

Newstead Town Board Meeting- October 24, 2005

A Public Hearing was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, October 24, 2005 at the Newstead Town Hall at 7:40PM.

Present: Gerald Summe- Supervisor
Harold Finger- Councilman
Mark Decker- Councilman
Dale Kruschke- Highway Superintendent
Rebecca Baker-Assessor
Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Dawn D. Izydorczak- Town Clerk
Kathleen Lang- Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Summe called the public hearing to order on the Community Development Block Grant funding process for 2006 at 7:40pm.

The Town Clerk read the proof of publication.

The Supervisor explained some potential projects the funds could be used for in the coming year. The resurfacing and drainage work on Havens, Stage and Schutt Roads would be a main priority and the support of the Rural Transit Van service again for the 5th year in a row, were discussed.

Comments: No one spoke

Highway Superintendent Dale Kruschke named the resurfacing of Martin Road as his #1 priority for next year. The next major area they looked at would be the Stage, Havens and Schutt Road areas, which would be on a 2-3 year time schedule. By using this grant money to complete the project it will save the Town of Newstead money and allow that project to be completed way ahead of schedule.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to close the hearing on Community Development Block Grants funding.

Supervisor Summe called the public hearing on the 2006 Preliminary Budget to order at 7:50pm.

The Town Clerk read the proof of publication.

The Supervisor explained the projected budget for the coming year. He is proud of the budget. The tax rate is down over last years rate by \$.02. The Supervisor spoke to the highway budget changes and putting away money for new highway facility.

Comments: No one spoke

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to close the hearing on the 2006 Preliminary Budget.

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Chaffee who is still in the hospital but hopes to be home by November and Councilman George, who is running late due to flight delay.

Stephanie Baker led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on October 10, 2005 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept as presented. Carried

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

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The 2005 Annual Report from the Erie County Department of Budget, Management and Finance was received and is on file with the Town Clerk.

A Notice of Public Hearing was received from the Town of Alabama regarding their Local Law #5 of 2005, which will amend their Zoning Law. The hearing is to be held November 14, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Alabama Town Hall.

The October water sampling report was received from Midstate Environmental Labs for Water Districts #1 & #3, with all levels being within acceptable ranges.

The Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York has sent us a few copies of a newsletter entitled Quality Communities News. Anyone interested in reading the newsletter can contact the Town Clerk for a copy.

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

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that at the work session held October 17th the following issues were discussed: Phase #2 proposal & target dates, Alabama contract, WD#10 issues-Phase 1A & 1B, recap of plumbers license, shared facilities project, snow plow contract, plowing of Library parking lot and update on overlay meeting.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

Approval of Bills -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #441 & 442 from the October 10, 2005 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #446. Vouchers on this abstract numbered #1170-1208, totaling \$60,652.18 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 446:

General Fund (A) -\$8,777.48, Fund (B) \$65.98, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$25,007.84, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$416.57, CAP-Town Hall (HK)- \$1,636.76, Highway Garage (HG)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$1,400.00, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS) \$3,662.09, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$85.61, and Water Districts (SW1) \$9,812.50, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$9,777.80, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$3.88, (SW6) \$5.67, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$0, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0 Totaling \$60,652.18.

Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Superintendent Kruschke stated that 1,300 tons of salt/sand mix has arrived and to be used along with 200 tons left from last year. They have 3 trucks ready to go for snow. He will be attending a Small Bridge design conference at Syracuse University for the next two days. Councilman Finger thanked him for his work at the Denio building.

Assessor – Rebecca Baker stated that she has started inventory of Akron Mobile Home Park and will start with Quarry Hill Estates next week. She and Supervisor Summe attended a seminar in Syracuse on Annual Re-assessment. Commercial Inventory sheets that were sent out are coming in. She would like work-session time to discuss applying for a grant to put the assessment roll on our web site.

