Newstead Town Board Meeting - November 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, November 14, 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 has arrived home from the hospital today.

Dale Kruschke led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on October 24, 2005 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker to accept as presented. Carried

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A copy of a letter from Director of Senior Services Theo Abraham to the Newstead Fire Co. thanking them for their quick response to a medical emergency call at the Senior Center.

A fax transmission from Amherst Central Alarm office with the Call Report for October 2005 reporting 36 calls for Akron Fire Co. and 20 calls for Newstead Fire Co.

A Public Notice was received from the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning regarding the annual 30-day inclusion period for land-owners to request to have agricultural land included into the certified agricultural districts. The inclusion period runs from November 1, 2005 thru November 30, 2005. Applications are available at the Town Hall.

The Quarterly Report from BFI was received with 1,729+/- residential units collected with 536.67+/- tons of solid waste collected and 86.18 tons of co-mingled recyclables collected.

New brochures were received from the NYS Office of Consumer Services regarding effective ways to “Have an Energy Smart Winter” and conserve energy costs. They are available in the information center in the hallway.

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

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that at the work session held November 7th the following issues were discussed: meeting with Akron Soccer League Board, grant proposal fro Assessor’s office, WD#10 issues-Phase 1A & 1B, Phase 2, drainage update, shared facilities project, Time Warner proposal and Connector Trail grant.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the requested budget transfers per the memo dated 10/28/05 from Bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele. Carried
Approval of Bills – Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #446 from the October 24, 2005 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #452. Vouchers on this abstract numbered #1226-1322, totaling $345,665.53 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 452:
General Fund (A) -$19,472.50, Fund (B) $79.77, Highway (DA) -$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) $5,806.21, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- $288,964.82, CAP-Town Hall (HK)-$3,244.69, Highway Garage (HG)- $0, Fire Protection (SF) $2,540.64, Refuse (SR) $21,574.74, Sewer Fund (SS) $0, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- $151.20, and Water Districts (SW1) $10.00, (SW2) $88.44, (SW3) $10.00, (SW4) $112.56, (SW5) $2,420.04, (SW6) $305.52, (SW7) $426.12, (SW7A) $48.24, (SW8) $32.16, (SW9) $88.44, (SW10) $289.44, Trust & Agency(TA)- $0 Totaling $345,665.53.

Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Kruschke announced the promotion of Gary Baehr from summer seasonal employment to MEO Step 1 with a 6 month probationary period. Chips Forms have been submitted for reimbursement of $43,889.29

Assessor – Rebecca Baker stated she had nothing to report at this time

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

Richard Stachura 12320 Rapids One Family Home
Golden Pond Estates Lot #234, 236, 238, 240 Manufactured Homes
Golden Pond Estates Lot #242,244,246,248 Manufactured Homes
Golden Pond Estates Lot #250,252,254,256 Manufactured Homes
Golden Pond Estates Lot #258,260,261,262 Manufactured Homes
Golden Pond Estates Lot #263,264,265,266 Manufactured Homes
Golden Pond Estates Lot #267,268,269,270 Manufactured Homes
Gary Roth 6505 Draper Barn addition
Graziano 5428 S. Newstead Garage
Leonard Schie 4902 N. Millgrove Garage
Gary Bachowski 7920 Fletcher Coal stove
James Young 12341 McNeeley Garage
Phillip Kenline 8238 Greenbush Windows
Richard Stachura 12320 Rapids Garage
Ken Koehler 5771 Barnum Barn replacement
Kevin Clapp 13586 Carney Garage
Julie Mathews 12332 Meahl Garage
Brian Wight 7592 Scotland Ag storage
James Marfurt 4870 N. Millgrove Barn addition

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

Town Clerk - Voting machines have been certified by the Board of Elections and absentee and affidavit ballots will not be counted until sometime after November 21st. Last day of school tax collection for Niagara & Genesee County is November 15th and Erie County parcels are November 30th.
COUNCILPERSONS
Chaffee- Not present

George- Nothing at this time

Finger- Close up of buildings for the winter is nearly complete.

Decker- Nothing at this time

SUPERVISOR- Supervisor Summe asked the Town Clerk to run the annual appointments notice in the local paper. Annual letters for re-appointments will be mailed out by his office for next year. It will be up to the new Supervisor to address those re-appointments January 1, 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Water District #10- Phase 1A – Services and restorations finishing up in northern section of town.

Phase 1B – N. Millgrove to Nice Rd loop being worked on.

Phase 2- Surveyors and archaeological workers are out doing shovel tests. Cedar Street will be worked on just before or right after Sergi’s winter break. He will firm up a schedule with them.

Water Tank- Bowl construction starting soon.

Route 5 Zoning- Meeting tentatively scheduled for November 28th.

Shared Public Works Facility Committee- There were 12 firms that responded, were rated and scored. A presentation was done by the two final firms. Final cost proposal to be presented soon to finalize choice.

Other: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2006 Budget:
A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George approving the 2006 Budget dated 11/14/05 as presented.  
(Resolution Attached)  Ayes-4  Nays-0  Absent-1  Carried

GIS Cooperative Grant Approval:
A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker supporting and approving the application for a GIS Grant requesting funding for a joint project between the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron.  
(Resolution Attached)  Ayes-4  Nays-0  Absent-1  Carried

CDBG Consortium Proposal:
A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger regarding the CDBG proposal, opposing any change in the existing administrative structure of the Erie County Community Block Grant program and requesting that all other County municipalities support this resolution and forward it to the Erie County Legislature.  
(Resolution Attached)  Ayes-4  Nays-0  Absent-1  Carried
Amendment to Water Contract with Town of Alabama:
A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Decker approving the amendment to the Water Supply Agreement Contracts with the Town of Alabama, postponing the first date of payment to the thirteenth of the month following service from Erie County Water Authority and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the amendment contract.
(Resolution Attached)  Ayes-4  Nays-0  Absent-1  Carried

Time Warner Cable Hook-up Approval:
A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George to approve Time Warner Cable hook-up thru Pembroke to Indian Falls Road with franchise fees to be paid to Town of Newstead.
Ayes-4  Nays-0  Absent-1  Carried
Supervisor Summe stated that the town’s Bookkeeper Kathy Strobele, a very hardworking, dedicated employee, was due for the available $.65 incentive raise.

Bookkeeper Incentive Raise:
A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman George approving a $.65 incentive raise for Bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele.
Ayes-4  Nays-0  Absent-1  Carried
Supervisor Summe thanked the Board and stated that Kathy is an outstanding employee and very deserving of the raise.

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 8:33 PM.
Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk