia	6215 Dye	Roof
Daniel Klonowski	11199 Stage	IG pool
Martin Dugan	13595 Stage	5+ windows

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

Town Clerk- nothing at this time

Town Attorney(s) – nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski – he thanked Whittings, particularly Joe Palizay and his crew, for all their restoration work on the bronze statues at the library. He gave his buildings reports (see below), attended a meeting at the Joint Municipal Facility with Jon Cummings, and addressed an issue with the Senior Center for Sarah.

Dugan – nothing at this time

Burke – nothing at this time

Pope – nothing at this time

Supervisor – the April 2022 Supervisor’s Report is on file with the Town Clerk. He attended a supervisors meeting in Aurora, addressed complaints on drainage /messy yards and waterline project updates, addressed concert complaints on Main Rd, attended the Association of Erie

County Governments meeting, spoke with State & County agencies on several grants, attended the Old Scotland Road Distillery award presentation, set up employee training with Comp Alliance for June 16th, and attended the union contract negotiations meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings – John reported the library sinks are installed, the patio and roof have been cleaned and the restored statues are back on the patio. All issues seem to be fixed. Now we need to address the interior damage that was done. Backflow preventer issue will be looked at. At the JMF he had a meeting with Quackenbush and is attempting to get 2 proposals on the work to be done. The Senior Center handicapped button in the restroom is being looked at by Mike Lotz.

Planning – Steve reported they addressed a resident’s concerns on Nice Rd about the condition of the road and shoulder.

Water/Sewer – Supervisor Cummings reported he had a good conversation with our rep at the State and the WBE contact is now reviewing the documents. He has addressed calls from residents wanting to know when work will begin again.

Grants – nothing new

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval- Surplus Equipment:

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski declaring the following as surplus equipment/inventory and authorizing it to be disposed of or sold: 44 metal & wood chairs, microfiche machine, office chairs, mics tables and chairs, 6 wooden doors.

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

Carried Unanimously

Approval – Reassessment Project for 2023:

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan supporting the scheduling of a town wide reassessment project by the Assessor for 2023.

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

Carried Unanimously

Approval – Erie County Snow Removal Contract for 2023-2025:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Pope approving the Erie County Snow Removal Contract as proposed for 2023-2025 and authorizing the Supervisor to execute any necessary documents for the contract.

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

Carried Unanimously

Approval – Use of Veterans Park- Akron Little League Football:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the use of Veteran’s Park request by Akron Little League Football for their fall season. They may use the fields beginning on July 25th thru October 29th and may begin using the park shelter on August 1st thru October 29th.

Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope-Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval – Maple Lawn Cemetery Restoration project:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pope, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski approving the request by the Newstead Historical Society to make additional repairs to headstones in Maple Lawn Cemetery under the restoration project started 2 years ago.

Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope-Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval- Municipal Solutions Contracts:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pope, seconded by Councilman Burke approving entering into an agreement for Financial Services with Municipal Solutions for a term 5/1/22-4/30/24 and also entering into a Continuing Disclosure Filings with Municipal Solutions for a term 5/1/2022-4/30/24 and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the agreements on behalf of the town.

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

Carried Unanimously

Privilege of the Floor/Question Period: no one spoke

The Supervisor asked for a moment of silence for Code Enforcement Officer Dave Miller's brother, Beau Brylski, who passed this week.

The Board entered executive session on a motion from Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to discuss personnel issues and contract negotiations.

Carried Unanimously

The Board exited executive session at 8:06pm, having taken no action, on a motion from Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke.

Carried Unanimously

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

Carried Unanimously

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