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

The New Dog House	11986 Main	Addition
Timothy Martin	4594 Ayers	Pole Barn
Edward Hantranft	5715 Barnum	Wood stove

Chris Turchiarelli	11152 Clarence Center	Pole Barn
Jeannine Morlacci	5176 Crittenden	Shed
John Suckow	7081 Maple	Wood stove
Kevin Stone	13714 Martin	Roof

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

Zoning Officer Baker announced that all violations have been cleaned up at this time.

Town Clerk- 90% of school taxes have been collected at this point. This is the highest percentage we have ever collected this early in any collection. Election day is Tuesday, November 8th. We will have machines for voting. The courtroom tables and chairs which were sent out for refinishing should be back by next week.

Attorney for the Town – Nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS

Chaffee- Not present

George- not present

Finger-He has been working with Highway Superintendent Kruschke on highway items. He will be meeting with Village to go over Facilities Proposals tomorrow.

Decker-The Drainage Minutes will be in everyone’s boxes tomorrow.

SUPERVISOR- The Supervisor reported the July, August and September Supervisors Reports are on file with the Town Clerks office. Bookkeeper Kathy Strobele is in attendance. The Supervisor thanked her for a good job on the reports and next year’s budget. A request for a Co-Chairman for the Planning Board was requested by Chairman Tom Cowan. His choice is Andy Kelkenberg. The appointment is the responsibility of the Planning Board Chairman and the town board agrees with his choice. Landscaping at back door entrance was completed by Bill Short and it looks wonderful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10- Phase 1A –There are 250 services installed and testing of the hydrants will be this week.

Phase 1B –They are still working on rocky areas but progressing on Stage Rd.

Phase 2- resolutions ready for later in meeting.

Water Tank-The Shaft is complete, and the ring crew will be working next on the surfaces to hold the dome. In December the steel work will be done for the main tank.

Route 5 Zoning- There was a meeting last Thursday and the booklets are completed. This will be on hold until Planning Board Chairman is back from vacation for final public meeting to be held on November 28.

Plumber’s License- Nothing new

Shared Public Works Facility Committee-They will be meeting with the selection committee tomorrow morning.

Other: Co-Chair Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker approving recommendation of Planning Board Chairman Tom Cowan to appoint a Co-Chairman for the Planning Board.

Ayes-3 Nays-0 Absent- 2 Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

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CDBG Funds- 2006 Projects:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger authorizing the Supervisor to sign the application for Community Block Grant funding for the reconstruction of Haven Road as well as sections of Stage and Schutt Roads.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-3 Nays-0 Absent-2 Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger authorizing the Supervisor to sign the application for Community Block Grant funding for the Rural Transit Van Service and ranking this project as #2.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-3 Nays-0 Absent-2 Carried

Water District #10- Phase 2- Lead Agency/SEQRA:

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker declaring Lead Agency status on the Water District #10-Phase 2 project and authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to conduct a coordinated review.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-3 Nays-0 Absent-2 Carried

Water District #10- Phase 2 hiring Pan-American & Wendel:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the hiring of Wendel Engineers for engineering services at a cost of \$64,000 and Pan American Consultants at a cost not to exceed \$33,322 for archaeological investigations on the Water District #10- Phase 2 project.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-3 Nays-0 Absent-2 Carried

Town Engineer Casolini explained they are working with SHPO to minimize the amount of shovel tests that must be done in the area, which will in turn save the town money.

2005-2007 Snow Removal Contract:

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker approving the 2005-2007 Snow Removal Contracts with the County of Erie and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-3 Nays-0 Absent-2 Carried

Highway Supt. Kruschke explained that under the contract: the state has taken back the plowing of Rt. 93 and Rt. 5. The village will plow Bloomingdale to the Whiting complex and Schrock Welding parking lots, then the Town will take over from that point. The town will take over the plowing of Crittenden Rd from the County. The County will still plow North Millgrove and South Newstead Roads and will take over portions of Stage Rd and Buckwheat Rd.

Question Period- No one spoke

No work session will be held on October 31, 2005

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczyk, Town Clerk