

## Newstead Town Board Meeting- May 26, 2009

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 8:00pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings– Supervisor  
Tom George- Councilman  
Justin Rooney- Councilman  
Cheryl Esposito- Councilwoman  
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney  
Mike Bassanello- Highway Supt.  
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Finger.

Mike Bassanello led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular meeting held on May 11, 2009 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilwoman Esposito to approve as presented. Carried

**Communications** – The Town Clerk presented the following:

Letters from the Department of State acknowledging receipt and filing of Local Laws #1 and #2 on May 6, 2009 and May 8, 2009 respectively.

A letter from the Akron Soccer League requesting use of the town park facilities for their 2010 season and the 2010 Kick It First Tournament on May 7th, 8th, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

An announcement from Shakespeare in Delaware Park with a list of its free theatre dates on the hill in Delaware Park. The Tempest runs from June 18-July 12, Julius Caesar runs from July 23- August 16. Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays at 7:30pm each night.

A certified copy of a resolution passed by the Alden Town Board regarding their opposition to the proposed Erie County Local Law #1 of 2009 that would establish an Erie County Planning Board.

A letter from NYS Office of Real Property Services announcing the tentative equalization rate for the Town for the 2009 Assessment Roll as 100%.

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

**Work Session:** The Supervisor reported that at the work session held last week the following issues were discussed: water district issues, Joint Facilities, grant submissions, planning issues, fire radios, Town Park issues, home based businesses law draft, personnel issues and any other items found necessary.

**Privilege of the Floor** – no one spoke

**Budget Transfers:** a motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Rooney approving the budget transfers as requested by Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon in a memo dated 5/26/09. Carried

**Approval of Bills** -Councilwoman Esposito reported that the Abstracts from Batches #829 from the May 11, 2009 meeting have been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. She presented Abstract Batch #831. Vouchers on this abstract numbered 498-541 totaling \$30,286.60 and were presented by Councilwoman Esposito, seconded by Councilman George to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch #831:

General Fund (A) -\$22,702.66, General Fund- Outside Village (B) \$88.55, Highway (DA) -\$0, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10-phase (HI)- \$0, Library Basement (HR04)- \$0, Murder Creek Stabilization (HM) - \$0, Highway Garage- Cap (HG) - \$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$7,158.31, Drainage (SD)- \$44.00, Fire Protection (SF) \$0, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS)

\$27.03, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$142.85, and Water Districts (SW1) \$0, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$12.65, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$52.80, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$57.75, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0  
 Total: \$30,286.60 Carried

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Highway** – Attended a meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Clarence Highway garage with other Highway Superintendents and Legislator Ray Walter to go over the list of county roads that will be under repair in 2009. He also discussed with them the ongoing issues with the intersection of Davison and Howe Roads. The County representatives present stated no letter has been received from the state yet authorizing them to post new speed signs on Barnum Rd yet. The sealing at the town park has been done and they will start oiling & stoning of roads soon. He will be attending Highway supt. school from June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Assessor** – The Assessor reported on Grievance Day. 17 cases were heard today and the board will be conducting their deliberations over the next day or so. Her new office hours start this week as set by the Board. She and Jennifer will be doing road work for the GIS grant over the next few days.

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

Sherry Croft	11587 Rapids	AG Pool
Mark Wannamaker	11236 Clarence Ctr	Shed
Edward Schaus	12275 Stage	Storage barn
Paul Hennessey	11621 Rapids	One Family Home
Don Kreher	13212 Main	Garage
Cornerstone Development	6149 Dye	Driveway
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Golden Pond Estates	Lot #215	Roof
Country Meadows	Lot #15	Roof
Shannon Cinotti	12296 Nice	2 barns
Kreher’s Egg Farm	13226 Main	Roof
James Sowinski	5988 Crittenden	Garage
Quarry Hill Estates	Lot #205	Roof
George Geyer	5420 Crittenden	Roof & siding

The Town Board accepted the report as presented. Councilman George questioned Christine Falkowski, of the Planning & Building Dept. about the moving of dirt he observed on the corner on Utley Road near Hunts Corners and whether a building permit had been filed for that lot. She stated she did not believe so, that she would check, and that the Planning Board recently approved a 2-lot minor subdivision at that site. Councilman George questioned fellow board members regarding a decision that was made previously on the major subdivision of that parcel where further splits would not be allowed due to the intersection’s culvert incapacity for drainage. He asked Christine to get him the file on the minor and major subdivision applications for that parcel.

**Town Clerk-** nothing to report

**Attorney for the Town** – nothing to report

**COUNCILPERSONS:**

**George-** nothing to report

**Finger-** not present

**Rooney-** Recreation interviews are going on right now and should be concluded this week.

**Esposito-** nothing to report

**SUPERVISOR-** The library bathrooms are basically complete with a few minor items left to complete. The Senior Director search is proceeding and 8 applications/resumes have been received with at least 4 very qualified applicants for consideration. The committee will start interviews after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Water District #10-** Phase 4/Consolidation- fluctuations in water pressure thru the town need to be addressed. A meeting is scheduled with ECWA to address these issues.

**Shared Public Works Facility Committee-** contract approvals are pending and the property closure is scheduled for very soon.

**GIS-** training is ongoing as well as scanning of documents.

**Grants-** nothing new to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Senior Clerk Salary Approval:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Esposito, seconded by Councilman George to approve the Senior Clerk salary adjustment to \$18.94/hour.

Cummings-Aye, George- Aye, Finger- Absent, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-Aye Carried

**Consolidation of Internet & Phone Services Approval:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilman George approving the proposal by Interweb Technology Group for consolidation of phone and internet services.

Cummings-Aye, George- Aye, Finger- Absent, Rooney -Aye, Esposito-Aye Carried

**Question Period-** no one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilwoman Esposito to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn D. Izydorzak, Town Clerk