

A Regular Meeting of the Newstead Town Board was called to order on Monday, February 28, 2000, at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00 PM.

Present: Donald C. Holmes – Supervisor
Gerald F. Summe - Councilman
Thomas George - Councilman
David L. Cummings – Councilman
Joan M. Glor - Councilwoman
Donnal D. Folger – Code Enforcement Officer
Fred Pask – Assessor
James B. Ebersole – Highway Superintendent
Nathan S. Neill – Attorney for the Town
Carole D. Borchert – Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Summe.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 14, 2000 were presented for approval. A correction was made under Fund balance designation noting \$110,000 for salt barn and \$37,000 for deferred health insurance costs. A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Summe to approve as corrected.

Carried Unanimously

Communications - Clerk presented the following:

A letter from Richard and Janet Lindquist, 12456 Clarence Center Road, thanking the Town Board and Jim Akin for the quick actions in getting their water problems solved.

A letter from EC Executive Joel Giambra enclosing a Buffalo and Erie County Hot Spot Fishing Map, for those interested.

A letter from Judge Dennis Freeman stating that the Court has been awarded a grant from NYS Unified Court System for \$900.00 to purchase a fireproof safe.

A copy of a letter from Wendel to Ontario Specialty notifying commencement of work on February 28, for the proposed waterline extensions on Clarence Center, Barnum, Stage and Crittenden Roads.

A copy of “The Network” Amherst Senior newsletter.

A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman George to received and file.

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Holmes reported on the last work session having discussed playground equipment, airport, Genesee County agreement, Water District #7A, Final changes to Wendel contract, position on proposed water tax, Joint Plan, Organization contracts for 2000, Senior Van contract and Terms and Conditions review.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke.

Approval of Bills – The following vouchers were approved for payment by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings: General Fund “A” – \$65,199.15, General Fund “B” - \$683.21, Highway Outside Village “DB” - \$3309.71, Capital Projects “HC” WD#5 – \$148,025.07, Capital Projects “HE” \$122,727.28, Fire Protection “SF” –0-, Refuse “SR” \$6913.35, Sewer “SS” \$579.39, and Water Districts “SW” - \$26.10, numbered #117 through #165 totaling \$352,463.26.

Carried Unanimously

She also reported that she has checked Abstract #3 dated 2-14-2000 and finds it in order.

Supervisors Report for December. Hold for next meeting with Clerk to make copies for the entire board.

COMMITTEE /DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway - Supervisor Holmes thank him and his crew for taking care of the driveway at 31-33 Main Street. Superintendent Ebersole reported that he attended a Ditching Committee and is concerned with the right to entry forms and will be discussing with the Town Attorney. He stated he would like to decline the two new pickups scheduled for his year and go to bid for one large dump truck with plow and sander combination. He has the specs for review and would like to meet with the board at work session next week. He also stated that the crew plans to take the barricades down on the bike path and start brooming tomorrow.

Assessor – He reported on the Association of Towns meeting he attended in New York City last week noting several good programs presented.

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

- Nelson Prentice – 4684 S. Ayers Road – One family home
- Kreher's Poultry – 11072 Main Road – Replace Ag Storage
- Sun Pile Line Co. – Bike Path between Barnum and Davison Roads

The following pond permit needs separate action:

- Cas Hoffman – 8255 Burdick Road – pond

He stated that he and Councilman Summe have prepared a mailer to other towns requesting a fee schedule and will have results together in about a month.

Councilman Cummings asked Mr. Folger for a cablevision line update.

Town Clerk – She stated that the voting machines were set today for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, March 7 for the Republican, Democrat and Green Parties. Voting districts have been consolidated using 12 inspectors instead of 28, thus saving taxpayer dollars. Polls open from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Attorney for the Town – He stated that he was at a meeting with Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt and he stated that he feels that the water tax will be a dead issue.

COUNCILMAN

Summe – He thanked the Highway Superintendent for sending down a crew to clean up the snow and ice at the Town Hall. He is awaiting the Engineer for the dollar amount to connect water at the Newstead Fire Hall. He is waiting for Master Plan proposals to be received they are due March 8th and has met with the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer as liaison and would like work session time to discuss concerns. He also stated that Frey Well Drilling did the drilling at the Buell Street property to install the power poles at a cost of \$2,080 and has donated that service to the Town of Newstead. A letter will be sent to them in appreciation.

George – Nothing at this time.

Cummings – He read a letter from Legislator Mike Ranzhofer listing roads in the Town of Newstead scheduled for repair this year as follows: Cedar Street from Route 92 to County Line, Buckwheat Road between N. Millgrove and S. Newstead, Clarence Center Road between Route 93 and Salt and Davison Road between Howe and Clarence Center

Glor – She met with the Supervisor on Refuse and Recycling and the fact that recycling is down and rates are up and how we can educate the public to improve the numbers.

SUPERVISOR – He reported having received \$1,486.88 in dog fees apportionment and \$36,296.66 in sales tax from Erie County. He also stated that he has received information of a new state program making a \$30.00 mandatory fee for handicap fraud with \$15.00 for each town and \$15.00 County and Chief Fiscal Officer to run a program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5 – Main line to be connected on March 6.

Water District # 7A – Nothing new, engineer Casolini is on vacation.

Library Project - Meeting with Building Committee tomorrow. The designers and Architects would like to present to the Town Board at work session along with the Library Board, and Building Committee 1 plan. They are working on plans and rendering for comments. End of March or mid April a public information meeting will be schedule for same.

Buildings will have asbestos removal in April and demolition in May.

Architect has 2 new quotes and 3 civil engineer services to include village frontage and rear parking lot. Need work session time for discussion.

Rezoning for Scotland Road – Public information meeting scheduled for March 14th at 7:30 PM at the Newstead Town Hall.

Salt Barn – Awaiting funds.

Fire Contract – Awaiting Village Attorney.

ADESA Site Plan – Code Enforcement Officer to address DEC concerns.

Kelly Schultz Site Plan – Awaiting comments on Archeologists to satisfy DEC.

Pine Hill Application –. DEC is reviewing.

Wastewater Update – Code Enforcement Officer reported that the Erie County Health Department has closed out on Sleepy Hollow. Per Supervisor should move forward on others. Councilman George stated that a letter should be drafted and sent this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Terms and Conditions for 2000 – A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve same by adding page numbers.

Carried Unanimously

Wendel Contract for Retained Services – Awaiting 2 changes to be made.

Agreement to spend Highway Funds – The following agreement was moved by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilman Cummings to authorize Town Highway Funds to be spent in the amount of \$50,000 on Howe Road and \$50,000 on Utley Road with the remainder spent on all town roads for general maintenance totaling \$125,000.

Carried Unanimously

Community Organization Contracts – A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve same.

Carried Unanimously

Proposed Water Tax – The attached resolution was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cummings opposing same.

(Resolution Attached)

Carried Unanimously

Senior Van Contract – A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve same as there are no changes from last year.

Carried Unanimously

Airport letter – Revising letter. The attached resolution was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor:

(Resolution Attached)

Carried Unanimously

Other – Playground equipment – A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to go to bid for said equipment, as discussed.

Carried Unanimously

Question Period – No one spoke.

Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Carole D. Borchert
Town Clerk

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