Newstead Town Board Meeting- December 12, 2005

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, December 12, 2005 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present: Gerald Summe- Supervisor

Harold Finger- Councilman Mark Decker- Councilman 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 except Councilman Chaffee and Councilman George who is out of town on business.

Supervisor Summe led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on November 28, 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:

A letter from the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. requesting use of portions of the bike path within the Town of Newstead for this years snowmobile season.

A letter of resignation from Jeffrey Diebel, resigning his position on the Recreation Board due to personal commitments.

A fax transmission from Amherst Central Fire Alarm Co. reporting the November 2005 calls for Akron Fire Co. - 49 and Newstead Fire Co.-23.

A certified resolution from the Erie County Legislature directing the County Attorney to draft legislation amending the Erie County Tax Act to allow towns in Erie County to accept partial payments in any dollar amount.

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 no work session was held December 5th due to the annual Safety Meeting.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

Approval of Bills -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #455 from the November 28, 2005 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #459 & 460. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered #1389 - 1454, totaling \$783,856.08 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 459 & 460:

General Fund (A) -\$21,562.34, Fund (B) \$374.34, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$15,495.44, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$716,504.41, CAP-Town Hall (HK)- \$0, Highway Garage (HG)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$2,540.64, Refuse (SR) \$19,652.20, Sewer Fund (SS) \$53.68, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$0, and Water Districts (SW1) \$0, (SW2) \$88.44, (SW3) \$65.96, (SW4) \$112.56, (SW5) \$2,427.80, (SW6) \$305.52, (SW7) \$4,214.47, (SW7A) \$48.24, (SW8) \$32.16, (SW9) \$88.44, (SW10) \$289.44, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0 Totaling \$783,856.08.

Carried

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COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Not present. The Supervisor reported that Dale tore ligaments in his upper leg and knee. He had emergency surgery on Friday and is in a full leg cast. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Assessor – Not present. She is attending a Planning board meeting.

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

Robert Williams	12702 Carney	One Family Home
Thomas Eldred	12527 Clarence Ctr	Porch
Barbara Pennachio	7647 Greenbush	One Family Home
Warren Wilkes	7800 Mill	One Family Home
Barbara Adamczak	4694 Ayers	Remodel
Richard Stachura	12320 Rapids	Pond
Scott Allen	13082 Martin	Pole barn
James Bliemeister	12766 Koepsel	Pellet stove

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

Carried

Town Clerk- Both Akron Central and Clarence Central School tax collections have been finalized closed and the unpaids sent to the County for re-levy on the 2006 County/town bills.

Attorney for the Town – Nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS

Chaffee- Not present

George- Not present

Finger- Nothing at this time

Decker- Nothing at this time

SUPERVISOR- Supervisor Summe announced the following resignations, accepted with regrets: Joe Tretter from the Recreation Board and Michelle Asmus from the Library Board. The Town Clerk will send letters thanking them for their service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10- Phase 1A – restoration work and hook-ups are continuing

Phase 1B – line construction work is continuing

Phase 2- SEQR continuing

Water Tank- construction is moving along. The bowl is starting to take shape.

Route 5 Zoning- A meeting was held last week and a public hearing is set to be held just after first of New Year.

Shared Public Works Facility Committee-Wendel Duchscherer will be hired in resolution to be passed under new business tonight.

Other: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: Page 3- 12/12/05

Inter-Municipal Agreement-Wendel: Public Works Facility Preliminary Design:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the Supervisor to sign a contract with Wendel Duchscherer for the preliminary design work on the shared Public Works Facility with the Village of Akron.

(Resolution Attached)

Ayes-3

Nays-0

Absent-2

Carried

Inter-Municipal Agreement- 4-Bay Police Garage:

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker approving the Supervisor to begin discussions with the Village of Akron on a shared 4-bay police garage to be located on the Town Hall property at 5 Clarence Center Rd or the proposed location for the Joint Public Works Facility on Buell Street.

(Resolution Attached)

Ayes-3

Nays-0

Absent- 2

Carried

Grant Application- Public Works Facility Preliminary Design:

A motion was made by Supervisor Summe, seconded by Councilman Decker approving the Supervisor to sign the grant application for \$51,773 to be used to conduct a feasibility study on the shared Public Works Facility with the Village of Akron.

(Resolution Attached)

Aves-3

Nays-0

Absent-2

Carried

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Agreement:

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the use of sections of the bike path for the winter snowmobile season by Northern Erie Sno-Seekers and their members subject to the conditions set forth in the resolution.

(Resolution Attached)

Ayes-3

Nays-0

Absent-2

Carried

Waiver of Benefits- Gary Baehr:

A motion was made by Supervisor Summe, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the waiving of the waiting period for benefits for highway employee Gary Baehr. Health Care benefits for this employee have been budgeted for 2006.

Ayes-3

Nays-0

Absent-2

Carried

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27 at 8 PM due to the Town Hall offices Christmas holiday on Monday.

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 Decker to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk