

Newstead Town Board Meeting- February 25, 2002

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, February 25, 2002 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00 PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe – Supervisor
Thomas George – Councilman
David L. Cummings - Councilman
Joan M. Glor – Councilwoman
Harold L. Finger- Councilman
James Ebersole- Highway Superintendent
Donnal D. Folger – Code Enforcement Officer
Frederick J. Pask- Assessor
Andrew Casolini – Town Engineer
Nathan Neill – Attorney for the Town
Dawn D. Izydorczak – Town Clerk
Kathleen McLeod Lang – Deputy Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Ken Kasperek of the Bugle led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 11, 2002 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve with a correction on page 2 changing Cindy Schilling to Kathy Strobele.

Carried Unanimously

Communications - Clerk presented the following:

A letter from 86 year old past resident Ada Laidlaw MacLaren requesting a new map of the town and village as well as any news or information that the Town Clerk can provide.

A memo to the Town Board from Highway Superintendent Jim Ebersole regarding a request for standardization of heavy equipment for the highway department.

A letter from Women and Children First Coalition requesting participation and support from the Town of Newstead elected officials in their efforts to save Children's Hospital of Buffalo. They are a volunteer group of pediatricians, surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care staff, community members and parents who are dedicated to the preservation of Children's Hospital as a freestanding hospital. They are holding a rally on Saturday, March 2, 2002 at noon in Niagara Square in Buffalo. RSVP's for this event can be directed to Deborah Lynn Williams at 885-1400. They are also requesting all elected officials in the eight county Western New York region to sign a letter requesting that Kaleida Health keep Children's as a freestanding hospital. Finally, they are asking all municipalities to introduce a resolution demanding that Children's Hospital remain a freestanding hospital. Attached to the letter is a copy of their mission statement and a copy of the flyer for the Niagara Square rally.

A copy of the minutes from the Village of Akron Board meeting held on February 4, 2002 and a copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the Akron Village Board held on February 6, 2002.

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

Carried Unanimously

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that no work session was held on February 18, 2002 due to several of the Board members attending the Association of Towns Conference in New York City.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke.

Approval of Bills – Councilwoman Glor reviewed abstract #3 from 2/11/02 meeting and found them to be in order with the previously unaudited vouchers. She presented Abstract #4. Vouchers on Abstract #4 numbered 117 – 168 totaling \$387,464.87 and were presented for approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger.

Abstract #4:

General Fund “A” – \$68,856.42, Fund”B” \$90.90, Highway “DA” - \$0.00, Highway Outside Village “DB”\$7,893.35, Capital Projects-WD#5 “HC” \$5,342.44, Library Projects “HE” \$182,655.35, Fire Protection “SF” \$9.87, Refuse “SR” \$19,905.29, Sewer Fund “SS” \$19.36, and Water Districts “SW1”- \$1,575.00, “SW2”- \$9,200.00, “SW4” - \$7,975.00, “SW5”-\$23.32, “SW6”- \$75,250.00, “SW7”- \$0.00, “SW8”- \$0.00, “SW9”- \$0.00, Trust & Agency “TA”- \$8,668.57, totaling \$387,464.87.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Highway Superintendent Ebersole reported on the great job done during the February 1, 2002 ice storm. He commended the County, Akron Fire Company, Newstead Fire Company and the Akron Fire Police for their dedication and support throughout the several days that help was needed. He requested the Board to draft a letter of recognition to these agencies. He also reported that the Town has a new generator that will now be stored at the Newstead Fire Hall. A request was made for a Resolution to denote the new signage at the curve and speed requirements for the Dye Road and McNeeley Road intersections/curve.

Assessor – Fred Pask reported he attended the Association of Towns Conference and found it beneficial. The arrangement with Alden seems to be working out very well and he would like some work session time next week.

Supervisor Summe requested that Fred and Don Folger arrange a time for discussion with him regarding fees for Water District 5 on non-buildable lots.

Code Enforcement Officer - The following building permits were presented for the record:

Dave Montante – 13557 Stage Road – 2 Story Addition
Jack Hornung- 4207 South Newstead Rd- Rear Patio Enclosure
Golden Pond Estates – 13411 Main Rd- Sign Permit renewal

Don also reported that the Stage Road court case is scheduled for March 20th and Nathan Neill will be assisting him with the case, as the Judge would not allow the Prosecutor to help.

Town Clerk – Announced that the 2002 County/Town tax bills were mailed on February 14th and that, beginning on the 15th payments have been coming back in at a steady pace. Reported that the Association of Towns Conference in New York City was of great benefit and very educational.

Attorney for the Town – Nathan reported that a meeting needs to be scheduled with Connors & Vilardo, attorneys in the solid waste litigation.

COUNCILPERSONS

George – Nothing to report.

Cummings – Reported that the Budget Advisory meetings are going well, with 2 meetings remaining. He met with the Highway Department along with Councilman Finger. Requested some work session time to discuss issues regarding Sandy Sanger.

Glor – Reported that the BFI advertisements were published by the Pennysaver in February 10, 2002 issue and flyers were mailed out with the tax bills to residents. She stated the Association of Towns Conference seminars were very beneficial and thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend.

Finger- Reported he met with the Highway Department along with Councilman Cummings. He toured the facility, inspected the equipment, and met with the employees and was very impressed.

SUPERVISOR – Reported he received a Sales Tax check in the amount of \$56,059.00. He attended a meeting this morning for the Rural Transit Van Service. He was very impressed with the operation and recommended anyone who is in need of the service to contact him or the Town Clerk for more information. He also reported on the meetings held on the past 2 Fridays regarding the new phone system. The interviews with vendors are going well. One more meeting needs to be scheduled before bids are received. He attended the Association of Towns Conference as well and was impressed. He found the seminars and networking to be very helpful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5 – Received approvals from all agencies and are ready to move forward.

Library Project – Construction is on-going and still on target for substantial completion by April 1, 2002. We are still on schedule for a May completion of the project.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update- Would like March 25, 2002 scheduled for a public hearing.

AOL/Time Warner-

The following resolution was moved by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve a new franchise agreement for services between the Town of Newstead and Time-Warner Entertainment- Advanced/Newhouse Partnership. The Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to post and publish in the official town paper a Public Hearing Notice, with the hearing date to be scheduled for March 11, 2002 at 7:45 pm.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes-5 Nays- 0 Carried Unanimously

Christian Airmen Re-Zoning- Supervisor Summe and Nathan are drafting a letter to the Christian Airmen organization to propose funding of a study to be done on re-zoning the airport.

Facility Study- Councilwoman Glor reported Councilman George will be meeting on March 11, 2002 with Laura at Kideney to review the findings. The Board should have a report on March 15th and comments should be ready by March 18th.

Toll Barrier- Nothing new.

Senior Coordinator Position- A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to hire Joanne Rausch at a rate of \$5,000.00 per year to fill the position of Senior Coordinator for the Town of Newstead.

Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 Carried Unanimously

Web Site- Councilman Cummings reported that the test site will be up for review and comments by the Board on March 1st.

Other- Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Radio Tower- A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cummings to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000.00 in engineering fees for a tower analysis to be done on the Sprint Tower located on South Newstead Road near the NYS Thruway.

Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 Carried Unanimously

Other:

The following resolution was moved by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman George authorizing the Highway Superintendent to erect new traffic signage on the curve at Dye Road and McNeeley Road along with adoption of a new recommended speed for the curve.

(Resolution Attached) Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Summe mentioned he would like to schedule a meeting with the town historian to discuss historical records regarding how and where they are currently kept. He asked Councilman Cummings to attend this meeting with him if possible.

Question Period –No one spoke.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to adjourn at 8:38PM.
Work Session to continue after the meeting until 9:00pm when a joint meeting with the Village of Akron Board will be held.

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak
Town Clerk