

Newstead Town Board Meeting – July 27, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on July 27, 2026, at 7:36pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: Dawn Izydorczak - Supervisor
Joe Dugan – Councilman
John Jendrowski - Councilman
Mike Mutter - Councilman
Edmund Burke – Councilman
Emily Janicz – Town Attorney
Mike Coutu – Deputy Attorney
Tim Walck – Town Engineer
Gary Baehr – Highway Superintendent
Jennifer DiChristina - Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Highway Superintendent Baehr led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 13, 2026, were presented. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Mutter to accept as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Agenda Changes - None

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following correspondence:

An anonymous letter from an Alden resident was received regarding a business that is not in our town.

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Mutter to accept and file the presented correspondence.

Carried Unanimously

Work Session: at the work session held last week the following items were discussed: a meeting with a candidate for the ZBA alternate position, ethics board open positions, village planned power outage, data centers moratorium, park signages, new electric service & memorial request, clerks enclosure, town hall parking lot, and highway issues.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one spoke

Budget Transfers: None

Approval of Bills – Councilman Dugan reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2688 was reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. Abstract Batch(es) #2688 was presented for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 791-838, totaling \$47,854.30. Councilman Burke seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2688
General Fund (A)-\$18,137.20
General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$49.70
Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$24,422.65
CAP-Water-Scotland (HS)-\$556.39
CAP-Water-Koepsel (HW)-\$2,451.56
CAP-Water-Draper (HW01)-\$219.08
CAP-Water-Cedar (HW02)-\$267.75
CAP-Water-Knapp (HW03)- \$1,547.44
Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$40.93
Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$111.60
Consolidated Water (SW00)-\$50.00
Total: \$47,854.30

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – several motions and resolutions for highway equipment tonight and most construction projects will be taking place in August.

Assessor - a report was presented by the Assessor and read by the Supervisor as follows: The final roll is complete and has been submitted to the County and NYS. I have been working on new construction and updated the new assessment roll with exemptions filed after last year's deadline. I will be on vacation from the 17th of August to the 30th. I will have my phone and will be checking emails daily, response delays may happen. I have no concerns currently.

Building Office –no report

Town Clerk – nothing to report

Town Attorney(s) – nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski – nothing to report

Dugan – setting up meeting with Newstead Fire Company, spoke to several town employees on avoidable alarms, and still working on information regarding the new veteran's exemption.

Burke – nothing to report

Mutter – spoke to residents about exemptions, farm stands and the CEO regarding code questions.

Supervisor – the Historians railroad history signs were erected and dedicated along the bike path, Colleen & I met with Bank on Buffalo, I attended another webinar with HUD on our Community Center funding, I attended a web meeting with the Village & Carvana on their new project & sewer requests and addressed several resident complaints and concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings – Clerk's window parts are now all in and work to begin soon.

Planning – nothing new to report

Water/Sewer – nothing new to report

Grants – Highway submitting WQIP grant this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval- Authorize Bid for Auger/Sander for Highway Department:

A motion was made by Councilman Mutter, seconded by Councilman Burke approving the proposal prepared to go out to bid on a spreader/sander for use by the highway department and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids to be received by August 20, 2026, no later than 1:00pm.

(Resolution) Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Burke-Aye, Mutter-Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval – Purchase of Zero-Turn Mower for Highway Department:

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke to approve the purchase of a zero-turn mower from Niagara Implement Inc. using the Sourcewell Account, contract number 112624-KBA for \$18,484.72.

(Resolution) Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Mutter- Aye

Carried Unanimously

Motion – Authorize Rental of Skid-Steer:

A motion was made by Councilman Mutter, seconded by Councilman Dugan to approve the rental of a skid-steer for 40hrs/5 days at a cost of \$4,155.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Mutter- Aye Carried Unanimously

Motion – Authorize Highway Superintendent to Apply for WQIP Grant:

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Burke authorizing the Highway Superintendent to apply for a Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant under the road salt reduction program to explore brine solution equipment purchases.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Mutter-Aye Carried Unanimously

Motion – Authorize Highway Superintendent to submit OGS Mini-Bid:

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke authorizing the Highway Superintendent to submit an OGS mini-bid to request bids for a new truck, with reservation of the authority of the Town Board to approve the purchase upon review of the bid results.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan -Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski- Aye, Mutter-Aye Carried Unanimously

Motion – Hire Erin O’Brien as Part-Time Laborer:

A motion was made by Councilman Mutter, seconded by Councilman Burke to hire Erin O’Brien as a part-time laborer for the highway department effective immediately through October 1st.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Mutter- Aye Carried Unanimously

Approval- Lateral Restriction Hardship Application:

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Mutter approving the application for lateral restriction exception hardship at 11645 Clarence Center Road in WD #5.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Mutter- Aye Carried Unanimously

Privilege of the Floor/Question Period:

Debbie Leising, 11 Indianola Avenue and Gail Travers, 78 Wesley Drive both appeared before the board to protest the proposed data center in the Town of Alabama. Supervisor Izydorczak explained that the board needs more time to gather information regarding this project. Councilman Dugan advised them to contact their local representatives.

There being no further business to come before the board for the regular meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Mutter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54pm.

Izydorczak-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Burke-Aye, Mutter-Aye Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer L. DiChristina, Town Clerk