

Newstead Town Board Meeting- July 26, 2004

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, July 26, 2004 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe, Supervisor
Joan Glor- Councilwoman
Harold Finger- Councilman
Scott Chaffee- Councilman
Fred Pask- Assessor
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk
Kathleen Lang- Deputy Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present, except Councilman George due to a death in family.

Town Attorney Nathan Neill led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on July 12, 2004 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to approve as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A notification from the NYS State Education Department announcing the offering of a records management grant to the Newstead Town Clerk's office.

A letter from the NYS Department of State announcing those municipalities may now access the State Register on the department's website. This information has been passed on to the building department.

A letter from the Erie County Legislature announcing another public hearing on the Alden-Newstead and Clarence-Newstead Agricultural districts to be held at the Newstead Town Hall on August 2, 2004 at 7:00pm

A letter from Erie County Department of Health announcing the summer rabies vaccine bait program. The baiting will begin on July 27-28th using helicopters and will re-start again August 20th using fixed wing aircraft.

The June 2004 Monthly Reports were received from the Erie County Sheriffs Department for the village and town.

A Certificate of Completion awarded to Assessor Fred Pask from the Institute of Assessing Officers for completion of a course entitled Golf Course Appraisal.

The quarterly report was received from BFI for the period from April 1- June 30, 2004.

A notice of meetings scheduled by the United States Department of Agriculture on wastewater. Copies of the meeting schedule have been given to all of the boards.

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

Carried Unanimously

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that work session was held on July 19, 2004 and the following issues were discussed: new Town Hall, sign ordinance fines & penalties, site plan review subdivision, bike path, Water District #10, the airport committee discussion on direction for future,

Senior Center project, roof repairs at highway garage, and the Ag district meeting as well as other issues.

Privilege of the Floor –No one spoke

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve the budget transfer requests as outlined in the memo from bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele.

Carried unanimously

Approval of Bills -Councilwoman Glor reported that the Abstract from Batch #296 & 297 from the 7/12/04 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. She presented Abstract Batch #304. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered 733-772 totaling \$96,902.87 and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 304:

General Fund (A) -\$32,668.72, Fund (B) \$431.00, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$33,835.54, Capital Projects- WD#5-Phase II (HC) \$0, CAP-Senior Center (HF)- \$0, Sewer Dist. #2 (HJ)- \$0, CAP- Library Fund (HE)-\$0, CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$0, CAP- Town Hall (HK)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$16,796.00, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS) \$4,794.47, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$24.51, and Water Districts (SW1) \$4,818.06, (SW2) \$1.98, (SW3) \$3,511.47, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$15.84, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$5.28

Totaling \$96,902.87

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Not present. Supervisor Summe reported that new chairs were purchased for the highway crew lunchroom. They hauled 20loads of topsoil for the rehab of the playing fields at the Town Park along with 5-6 loads of fertilizer.

Assessor –The new Equalization Rate for the Town of Newstead will be 100%. The new rates for Enhanced Star exemption is \$53,980 with the basic Star Exemption at \$33,290. The golf course appraisal seminar was very interesting which he completed last week.

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

Frances Graves	11920 Clarence Ctr	Barn rehab
Charles Gray/Sharon Jones	7523 Scotland	Garage
Aaron Sklener	5425 Barnum	One Family Home
Matt Mangus	11261 Miland	I G Pool
John Potera	7654 Maple	Garage & breezeway
Leisurewood Campground	5720 Cummings	ROW Access permit
William Frey	Kelkenberg Rd	Pipe permit

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

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk- The Clerk reported the receipt of a \$15,758.00 grant from the NYS Education Department for a record management project to fully outfit and re-catalog the archives center in the new town hall building. She also thanked everyone for their support and well wishes while she was out of the office recovering, especially deputy clerk, Kathy Lang.

Attorney for the Town – He attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting last week with the Airport issues, which went well.

COUNCILPERSONS

Chaffee –The Town Wide Drainage with the Village 30-day waiting period expired on 7/23/04 so they should be good to go. The Town attorney questioned the 10day posting publication time frame. Councilman Chaffee will check.

George – Not present

Glor – Bill Short and T.L.C. landscaping created raised garden beds and plantings at the Senior Center, which look very nice.

Finger- Nothing at this time

SUPERVISOR – reported that the May & June Supervisors report is final and on file with the Town Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10/Water Tank- There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at the high school for an update on the project, funding and start dates.

Town Wide Drainage- We are waiting for paperwork from the Village.

Town Hall Project-Meetings continues with contractors to go to bid. Meeting held with general contractors to discuss details.

Route 5 Re- Zoning -The SEQR Resolution will be presented later and all boards to meet next week to review.

Bike Path-We are still working with county and landowner to settle issues.

Other-Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Route 5 Re-zoning- Lead Agency:

A motion was made by Councilman Chaffee, seconded by Councilwoman Glor approving the declaration of Lead Agency status by the Town of Newstead on the Route 5 re-zoning project.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried Unanimously

Closure of Water District #5 Capital Project:

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor approving the closure of the water district #5 capital project by the Town of Newstead and transfer of remaining funds to Water District General account.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried Unanimously

Closure of Sewer District #2 Capital Project:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Chaffee approving the closure of the sewer district #2 capital project by the Town of Newstead and transfer of remaining funds to Sewer District #2 operating funds.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried Unanimously

Resignation from Library Board:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to accept with regret the resignation of Sally Stapleton from the library board. The Board wishes her well.

 Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor for approval of Assessment Training for Rebecca Baker in October.

 Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried unanimously

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Chaffee for payment of \$5,300.00 to Wendel for proposals for storage facility at the Senior Center.

 Ayes-4 Nays-0 Carried unanimously

Question Period-No one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak,
Town Clerk