Newstead Town Board Meeting- January 9, 2006

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor Tom George- Councilman Harold Finger- Councilman Mark Decker- Councilman Rebecca Baker- Assessor Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator Michael Bassanello- Highway Supt. Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer Nathan Neill- Town Attorney Dawn D. Izydorczak- Town Clerk Kathleen Lang- Deputy Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Highway Superintendent Michael Bassanello led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on December 27, 2005 and the organizational meeting on January 3, 2006 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept with corrections on Organizational meeting on page 9, add to lists Deputy Town Prosecutor –Robert Friedman, and Toby Schrock to dog control. Carried

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A letter from the John Mello, Chief of the Construction Grants Section- Water Programs branch of the United States Environmental Protection Agency dated December 22, 2005 announcing the eligibility of Contract No. W-20- Alternate B- Composite Elevated Water Storage Tank in the Town of Newstead for full Federal Participation in funding through the grants program. This grant was applied for in 2005 with the help of Erie County Water Authority, Andrew Casolini at Wendel Duchscherer and prior Town Supervisor, Jerry Summe.

Announcement from the Association of Towns regarding the 2006 Training School and Annual Meeting. The announcement includes issues to be voted on at the meeting and has been passed on to Town Attorney Nathan Neill who will be attending the meeting.

A fax transmission from Amherst Central Alarm offices reporting the December 2005 calls for Akron Fire Co. - 40 and Newstead Fire Co. - 28.

A health announcement from the Erie County Department of Health regarding canine deaths and illnesses related to Aflatoxins in Diamond Dog Food. Anyone seeking more information can see the town clerk.

A letter from Reserve Gas Company announcing their after hours emergency notification list and corresponding phone numbers.

A copy of the results of a 2005 Salary Survey of positions held by town employees, which was completed and dispersed by Lorraine Lubecki at Hodgson Russ Attorneys.

A memo from Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning regarding the Quarterly Report for October – December 2005 for the Erie County Community Development Consortium.

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Finger to receive and file correspondence as presented. Carried

Work Session: Supervisor Cummings reported that no work session was held January 2nd due to the holiday. At this evenings work session he reported discussions on water district #10 issues, water service at the Rapids Rd substation, the shared facilities project, the library elevator, Akron Airport funding of hanger, re-valuation resolution, ACS BAC member, joint meeting with the village, Local Law #1 of 2006

Privilege of the Floor –No one spoke

The Supervisor acknowledged the presence of several Akron Central School students in the audience.

Approval of Bills -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstracts from Batches #462 & 463 from the December 27, 2005 meeting have been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #465 & 466. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered #1524 – 1568 for 2005 and 1 – 9 for 2006, totaling \$559,260.50 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 465 & 466:

General Fund (A) -\$10,252.54, Fund (B) \$1,201.45, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$14,722.31, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$390,325.38, CAP-Town Hall (HK)-\$386.22, Highway Garage (HG)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$2,540.64, Refuse (SR) \$19,652.20, Sewer Fund (SS) \$0, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$226.80, and Water Districts (SW1) \$0, (SW2) \$88.44, (SW3) \$0, (SW4) \$112.56, (SW5) \$118,562.04, (SW6) \$305.52, (SW7) \$426.12, (SW7A) \$48.24, (SW8) \$32.16, (SW9) \$88.44, (SW10) \$289.44, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0 Totaling \$559,260.50. Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Bassanello reported his first 4 days have been great and thanked Ray Schrock and Sandy Sanger for their help. This week he is at school in Rochester through Wednesday.

Assessor – Nothing at this time

Building Office –the following building report was presented by the Building Administrator Christine Falkowski:

Elizabeth Woolrich	13516 Carney Rd	addition
Andy Kelkenberg	12607 Stage	Pole barn
Jurek Ventures	Hunts Corners	Temp sign permit
Steve Baldo Chevrolet	11234 Main Rd	Temp sign permit
Champion Auto Locators	11678 Main Rd	Special use permit-renew

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept and approve the Building Report and the Zoning Report as presented. Carried

Town Clerk- Letter received from Erie County Board of Elections. Replacement for Scott must be reported by March 7th to them to get on the 2006 ballot. Request for work session time to discuss archives and building issues.

Attorney for the Town – He would like to go over issues for the Association of Towns meeting and discuss how the board would like him to vote on the proposed issues.

COUNCILPERSONS

George- Nothing at this time

Finger- He has met with Senior Coordinator and the Senior's group President and there are some issues to be reviewed. There are also some insurance polices to be reviewed.

Decker- He has met with Recreational Board and they will be appointing a chairman on there own. They also will discuss Recreation Director candidates and begin interviews. The Drainage Committee will meet on January 17, 2006.

SUPERVISOR- Supervisor Cummings has been busy meeting with department heads, Wendel, the Auditors and Mayor Perkins. He is attending school through Wednesday in Rochester.

He acknowledged Sheriff Patrick Flynn who stated that they have lost their dispatchers to Central Police Services and staff has been reduced. He also stated that if phone lines are too busy, they will be switched over to Buffalo Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10- Phase 1A & Phase 1B – The construction and testing is continuing. The certification will be hopefully issued this week. They will be shifting to northern Cedar Street at the end of this week.

Phase 2- Some issues coming up soon need to be addressed.

Water Tank- The announcement of the grant award for this project is excellent. Steel being erected and painting in the spring.

Route 5 Zoning- Nothing new at this time

Shared Public Works Facility Committee-They will initiate work on January 17th for this project. Tours of the existing buildings and interviews of the department heads and employees will begin. A schedule of dates will be distributed soon.

Other: nothing

NEW BUSINESS:

Re-Valuation Project Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman I	Finger, seconded	l by Councilm	an George approving the request		
of the Assessor to conduct the town-w	wide revaluation	project in 200	07 in keeping with NYS ORPS		
standards and supporting the assessment staff in the reassessment.					
(Resolution Attached)	Ayes-4	Nays-0	Carried Unanimously		

CHIPS Contract Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent to sign the CHIPS Contract for 2006 for work on Martin Rd., starting at Cedar and ending at the Town line and on various other roads for shoulder rehabilitation, culverts, sign replacements and chip/seal for at total of \$250,522.00. CarriedUnanimously

Ayes-4 Nays-0

Joint Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Finger to attend the joint meeting of the Town and Village Boards, which will be held on Monday, January 23, 2006 at the Village Hall following the Town Board Meeting.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried Unanimously

Councilman Finger has been appointed to represent the Town Board on the Akron Central School Budget Advisory Committee.

Question Period-No one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Carried

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk