

Newstead Town Board Meeting- August 10, 2020

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
Edmund Burke- Councilman
John Jendrowski- Councilman
Joseph Dugan- Councilman
Brendan Neill- Town Attorney
Emily Janicz- Assistant Town Attorney
Michael Bassanello- Highway Supt.
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Highway Supt. Bassanello led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 27, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke to approve as presented.
Carried

Agenda Changes – a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to make the following agenda changes: remove resolution A. and add a motion to hire PT parks assistant
Carried

Communications – The Clerk presented the following correspondence:

Notices were received from Charter Communications announcing programming changes coming in September.

A letter was received from resident John Whelan at 8053 Maple Rd notifying the Town of his request to apply for funding through the NY RESTORE grant program.

A letter was received from NYS Department of State notifying the Town that Local Law #1 of 2020 was received and filed on July 24, 2020.

The semi-annual report was received from the Town Historian.

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to accept and file the presented correspondence.
Carried

Work Session: The Supervisor reported work session was held last week where the following items were discussed: a presentation for a girl scout project was made by Kara Meyer, water & sewer project updates, planning item updates, building issue updates, grant updates, LOSAP, Property purchase, gas well, Court issues, National Grid pole, Newstead pottery discussion, plus any other items brought before the Board. The Board entered an executive session at 7:38pm on a motion by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to discuss contractual issues pertaining to the gas well purchase, fire contracts and a personnel matter regarding hiring for a part time position. The Board exited executive session at 8:10pm having taken no action, on a motion from Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one spoke

Budget transfers: a motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan to approve the budget transfer(s) as presented in a memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 8/10/20.
Carried

Approval of Bills – Councilman Jendrowski reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2055 have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He

presented Abstract Batch(es) #2059 for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 808-855, totaling \$167,728.24. Councilman Dugan seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2059:

General Fund (A)-\$18,570.62, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$100.88, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$1,117.65, CAP- Scotland Rd (HS)-\$965.82, CAP- Koepsel Rd (HW)-\$4,367.20, CAP Water-Downey Rd (HW01)-\$545.90, CAP- Water Cedar (HW02)-\$524.90, CAP-Water Knapp (HW03)-\$7,774.55, CAP- Bike Path (HTG)-\$314.94, Drainage (SD)-\$0, Fire Protection (SF)-\$100,111.00, Refuse (SR)-\$31,341.52, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$1,169.76, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$258.50, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$560.50, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Consolidated Water (SW00)-\$4.50, WD1(SW1)- \$0, WD2(SW2)- \$0, WD3(SW3)- \$0, WD4(SW4)- \$0, WD5(SW5)- \$0, WD6(SW6)- \$0, WD7(SW7)- \$0, WD7A(SW7A)- \$0, WD8(SW8)- \$0, WD9(SW9)- \$0, WD10(SW10)- \$0; Total:\$167,728.24 Carried

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – a report was presented from the Highway Supt as follows: the crew has been field ditching on S Newstead, McNeeley & Draper Roads, mowed the parks, completed road side and field ditch mowing, helped Darien, Elma, Lancaster & Pembroke with projects, installed plastic shields for the Courts at Town Hall, hauled clean #2 stone to Veteran’s Park for a road project, broomed & mowed the bike path and put up “No Parking” signs on Cummings Rd. He also reported they are tentatively starting the McNeeley Rd project on August 20th which should be a 1-day job. They have also secured the necessary permits for addressing beaver dam issues.

Assessor – Tina reported she still has received only 2 small claims petitions. She has also been able to correct a potential Article 7 case due to receiving a wetland delineation of the property.

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

Steven Hill	12926 Carney	Addition, Deck & Siding
Rock Garden Properties LLC	11825 Main	Demolition of Home
Jennifer Anderson	11536 Meahl	Roof
Bryan Richardson	12553 Clarence Center	Roof
Brian Zastempowski	11881 Meahl	AG pool
5720 Cummings Rd Inc	Lot 114	Roof

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

Town Clerk- Dawn will be out for a week after having surgery. Jennifer will be in charge.

Town Attorney(s) – nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski- he addressed the faucet and doors issues at the Library and spoke with a Stage Rd resident again regarding updates on the road ditching issue in his area.

Dugan – he has been communicating with Chief Wideman at Newstead Fire Co regarding setting up a fire contract negotiations meeting. He and Councilman Jendrowski will be meeting with him tentatively Thursday August 13th at 4:00pm.

Burke – he spoke with a resident inquiring the status of the solar project at Main Rd. He also lobbied a school board member regarding the school’s acceptance and approval of the Borrego Solar projects PILOT.

Supervisor- he attended the first in person Supervisors meeting in East Aurora in many months. 14 towns were in attendance. He stated it is very interesting how differently all the towns are operating at this time. Many Clerk’s offices are still not open to the public yet, where ours has been open since June 1st. The Town Court reopened for in person court last Wednesday, August 5th with little issue. He addressed several residents concerns regarding Limerick Hall bat issue and road issues. Budget

meetings with department heads will begin next Monday at work session. He sat in on interviews for the PT parks assistant position with Dawn, Mike and Jim Akin today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings- library faucets done and door issue in progress, limerick hall lease just needs an insurance policy from group, limerick hall bats report, Denio- Brad coming to tear apart wall this week and give an estimate of problem

Planning- Planning Board to give comments on AirBnB law, solar issues should be worked out in week to 10 days, Kathryn Drive issue- a letter has been sent & received by resident so we are waiting for a response, Maple Rd demolition in 60 day waiting period, several large commercial expansions are going to be coming through from the Planning Board soon.

Water/Sewer- nothing new from State on grant and nothing new on the Cedar St project. ADESA final "as built" plans and documents were delivered to Dawn tonight for Town, Village & ADESA.

Grants- nothing new

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval- Girl Scout Project- Trailways:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the proposed Gold Award Girl Scout project by Kara Meyer for pet waste receptacles to be placed along the bike path with Kara to maintain the receptacles for 1 year after placement.

Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried

Appointment- Marriage Officer:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski approving the appointment of Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer Herberger as a Marriage Officer for the Town effective immediately and thru December 31, 2020.

Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried

Approval- Hire Parks Assistant (PT):

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the hiring of Dale Gooch as Parks Assistant (PT) for the Town effective immediately at a rate of \$14.00/hour.

Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye Carried

Privilege of the Floor/Question Period: no one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board for the regular meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47pm. Carried

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