

Newstead Town Board Meeting- November 27, 2006

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 8:00PM at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
Tom George- Councilman
Harold Finger- Councilman
Mark Decker- Councilman
Brian Murray- Councilman
Michael Bassanello- Highway Supt.
Rebecca Baker- Assessor
John Good- Code Enforcement Officer
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.

Mr. Dale Cheavacci led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on November 13, 2006 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept as presented. Carried Unanimously

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A memo from Erie County Dept. of Environment & Planning along with a copy of “The Framework for Regional Growth in Erie and Niagara Counties” dated October 2006.

A Notice of Public Hearing from the Alden Town Board announcing a public hearing to be held Monday, December 4th at 7:45pm at the Alden Town Hall regarding their proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2006 entitled “Local Law Providing for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the Town of Alden”.

A letter and photograph from Davison Road resident Stan Serwon expressing his continued concern over the Counties unwillingness to erect a 4-way stop sign at the corners of Davison and Howe roads as requested by residents back in November of 2005. The photograph included is a picture of the existing stop sign on Howe Rd that was recently bent out of place by a near miss accident between a school bus and a car.

A poster and brochure from the NYS Public Service Commission regarding helpful tips for saving energy and money in the coming cold winter months.

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

Work Session: The Supervisor reported that at the work session held last week the following issues were discussed: water district #10 issues, Route 5 re-zoning, shared facility project, October storm status, multiple planning & zoning issues, toll barrier issues, Hearts & Hands agreement, personnel matters, procurement policies & procedures, grants, village police contract, recreation board issues.

Privilege of the Floor –No one spoke

Approval of Bills -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #553 & 555 from the November 13, 2006 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and

everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #558 & 559. Vouchers on this abstract numbered 1188 & 1189- 1216 totaling \$103,582.20 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch #558 & 559:

General Fund (A) -\$52,723.44, Fund (B) \$8,016.00, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$33,805.00, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$309.24, Reserve- Roof Repair (HR01)- \$0, (HL) October Storm- \$8,269.63 , Drainage (SD)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$0, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS) \$24.98, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$263.79, and Water Districts (SW1) \$81.50, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$81.50, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$0, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$7.12, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$0, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0 Total: \$103,582.20 Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –They will make one more pass through the town for brush pick-up. The County has contracted with DiPezio’s and they are the one’s currently picking up the brush, not the town highway crews. The town crews will work on more bike path clean up this week and have received the new Ledge Lawn Cemetery sign, which will be erected this week. As far as Mike knows the loads of brush are being transported to either the Sheridan Drive or Cemetery Road dumping sites. Mike does not think they are dumping at Billo Road any more, but will check into that. The Highway crews and equipment are all set for snow and ice.

Assessor –Nothing as Assessor, but as Network Administrator- Becky has submitted a memo to the Town Board and Dawn with a list of new ideas for web site. Please review and let her know any comments. Supervisor Cummings stated he received some information on the web site Buffao.com hub which offers new services to municipalities at no cost. He will forward the information to her.

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

Robert Bebee	6801 Maple	Roof
Robert & Cheryl Hensel	11399 Hunts Corners	Siding
Gene Norton	11902 Buckwheat	Demolish porch
Cherith Tatara	4898 Schutt	One family home
Faith Fellowship Church	11478 Main	Carport Addition
J. Kubis	12505 Brucker	Permit renewal
Bob & Mary Kay Sherman	7768 Cedar	Roof

The Town Board accepted the Building Report as presented.

Town Clerk- Akron Central Schools Genesee County and Niagara County files have been completed for the 2006-07 tax collection and returned to the respective counties. The September and October Dog Control Reports were presented.

Attorney for the Town –He attended a presentation on regional growth. The County body is doing a lot of planning but many of the small towns have not been involved in the process. Laura Smith from the County Planning group has offered to come and present to the Town Board. Nathan felt the town might want a say in where our designated growth areas are going to be with the County Plan.

COUNCILPERSONS

George-Nothing at this time

Finger-He attended the Drainage meeting last Tuesday with Councilman Murray. He also met with the Senior Director and the current president of the Senior’s group on senior issues. There were also electrical problems at Hearts and Hands center he dealt with last week.

Decker-The Recreation Board is meeting this evening. Mark e-mailed them the Town Boards concerns on several issues. He should have a response from them by tomorrow on those concerns.

Murray-Nothing at this time

SUPERVISOR- He attended the NEST meeting. The NYC conference information is in and anyone planning to attend the annual conference can see Dawn for registration and Nathan for flight arrangements. The Planning Board and Zoning Board training sessions are being organized by Wendel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10- Phase 1A & Phase 1B –They are still waiting for pipe to come in for Tennessee pipeline areas.

Phase 2- They have installed 8,000 feet of water line, 2 crews are putting main line pipe in. The first creek crossing has been installed, with 2 more to complete. There have been some resident concerns with no safety flag crews present at installation sights and unusually long hold ups in traffic flow. Andrew will look into the matter.

Route 5 Re-Zoning- to be discussed at work session tonight after the meeting

Shared Public Works Facility Committee- A meeting is scheduled for December 17th where cost estimates and final plan estimates will be presented.

NYS Toll Barrier- Waiting for response

October Storm- They are still picking up brush as previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heart and Hands Building Use Agreement:

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman George approving the proposed agreement with Hearts and Hands- Faith in Action Coalition for use of the Newstead Community Building located at 50 John Street and authorizing the Supervisor to sign said agreement.

Cummings-Aye, George-Aye, Finger-Aye, Decker-Aye, Murray-Aye

Carried Unanimously

There will be no work session on December 4th.

On December 27th there will be a Special Meeting at 7:00PM to pay year end bills and any complete any other necessary business.

Question Period- No one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman George to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk