

Newstead Town Board Meeting- March 25, 2002

A Public Hearing was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, March 25, 2002 at the Newstead Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

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

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Supervisor Summe stated that this hearing was called to hear anyone speaking for or against the adoption or acceptance a proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron.

The Town Clerk read the proof of publication as it appeared in the Bugle on March 14, 2002.

Mary Kopanski of Peter J. Smith Co. presented an overview of the proposed plan to those in attendance. The purpose and impacts of the plan were discussed along with the final steps involved in completion of the plan.

After Mary's presentation the Supervisor opened the hearing to the floor.

Lewis Nanni, 55 East Avenue spoke regarding the issue of improving access to the Akron airport. He also questioned the water facilities improvement recommendations for the village. Mary responded that the Town and Village need to work together to provide better access to a main road for the airport. Trustee Peter Forrestel suggested that people attend the next Village Board meeting if they are interested in the water improvement issues.

Donald Snell, 3 Shepard Avenue spoke regarding the proposed bypass for Route 93. He feels this is an excellent idea, which should be pursued considering the many safety issues involved with truck traffic running through the village.

Mark Pierce, 37 John Street questioned the amount of editing that was done on the original plan to produce the new proposed plan. He also feels the plan needs more documentation and language added regarding the areas designated for non-development. Mark would like to see more north to south trail systems added for horse trails, biking, skiing, etc. Mary responded that there have been mostly changes in wording on the plan, not in the policies.

Kathy Baker, 8530 Burdick Road questioned what issues were addressed for residents living in flood zones. She also questioned if the issue of housing for the disabled was address along with housing for the elderly. Mary responded that there were changes made to the plan to included housing for the disabled.

Richard Forrestel, 11 Madison Avenue questioned who is responsible for areas in the Town that need environmental clean-up (brown field areas). Mary responded it depends on whom is responsible for the wastes and what they are.

Phil Richardson, 4678 South Newstead Road questioned what criteria was used in recommending the north area for agricultural land preservation over the southern portions of town. Mary responded that different mechanisms were put in place for the zoning techniques in the southern areas as opposed to the north areas.

Bob Scheib, 51 Brooklyn Street questioned what the word "protection" meant in the term Ag Protection Zone and if there are currently any soil protection ordinances for the town.

Mary responded that only agriculture uses were permitted in protection zones unless another use was approved by special permit. There are currently no soil protection ordinances in the town.

Mark Pierce, 37 John Street questioned if the committee felt this document actually comes together as a plan or is it merely a "wish list". Trustee Peter Forrestel responded that the committee feels this plan addresses the issues that need to be addressed in the immediate future as well as protecting the Town and Village's future growth.

Bill Walworth, 8267 Burdick Road questioned if there would be tax incentives or abatements for those living in Ag Protection Zones. Mary responded that because land is in a protection zone does not mean it can not be developed in the future. It simply guides the development in those areas more closely.

Mike Krasner of Erie County Planning spoke. He stated that currently 37 out of 44 communities in the County are updating their Master Plans. He feels it is an excellent opportunity to guide and provide for the future of any town or village's growth. It can protect the existing areas you wish to maintain and guide/control the future growth you hope to see.

There being no one else who spoke, a motion was made by Supervisor Summe, seconded by Councilman Cummings to close the hearing at 8:00PM.

Carried Unanimously

A Regular meeting of the Newstead Town Board was called to order on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 8:15PM, with all of the above still present.

Assessor Fred Pask led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on March 11, 2002 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman George to approve as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Communications - Clerk presented the following:

The Town Clerk received another letter from Ada MacLaren, 760 Jamaica Blvd., Toms River, NJ, thanking her for Town Map and giving her more family background from 1917-1931.

A letter from County Legislature Michael H. Ranzenhofer inviting Newstead Town Board and residents to a Health Advocacy workshop to be held on Tuesday, April 16th and Thursday, April 18th at the Clarence Public Library, 3 Town Place, Clarence from 5:45 PM – 8:45 PM.

A letter from the Erie County Legislature Clerk Laurie A. Manzella with the 2002 Erie County Government Directory Card to be distributed.

A memo from the Building and Assessor Department with notice of Christine Falkowski probationary period of 90 days has been completed. They are very pleased with her performance and therefore request that she be appointed the Building and Assessor Clerk part time with her pay increased to \$9.96/hr.

The February 2002 Erie County Sheriff's Monthly Municipality Activity Report was received, with 87 calls responded to in the Village of Akron and 127 calls responded in the Town of Newstead.

The Annual Water Quality Report for 2001 for the E.P. Forrestel Water Treatment Plant and Akron Water System was received with no violations in the system or water.

The Akron Village Board Minutes for March 4, 2002 were received

A memo from the Town Supervisor announcing the probationary period of 90 days has been completed by Kathleen Strobele for bookkeeper. Her pay will increase to \$12.11 /hr.

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 a work session was held on March 18, 2002 and the following was discussed: Facility Planning (Kideney Architects), Airport Rezoning, Radio Tower, Water District #5-Phase II, Justice Court Request, Highway Dept. concerns, Dog Control Issues, Litigation American Ref-Fuel and other.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke.

Approval of Bills – In Councilwoman Glor reported that she had reviewed abstract #5 from 3/11/02 meeting and found them to be in order with the previously un-audited vouchers. She presented Abstract #6 Vouchers on Abstract #6 numbered 218 – 259 totaling \$166,777.11, and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger.

Abstract #6

General Fund “A” – \$13,300.64, Fund”B” \$125.00, Highway “DA” - \$0.00, Highway Outside Village “DB”\$527.85, Capital Projects-WD#5 “HC” \$8,299.68, Library Projects “HE” \$137,501.74, Fire Protection “SF” \$0.00, Refuse “SR” \$5,942.54, Sewer Fund “SS” \$300.83, and Water Districts “SW1”- \$18.75., “SW2”- \$0.00,”SW3”- \$18.75, “SW4” - \$273.13, “SW5”- \$22.10, “SW6”- \$246.65, “SW7”- \$199.45, “SW8”- \$0.00, “SW9”- \$0.00, Trust & Agency “TA”- \$0.00, totaling \$166,777.11.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Superintendent Ebersole not present but Councilman Cummings reported that Mr. Ebersole had attended the Con-Expo last week and is on vacation this week. They are also awaiting comments on purchase of equipment.

Assessor –nothing to report.

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

Peter Schenk	13881 Knapp	change of roofline
Stanley Serwon	5759 Davison	one family home
Kelly Schultz	11079 Main	Flea market replacement
Doug Matusek	12663 McNeeley	Family Room addition
Mark Nowakowski	7065 Draper	Rear deck
Joseph Ward	6382 Dye	24’ Pool,Deck, Shed

Motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk– Bids were received on March 21, 2002 for construction of Water District #5 Phase II. The lowest bid was received by Sergi Construction in the amount of \$1,823,733.00. There were a total of 10 bids received.

Attorney for the Town –not present

COUNCILPERSONS

George –nothing at this time

Other: Councilman Cummings suggested replacing the “Welcome” sign at the Clarence/Newstead boarder. Supervisor Summe stated that the sign fell over in winter and is at the highway garage. He will see it is put back up as soon as 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 8:45 PM.

Work Session to continue after the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak
Town Clerk