Newstead Town Board Meeting- September 26, 2005

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, September 26, 2005 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present:  Gerald Summe- Supervisor  
Tom George- Councilman  
Harold Finger- Councilman  
Mark Decker- Councilman  
Dale Kruschke- Highway Superintendent  
Rebecca Baker- Assessor  
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer  
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney  
Dawn D. Izydorczak- Town Clerk  
Kathleen Lang- Deputy Town Clerk  

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Chaffee who is still in the hospital.

Nathan Neill led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on September 12, 2005 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept with correction of work session report was by Deputy Supervisor George. Carried

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A notice from Erie County Dept. of Environment & Planning announcing an electronics, computer & textile recycling day to be held Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Erie Community College South Campus in Orchard Park.

An update from the Erie County Department of Health on the West Nile Virus status in Erie County. There have been positive test sites located in south-west and south-central Amherst areas.

September report from Midstate Environmental Labs for WD#1 & WD#3 was received with all levels within acceptable ranges.

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

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that at the work session held September 19th the following issues were discussed: recreation budget, WD#10 issues, Water tank issues, joint facility study, highway budget, Sign Law amendment, building and inspection hours, GIS grant and 2006 health care rates.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve the budget transfers requested by Bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele in the amount of $4,100 from the contingent account to central printing and mailing for the purchase of a new copier. Carried

Approval of Bills -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #429 from the September 12, 2005 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #431 & 432. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered #1015- 1071, totaling $57,281.60 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.
Abstract Batch 431 & 432:
General Fund (A) -$31,877.95, Fund (B) $41.18, Highway (DA) -$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) $698.55, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- $50.00, CAP-Town Hall (HK)- $3,717.00, Highway Garage (HG)- $0, Fire Protection (SF) $0, Refuse (SR) $0, Sewer Fund (SS) $21.32, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- $241.10, and Water Districts (SW1) $0, (SW2) $700.00, (SW3) $0, (SW4) $437.50, (SW5) $12,500.00, (SW6) $4,862.50, (SW7) $0, (SW7A) $303.75, (SW8) $0, (SW9) $1,830.75, (SW10) $0, Trust & Agency(TA)- $0 Totaling $57,281.60.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – pick up of white goods and metals started today and progressing ahead of schedule. The concrete walk will be completed by end of week weather permitting at the Town Hall.

Assessor –Nothing to report at this time

Building Office –the following building report was presented by the Building Administrator Christine Falkowski:

Daryl Fronczak 12806 Brucker  Roof
Frank Pietrowski  7671 Moore  Pond
Stanley Tatara  4878 Schutt One Family Home
Anthony Tobolski 12033 Tonawanda Creek Roof
Tabernacle Baptist Church  5571 Crittenden Roof
Leisurewood Campground  5770 Cummings Roof
Rodney Burks  11840 Nice Windows
Stanley Tatara  4878 Schutt Pipe permit
Eric Sponholz  7842 Moore Garage/breezeway

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept and approve the Building Report and Unsafe Buildings Report as presented.

Carried

Town Clerk- School Tax bills are out and returning at a brisk pace. Peak hunting license sales will end this week.

Attorney for the Town –Nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS

Chaffee- Not present

George- Nothing at this time

Finger- Nothing at this time

Decker-Last Tuesday he held the Drainage Committee session and would like work session time to discuss some issues.

SUPERVISOR- The snowplow contract is in. He would like verbiage on the date to be changed but other than that it is a good contract. He attended the Association of Towns meeting. Hydropower issues were discussed and villages are not pleased with the proposals. He is pleased to announce that he has been selected as Liaison to Erie County Control Board and proud to have been recommended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10- There have been approximately 60 services installed. They have 2 crews installing 8-10 services per day. Certified third test section to start process. He is waiting on final plan on restoration. Large spoil piles will be out of ROW before snow flies.

Water Tank-Work continuing and the height is increasing.
Route 5 Zoning: This is coming along well. They are going to get the committee together this week.

Plumber’s License- This is ready for approved towards the end of the year.

Shared Public Works Facility Committee- The independent reviews will be finished by end of the week and a meeting scheduled for the first week in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lateral Restriction application- 4389 South Newstead Rd:
A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker approving the lateral restriction hardship exception application for the property located at 4389 South Newstead Rd.

Ayes-3  Nays-1  Carried

Lateral Restriction application- 6373 Dye Rd:
A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker approving the lateral restriction hardship exception application for the property located at 6373 Dye Rd.

Ayes-3  Nays-1  Carried

Purchase copy machine:
A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Finger to purchase a new copy machine for the clerk’s office and the first year maintenance contract.

Ayes-4  Nays-0  Carried

IRS Mileage Rate:
A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the town to follow the established IRS rate for mileage for all town employees. As their rate changes so shall the towns rate to match.

Ayes-4  Nays-0  Carried

Question Period- No one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk