

Newstead Town Board Meeting- February 28, 2005

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, February 28, 2005 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe, Supervisor
Tom George- Councilman
Scott Chaffee- Councilman
Mark Decker- Councilman
Christine Falkowski- Building Admin.
Dale Kruschke- Highway Supt.
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Dawn Izydorczyk- Town Clerk
Kathleen Lang- Deputy Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Finger who is on vacation.

Michael Bassanello led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on February 14, 2005 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to approve as presented. Carried

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A copy of a letter from the Senior Coordinator, Theo Abraham, to the Newstead Fire Company and Twin City Ambulance thanking them for their quick response to an emergency call at the Senior Center.

A letter from Village of Akron Attorney Daniel Shonn announcing a public hearing at the Village Hall on the 28th of February to hear comments on a proposed building moratorium in the Village for a period of 6 months to address sewer issues.

A letter from Jeffrey Bono, Executive Director of the Save American Jobs Association along with a copy of a resolution he is requesting be adopted by the Town Board regarding the flawed trade policies in New York State.

An information brochure from the University of Buffalo compiling information from 1999 – 2005 and entitled “State of the Region- Measuring Buffalo Niagara’s Performance More Effectively, More Efficiently and More Often”. Anyone who wishes to read the study can obtain a copy from the Town Clerk.

A letter from Town of Alabama announcing a public hearing at the Town Hall on the 28th of February to hear comments on a proposed subdivision moratorium in the town.

A letter from Akron Soccer League to the Supervisor requesting use of the town park land for the leagues 2005 soccer season in light of the closing of the County Park facilities where they used to hold their games and practices.

A notification of a seminar being offered by Labor Management Healthcare Fund offering cost saving solutions to healthcare coverage on March 14, 2005 at their offices at 35 Tyrol Drive in Cheektowaga, NY from 9:00am – 11:00am. Anyone interested can see the Clerk.

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

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that no work session was held last week due to attendance at the Association of Towns Conference in New York.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to approve the 2004 year-end transfers as recommended in a memo from bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele.

Carried

Approval of Bills -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #363 from the February 14, 2005 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #369 & 370. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered 130-186, totaling \$343,191.56 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 369 & 370:

General Fund (A) -\$71,010.06, Fund (B) \$10.00, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$5,156.63, Capital Projects- CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$72,500.00, Town Hall (HK)- \$106,004.52, Fire Protection (SF) \$97.04, Refuse (SR) \$126.05, Sewer Fund (SS) \$22.69, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$74.16, and Water Districts (SW1) \$156.41, (SW2) \$8,800.00, (SW3) \$20.00, (SW4) \$5,560.00, (SW5) \$14.00, (SW6) \$73,640.00, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$0, Trust & Agency (TA) \$0, Totaling \$343,191.56.

Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Superintendent Kruschke stated the on the job training is going well and he is enjoying the job. He thanked the board for their trust in his abilities and he intends to win the residents trust as well in November.

Assessor –Not present

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

Triton Valley Estates	Quarry Hill Est	Manufactured Home
Mrs. Pitts	12376 Stage	Re-roof
Jason Borton	11088 Keller	One Family Home
Buffalo Drilling	12264 Main	Cold Storage Shed
ADESA	12200 Main	Car wash addition

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to accept and approve the Building Report and Special Use Permit report as presented. Carried

Town Clerk- Tax collection is underway and progressing well.

Attorney for the Town – Nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS

Chaffee –He updated us on the old town hall. It was shown last week for office space use and once prior to that for a combined office and corporate headquarters.

George –Nothing at this time

Finger-Not present

Decker-Nothing at this time

SUPERVISOR – He has attended 3 County meetings in the last week. A plan is in effect for our town in the event it is needed due to the County crisis. The soccer field issue is being addressed. The Town of Newstead will do the best they can in working with the school to accommodate the needs of the residents and sporting events. The connector trail planned with the County is now on hold.

Burt Lyons, past Akron Falls Park Superintendent announced that the County parks are closed and will be posted and enforced from this point forward. Many jobs were lost locally and it hurts the parks workers deeply that the parks are not being used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10/ Water Tank-The bids were received and the top 3 are within 10% of each other. They are under review now.

Town Wide Drainage-There is a Drainage Committee Meeting March 1st at 6:00PM to review potential projects.

Town Hall Project-We are moving forward on rear entrance with possible bids by next week. The landscaping and flag pole work is in progress. The interior re-keying has been done and keys will be handed out this week.

Route 5 Zoning-Continuing to work on zoning. Thanked board members again for attending tour and a joint meeting is being scheduled to go over photos and information.

Plumber's License-A copy of the rough draft is ready for review of the town board and town attorney.

Shared Public Works Facility Committee-There is a joint meeting with the Village scheduled for March 28th following the Town Boards regular meeting and a consultant will be present to discuss potential plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commercial Zone Legal Description Proposal:

A motion was made by Councilman Chaffee, seconded by Councilman George authorizing the Supervisor to sign the proposal made by Wendel Duchscherer for preparation of a legal description of a commercial zone at a fee of \$2,500.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

Assessors Training Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George approving the Assessor to attend a training session on Valuation of Manufactured Housing at a cost of \$95.00.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

State Police Satellite Office Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman Chaffee, seconded by Councilman George approving the location of a NYS Police Satellite Office at the Town Hall location at 5 Clarence Center Rd and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement with the State Police.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays- 0 Carried

Community Contracts 2005:

A motion was made by Councilman Chaffee, seconded by Councilman George approving the community contracts for 2005 and authorizing the Supervisor to sign said contracts.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

Special Use Permits 2005:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George approving the Special Use Permits for 2005 per recommendation from the Building Administrator as follows: Country Care Daycare, Triple G Small Engine Repair, Buffalo Drilling Co., Inc., Champion Auto Locators and AT&T Wireless.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

Highway Work Permit- Water District #10:

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Highway Work Permit application for utility work on behalf of Water District #10.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

Water District #10 Amended Bond Adoption:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George to adopt the final amended bond resolution financing Water District #10, which amends the bond resolution previously adopted.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

SEQR Town-wide Drainage:

A motion was made by Councilman Chaffee, seconded by Councilman George issuing a Negative SEQR Declaration on the Town-wide Drainage District project.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

Public Hearing – Town-wide Drainage District Establishment:

A motion by Councilman Chaffee, seconded by Councilman George to hold a Public Hearing on March 28, 2005 at 7:30 PM at Newstead Town Hall to hear comments on the establishment of a Town-wide Drainage District.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried

Question Period-Kevin Borth, 7553 Scotland Rd, questioned if the town owns the Skyline Road soccer fields? No, the county owns them. He also questioned if the drainage meeting is open to the public? Yes, it is open to public. Mr. Borth also questioned if the increase in the WD#10 project costs will be substantiated in an information format for the public?

Town Engineer Casolini answered that the project increase is due to increases in fuel costs, piping materials cost and minor design changes. Structured costs affecting homeowners will not change. In fact they should drop.

Dale Fryling, 13453 Stage Road, questioned if re-zoning on Route 5 will affect his property at Crittenden & Route 5. The Supervisor does not believe so and Andrew will check on this after the meeting for Mr. Fryling.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorzak, Town Clerk