

Newstead Town Board Meeting- February 28, 2011

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 8:00pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David L. Cummings- Supervisor
Justin Rooney- Councilman
Cheryl Esposito- Councilwoman
James Mayrose- Councilman
Richard Baran- Councilman
Mike Bassanello- Highway Supt.
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer
Dawn Izydorzak- Town Clerk
Jennifer Heberling- Deputy Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Councilman Rooney led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular meeting held on February 14, 2011 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Esposito, seconded by Councilman Baran to approve as presented. Carried Unanimously

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A letter from Time Warner Cable notifying the town of the current programmers & broadcasters they are currently under negotiations with for service.

A certified resolution passed by the Town Board of Clarence requesting the Erie County Legislature to conduct a study of the representative make-up of the Erie County Water Authority regarding residency status for all Commissioners in their current appointed service area.

A notice of a workshop on “Preparing for the Emerald Ash Borer: Does your community have a tree inventory?” to be held March 22, 2011 from 9am – 12pm at the Genesee Co Building II at 3837 West Main St in Batavia.

A letter from the Erie County Environmental Management Council requesting the town appoint a new representative to the Council for a term beginning June 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilman Mayrose to accept and file the presented correspondence. Carried Unanimously

Work Session: The Supervisor reported that no work session was held last week due to the holiday.

Privilege of the Floor – Dr. Ed Burke questioned if the town is aware of Verizon doing any phone maintenance in the area lately. He has been experiencing several phone interruptions and false rings. The town has not been notified of any work but will call Verizon and inquire.

Budget Transfers: none

Approval of Bills – Councilwoman Esposito reported that the Abstract from Batches #1024 & 1043 from the February 14, 2011 meeting has been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. She presented Abstract Batches #1046 & 1047. Vouchers on this abstract numbered from 152 – 206, totaling \$252,091.30 and were presented by Councilwoman Esposito, seconded by Councilman Baran to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batches #1046 & 1047:

General Fund (A) -\$22,688.43, General Fund- Outside Village (B) \$2,232.13, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$23,956.45, Capital Projects: CAP- Highway Garage- (HG) - \$199,069.60, CAP-Murder Creek (HM) \$4,006.00, CAP- Town Hall Addition (HT) \$0, Drainage (SD)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$0, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS) \$27.26, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$97.63, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0 and Water Districts Consolidated(SW00) \$13.80, (SW1)

\$0, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$0, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$0, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$0
Total: \$252,091.30

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – the crews can't wait for spring to get here. Mike reported to the Board he will be in Albany on March 8th and 9th for a Chips funding meeting.

Assessor – no report presented. The Advisory Committee is continuing to work hard on the current public information ads.

Building Office –the building report was presented by Christine Falkowski of the Planning & Building Department:

CMK Builders	11864 Stage	One family home
Group V Real Estate Inc	11342 Main	Plumbing renovations
DuWayne Grabenstatter	12447 Hunts Corners	Permit renewal

The Town Board accepted the report as presented.

Town Clerk- Tax bills are coming in at a steady pace. Proposal for an on-line payment program has been presented to Board.

Attorney for the Town – nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS:

Rooney- attended Assessment Advisory Committee meeting and was surprised at the in depth questions and discussions that were held. He suggested that all the board members should attend a meeting as it was very informative.

Esposito- attended the Association of Towns training session in New York and felt it was excellent training and networking.

Mayrose- attended the Association of Towns training session in New York and brought back a lot of good, useful information. Also attended Assessment Advisory Committee meeting and they are working on questions for 6th, 7th and 8th ads.

Baran- attended the Association of Towns training session in New York and learned a lot. He is still waiting on estimate for Denio side door replacement. Met with Scott and other Wendel engineers at the Senior Center to look at roof issues.

Scott reported to the Board that they used a temperature monitor to check temperature variations in the finished and unfinished areas and there was no variation in temperatures. That indicates the insulation is not working properly causing backups of ice due to too much heat leakage thru the roof. They are coming up with solutions to fix the problem.

SUPERVISOR- The January Supervisor's Reports are on file with the Town Clerk. He also attended the Association of Towns training session in New York and felt there was excellent networking between the towns and the training was excellent and sometimes quite intense. It was definitely good training for the newer Board members and worth the cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Water Districts- preliminary design (30%) is complete and will present at next work session. Once that is reviewed and comments taken they will progress to 60% drawings.

Shared Public Works Facility Project- siding is down on the main building in preparation for corrective installation and the new cold storage building is going up. A new tentative completion schedule should be set by the next meeting.

Murder Creek Project- Apex update: continuing to work on final construction documents and are approximately 95% done. Working with Village Engineer on storm sewer pipes “alternate” work. Continuing work on report to provide analytical data/support on the slope stability. Erie Co Soil & Water update: US Army Corp’s pre-construction model is complete. Design of the lower bank stabilization measures is 95% complete. Plan drawings are anticipated to be completed by 3/3/11 and will be sent out to all parties for review. They are continuing to work with Apex to ensure consistency on the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Study Request on ECWA Commission:

A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman Baran requesting the Erie County Legislature to conduct a study of the representative make-up of the Erie County Water Authority regarding residency status for all Commissioners in their current appointed service area. (Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, Baran-Aye
Carried Unanimously

Approval- Baseball Diamond Grant Request:

A motion was made by Councilman Baran, seconded by Councilman Rooney approving the submission of a grant funding request to E & WG Foundation for a little league baseball & softball fields project at the Town Park and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the application. (Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, Baran-Aye
Carried Unanimously

Municipal endorsement of Akron Airport Project:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Esposito, seconded by Councilman Mayrose issuing a municipal endorsement on the proposed construction of a new T-Hangar with a Bulk Hanger End Unit, subject to the terms set forth in the resolution. (Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, Baran-Aye
Carried Unanimously

Approval- Liquor License Renewal:

A motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Supervisor Cummings approving the liquor license renewal request for 2011 for 11891 Main Rd, Braun’s Restaurant. Cummings-Aye, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-No, Mayrose-Aye, Baran-No Carried

Approval- Town Park Usage:

A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilwoman Esposito approving the Newstead Senior Centers request for use of the Town Park facilities for a 5K walk/fundraiser on May 22, 2011. Cummings-Aye, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, Baran-Aye Carried Unanimously

Question Period- Bob Scheib of Brooklyn St questioned the Board’s decision on the airport funding. The Supervisor explained all this does is covers design costs on the project for feasibility of the project. Mr. Scheib stated in a roundabout way they are issuing funding on a project that may never even happen. The Supervisor stated the funding is thru the FAA private funds not public funds.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilman Mayrose to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm.
Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC, Town Clerk