

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, March 12, 2001 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00 PM.

Present: Donald Holmes – Supervisor
Thomas George - Councilman
David L. Cummings – Councilman
Joan M. Glor – Councilwoman
Donnal D. Folger – Code Enforcement Officer
Fred Pask - Assessor
Andrew Casolini – Town Engineer
Nathan Neill – Attorney for the Town
Jim Ebersole – Highway Superintendent
Carole D. Borchert – Town Clerk
Kathleen McLeod Lang – Deputy Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present, except Councilman Summe who is on vacation.

Pledge to the flag was led by Boy Scout Robert Izdorcyak from Troop 559.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 26, 2001 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Communications - Town Clerk presented the following:

A report from the Lieutenant Governor Donohue, who is chair of the Governor's Quality Communities Interagency Task Force entitled, State and Local Governments Partnering for a Better New York.

A letter from Buffalo Fuel Corp., a service transportation company specializing in hazardous and non-hazardous materials, as well as, state of the art recycling concepts wanting to introduce themselves being new in WNY.

A letter from EC Department of Environment and Planning agreeing that the Town of Newstead should act as SEQR lead agency for Water District #5 – Phase II.

A letter from American Ref-Fuel Company of Niagara, L.P, informing the Town that the price of solid waste disposal effective January 1, 2001 was decreased \$7.34 per ton from \$57.93 per ton to \$50.59 per ton. And that the January 2001 bill was incorrect and account has been credited.

A letter from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Permits having issued permits for Water District # 7 & 7A.

A letter from EC Sheriff's office with the February 2001 complaints handled in the Village of Akron being 36 and in the Town of Newstead, outside the Village, 68.

A notice from the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council for Federal Certification Review with an open meeting being conducted to receive public comments on the GBNRTC planning process on March 19, 2001 from 6-8PM at the Erie County Public Library.

A fax transmission from the Town of Amherst Central Fire Alarm Office with the total fire alarms for the month of February, 2001 being Akron 28, Newstead 19.

A letter from Attorneys Alessi & Neill with a SEQR Resolution for Water District No.5.

A newsletter from the NYS Office for the Aging for Winter 2001 with articles concerning Seniors.

A motion was made by Councilman George seconded by Councilman Cummings, to receive and file, as presented

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Holmes reported on the last work session held on March 5, 2001 discussing the AOL/Time Warner Franchise, HHL/Paragon Library, Water District – Draft Negative Declaration, Senior Citizens responses, Christian Airman rezoning, Phone/public address system,, fees Audit of Town Clerk & Court, Clarence Van Contract, American Ref-fuel, McDonalds, NE Caissions and WD7A.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

Approval of Bills – Councilwoman Glor reviewed Abstract #4 and found it to be order. She presented the following Abstract #5 vouchers numbered 154 though 192 for approval

General Fund “A” – \$11,124.63, Fund “B” \$155.71, Highway “DA” - \$0, Highway Outside Village “DB”\$4170.41,Capital Projects-WD#7A “HD” 0, Library Projects “HE” \$0, Fire Protection “SF” \$1235.30, Refuse “SR”\$97.37, Sewer Fund “SS” \$1,196.251, and Water Districts “SW#1” - \$1,612.501, “SW#2” \$9,612.50,”SW#4 “\$8,247.52, “SW#5” \$940.41, “SW#6” \$77,102.21, “SW#7” \$369.20, “SW#8” \$27.86,”SW#9” \$76.63 totaling \$115,832.63.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Highway Superintendent announced the Spring Tire Drop-Off date to be April 28, 2001 at the Highway Garage. The White Metal Pick-up will be May 7 & 8. He requested items be out on Sunday night the 7th. The new Ford Truck F350 is in to replace #2. The old truck will be offered for sale at a price of \$20,610.00. The cell phone list of highway employee’s was given out. New hands free controls are being placed in all trucks.

Assessor – Update is in full swing and he commends his staff for all the hard work during this time. Becky Baker took over review sessions today, due to his absence for jury duty, and did a fine job. There have been 160 appointments made for informal hearings on the assessments as of this date. The Unimart assessment challenge has been postponed until June.

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

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| Theodore Bobo | 11552 Main | Gazebo |
| Ethel Cebulski | 4664 Ayers | Tool Shed |
| Doug Matusek | 12663 McNeeley | Pole Barn storage |
| Mary Yousey | 6676 Dye | 2 story barn |

Town Clerk – Tax collection has been steady. Final date to pay without penalty is Thursday, March 15th. Postmarks are accepted.

Attorney for the Town – He has talked to the Councilman in Alden on WD#5 service and will be preparing a letter for the board to review.

COUNCILPERSONS

Summe – not present

George – Nothing to report

Cummings – He reported that a Public Master Plan meeting has been scheduled for March 27th at the Akron Fire Hall at 7 PM.

Glor- Met with Councilman Summe and Wendel on proposed Park Master Plan to be presented on April 6, 2001 Public Information meeting at Newstead Fire Hall.

SUPERVISOR – Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5 – The attached resolution was moved by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings for the Town of Newstead Water District

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

The attached resolution was moved by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman George for the Town of Newstead requested Wendel Duscherer to prepare a preliminary map, plan and report for the increase and improvement of WD#5

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

The following bond resolution was moved by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman George appropriating \$3,000,000 for the increase and improvement of WD#5 and authorizing the issuance of Serial Bonds.

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

The following resolution was moved by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to amend the Bond Resolution adopted July 26,1999.

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

The following resolution was moved by Councilman Cummings and seconded by Councilwoman Glor.

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

Library Project - Councilman George was pleased with the Design Process and Project Construction. Ground breaking soon.

The following resolution was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cummings to authorize the increase in expenditure of \$400,000.00

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

The following resolution was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor, to award contracts for construction of the Newstead Public Library to the lowest bidders in the 5 categories per Paragon's review.

(Resolution Attached) Carried Unanimously

Rezoning for Scotland Road – on hold for two weeks.

Wastewater Update – Andrew Casolini request work session time to discuss progress.

Assessment Challenge – postponed until June, as stated.

Master Plan Update – Public Information Meetings to be held March 27,2001 at the Akron Fire Hall, due to space needed.

Sewer Hook up at Park – On hold

Park Master Plan Update – On hold

Rothland's Site Plan – Awaiting SEQR review, in progress.

AOL/Time Warner franchise – on hold

McDonald's Site Plan – Awaiting SEQR review in progress.

Other - Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Organization Contracts- A motion was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cummings to authorize the Supervisor to send out the 2001 contracts for review and signatures.

Carried Unanimously

Clarence Van Contract – A motion was moved by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to authorize the Supervisor to sign said contract.

Carried Unanimously

Other- Fee Schedule- A motion was moved by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve Building and Planning fees, as submitted.

Carried Unanimously

Other – Nothing

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 George to adjourn at 8:45PM.

Carried Unanimously

Carole D. Borchert RMC
Town Clerk