

## Newstead Town Board Meeting- July 10, 2023

A public hearing was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:25pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: Dawn Izydorczak-Supervisor  
John Jendrowski – Councilman  
Joe Dugan - Councilman  
Patricia Pope- Councilwoman  
Emily Janicz- Town Attorney  
Michael Coutu – Assistant Town Attorney  
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer  
Jennifer DiChristina – Town Clerk  
Lisa Kaminski – Deputy Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present with the exception of Councilman Burke.

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order on the proposed six-month moratorium on certain solar projects in the Town at 7:29pm.

The Clerk read proof of publication. The Supervisor explained that this is a six-month moratorium on solar farms and does not include roof mounted residential solar panels.

No one appeared to speak.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan to close the public hearing at 7:32pm. Carried

Councilman Jendrowski led the pledge to the flag.

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:35pm with the same members present as listed above.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan to approve as presented. Carried

**Agenda Changes** – None

**Communications** – The Town Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A notice was received from Charter Communications notifying the Town of a price increase for broadcast television that will take effect August 9, 2023.

A notice was received from Charter Communications notifying the Town of upcoming programming changes that will take effect July 28, 2023.

A notice of public hearing was received from the Town of Alden regarding Local Law #3 of 2023 “Town of Alden Code of Ethics” with the public hearing being held July 3, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pope, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to accept and file the presented correspondence. Carried

**Work Session:** the Supervisor reported that there was no work session held last week due to the holiday. Prior to tonight’s meeting the following was discussed: water updates, planning updates, building needs and grant updates.

**Agenda Items Question Period:** No one spoke

**Budget Transfers:** a motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Pope to approve the budget transfer(s) as presented in a memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 7/10/2023. Carried

**Approval of Bills** – Councilwoman Pope reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2359 have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. Abstract Batch(es) #2361 was presented for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 751-803, totaling \$2,938,731.15. Councilman Jendrowski seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2361:  
 General Fund (A)-\$24,553.95, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$5.38, Highway (DA)- \$27,200.10, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$0, CAP-Multicultural Ctr (HMCC)- \$0, CAP-Water-Scotland (HS)-\$200,000.00, CAP-Water-Koepsel (HW)-\$910,000.00, CAP-Water-Draper (HW01)-\$105,000.00, CAP-Water-Cedar (HW02)-\$105,000.00, CAP-Water-Knapp (HW03)- \$1,440,000.00, CAP-Bike Path (HTG)-\$25,000.00, Drainage (SD)-\$535.11, Fire Protection (SF)-\$0, Refuse (SR)-\$4,008.91, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$707.73, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$110.01, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$210.01, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Consolidated Water (SW00)-\$96,399.95, WD1(SW1)- \$0, WD2(SW2)- \$0, WD3(SW3)- \$0, WD4(SW4)- \$0, WD5(SW5)- \$0, WD6(SW6)- \$0, WD7(SW7)- \$0, WD7A(SW7A)- \$0, D8(SW8)- \$0, WD9(SW9)- \$0, WD10(SW10)- \$0; Total: \$2,938,731.15 Carried

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Highway** – no report was given

**Assessor** – a report was presented by Tina as follows: grievances are all complete and all notices of the Board of Assessment reviews decisions have been mailed out. We will have a couple of small claims and no article 7’s that she is aware of. She will be on vacation from July 15<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> and will be checking her phone and emails. She has no concerns currently.

**Building Office** – the following building report was presented by Julie Brady of the Planning & Building Department:

Alex Wallis	12761 Swift Mills Rd	Pond/Fill
Ryan Roetzer	13421 Steiner Rd	AG Pool
5720 Cummings Rd Inc	5720 Cummings Rd	Deck
Robert Monkelbaan	11495 Miland Rd	Rear Porch
Shawn Carter	4891 N Millgrove Rd	Pool Deck

**Town Clerk** – Town/County taxes have been finalized and all money and reports have been sent to the County and the Supervisor and I met with a representative from Kiercom regarding a new camera system for the Town Hall.

**Town Attorney(s)** – nothing at this time

**COUNCILPERSONS:**

**Jendrowski** – he spoke to a neighbor that wasn’t happy about fireworks being shot off in the area, working on the gutters for the cold storage building, working on the sewer problem in the downstairs of the library, getting a quote for repairing the columns by the side door at the Denio and spoke to Chuck Haist regarding Akron turnout gear.

**Dugan** – has had conversations with Danny Kowalik regarding the purchase of a stocked trailer used for emergency situations and spoke to David Miller regarding the solar farm moratorium.

**Burke** – absent

**Pope** – nothing at this time

**Supervisor** – she attended several bicentennial meetings and ran events during the weeklong celebration, she facilitated our BAN renewal with Colleen, met with Colleen and a possible new provider for our health insurance management needs, she spoke with several residents on the bicentennial events and answered questions as to why we can’t do more events like this every

year. She also met with the Town Clerk and a representative from Kiercom regarding a new camera system for the Town Hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Buildings** – numerous calls have been made regarding the gutters on the cold storage building without much luck, we have a company that will come out with a camera to try to diagnose the sewer issue at the library and we are waiting for a quote from Bobby McClaine to make repairs at the Denio Building.

**Planning** – spoke to several of our representatives and there is no funding available this year for the purchase of the emergency services trailer but will be looked at again next year. Councilman Dugan is proposing we purchase one with the Village and go after funding next year for a second trailer.

**Water/Sewer** – Nothing new

**Grants** – speaking to our grant writers regarding a JCAP grant for new security cameras which is the primary security for the court.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval- Local Law #3 of 2023- Moratorium on Solar Farms:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving Local Law #3 of 2023 that will impose a six-month moratorium on certain solar projects in the Town of Newstead to allow the Town Board to consider amendments, revisions and additions to Chapter 180 of the Town Code.

(Resolution) Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Absent, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope- Aye  
Carried

**Approval- Fund Balance Policy Update:**

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Pope approving the update of the Fund Balance Policy per a recommendation from Drescher & Malecki after the 2022 audit.

(Resolution) Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Absent, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope-Aye  
Carried

**Approval- Lateral Restriction Hardship Application- 11175 Keller Rd:**

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Pope approving the application for a lateral restriction exception hardship at 11175 Keller Road in water district 5 as submitted by owner(s) Wendy & Larry Merkle, based on supporting documentation provided.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Absent, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope- Aye  
Carried

**Privilege of the Floor/Question Period:** Jacob Halleck, Chamber of Commerce President thanked Supervisor Izydorczak and her entire Bicentennial Committee for the wonderful week they provided for the community.

Ron Snyder, 12178 Hunts Corners Road spoke to the Board regarding the solar moratorium and some of his concerns as a local farmer.

There being no further business to come before the board for the regular meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Pope to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50pm.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Absent, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope-Aye  
Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer DiChristina, Town Clerk