Newstead Town Board Meeting- November 24, 2014

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 8:00pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
Justin Rooney- Councilman
James Mayrose- Councilman
Donald York- Councilman
John Jendrowski- Councilman
Nathan Neill- Attorney for the Town
Mike Bassanello- Highway Supt
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk
Jennifer Heberling- Deputy Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Town Attorney Neill led the pledge to the flag.

Councilman Mayrose made a motion, seconded by Councilman York to appoint John Jendrowski, Jr. to the position of Town Councilman, who won the position through election, to serve the remaining term left vacant by Councilwoman Whiting through December 31, 2017, subject to certification of the election by the Erie County Board of Elections. Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Cummings welcomed Councilman Jendrowski to the Board and stated there is a wealth of knowledge from his fellow board members, the town hall staff and the members of the Planning Board and Zoning Boards and he encouraged Councilman Jendrowski to ask questions and use those resources. Everyone is here to help him in any way they can.

Minutes from the previous regular meeting held on November 10, 2014 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman Rooney to approve as presented. Carried Unanimously

Minutes from the special meeting held on November 17, 2014 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman York to approve as presented. Carried Unanimously

Agenda Changes – no additions, the board will not act on the windmill law amendments tonight as per the agenda

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A letter from Time Warner Cable notifying the town of the programmers and service providers they are currently in negotiations with for service.

A letter from Erie County Commissioner of Public Works John Loffredo regarding a new County policy on certain County roadways.

A letter from the NYSDOT regarding the towns request for a traffic study at Rt. 5 & Rt.93 rendering a decision to establish a “no parking at any time” restriction on both the north and south sides of Rt.5 500’ east of Rt.93 and 650’ west of Rt. 93 as well as on the west side of Rt. 93 for a distance of 450’ north of Rt. 5. They will install the signs as their regional maintenance crews scheduling permits.

A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman York to accept and file the presented correspondence. Carried Unanimously

Work Session: The Supervisor reported that at the work session held last week the following issues were discussed: no work session but a short special meeting. A multi-board training session was held.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one spoke
Budget Transfers: a motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman Rooney approving the budget transfers per memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 11/24/14. Carried Unanimously

Approval of Bills – Councilman Mayrose reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #1449 plus postage epayment from the November 10, 2014 meeting have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch(es) #1453 for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered from 1169 – 1200, totaling $309,819.34. Councilman York seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #1453:
General Fund (A) -$155,158.99, General Fund- Outside Village (B) $19,063.12, Highway (DA) -$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) $78,534.13, CAP-Murder Creek (HM) $36,042.53, CAP- Scotland Rd (HS) $963.60, CAP- Water Improvement (HW) -$4,293.74, CAP Water-Downey (HW01)- $4,526.66, Drainage (SD)- $0, Fire Protection (SF) $5,000.00, Refuse (SR) $0, Sewer Fund (SS) $25.62, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- $6,165.23, Trust & Agency(TA)- $0 and Water Districts: Consolidated (SW00) $45.72, (SW1) $0, (SW2) $0, (SW3) $0, (SW4) $0, (SW5) $0, (SW6) $0, (SW7) $0, (SW7A) $0, (SW8) $0, (SW9) $0, (SW10) $0 Total: $309,819.34 Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – Mike reported that over Tuesday through Wednesday the crews did a great job getting the roads cleared in the southern part of town. They also went to Darien to assist them one day and to Alden to assist them for four days with the blower. They completed a ditching project over by Dande Farms and addressed flooding concerns of a Buckwheat Rd resident. Mike picked up 1,000 sand bags for any potential flooding problems.

Supervisor Cummings commented that the towns expenses throughout the storm were tracked by Mike and Disaster Coordinator Glenn Joachimiak so that if any reimbursement is available through FEMA the town can recoup some of those expenses. The nice thing in a situation such as this big storm is every one of the towns help each other out. That’s how we get it done in western New York and Erie County.

Assessor – no report was presented.

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

Curtis Mohr 11831 Clarence Center Pole Barn
Michael Gerstung 7184 Maple Solar Panels

The Town Board accepted the report as presented.

Town Clerk - nothing at this time

Attorney for the Town – Nathan thanked Matt Plunkett for taking his time to come out and participate in the boards training seminar. He did a really nice job with his presentation.

COUNCILPERSONS:

Rooney – he stayed in contact with Assistant Disaster Coordinator Dan Kowalik throughout the snow storm. He had a parks meeting with the Akron Soccer League and baseball league reps, attended a meeting with the EMS committee and thanked all local workers and citizens for all their hard work during the storm, especially the first responders who gave up their time to help others.

Mayrose – he thanked Mike and the crews for all their hard work during the storm. He also attended the parks meeting, the multi-board training session, and the health insurance meeting for the employees.
York – he thanked the highway crews and first responders for their hard work during the storm. People came together and got things done.

Jendrowski – he attended the multi-board training session and found it helpful. He thanked the board members for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

Supervisor- he attended the October Supervisors meeting, the employee insurance meeting, a meeting with County Line Stone, a meeting with the grant writers and agreed to extend the deadline for the RFP’s for the bike path project due to the storm. He also stayed in touch with the Disaster Coordinators and Mike for updates throughout the storm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Joint Facility- nothing new
Planning Projects- they are reviewing the town fee schedule for 2015
Conservation issues- Murder Creek- nothing new
Water projects- nothing new

NEW BUSINESS:
Public Hearing- Wind Turbine-8249 Greenbush Rd: A motion was made by Councilman York, seconded by Councilman Rooney approving the calling of a public hearing on the request for a special use permit/site plan for a 140’ wind turbine at 8249 Greenbush Rd owned by Toby Schrock, to be held on December 8, 2014 at 7:55pm at the town hall and authorizing the Clerk to publish notification.
(Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, York-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried Unanimously

Approval- Contract for GIS Support Services: A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman York approving the contract with Wendel for a GIS support services project in an amount not to exceed $1,000.00 and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the contract.
(Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, York-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing- Local Law #8 of 2014- Dog Law Amendments: A motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilman Mayrose approving the calling of a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law, to be held on December 8, 2014 at 7:40pm at the town hall and authorizing the Clerk to publish notification.
(Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, York-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried Unanimously

Approve-Change in Meeting Date: A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman York approving the change in the scheduled meeting dates as follows: Dec. 16- work session at 7:30pm.
Cummings-Aye, Rooney-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, York-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried Unanimously

Privilege of the Floor/Question Period: no one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilman Mayrose to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32pm.
Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC, Town Clerk