

Newstead Town Board Meeting- December 28, 2020

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor
Edmund Burke- Councilman
John Jendrowski- Councilman
Joseph Dugan- Councilman
Patricia Pope- Councilwoman
Dawn Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Councilman Jendrowski led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on December 14, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Pope to approve as presented.
Carried Unanimously

Agenda Changes – none

Communications – The Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A letter was received from Charter Communications regarding changes in programming and services effective January 19, 2021.

A letter was received from Erie County Department of Public Works regarding the town’s request for an all way stop sign at Carney Rd & Cedar St. After completion of a traffic study at the intersection, the County has denied the request for a 4-way stop. They are now continuing with the speed study portion of the request and will respond back to the town once their recommendations have been established.

A letter was received from the NYS Unified Court System with their annual request for an audit of the Newstead Court records for 2020.

A notice was received from the Town of Alden for an upcoming public hearing on the rezoning of a property at Broadway and Two Rod Rd.

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

Work Session: The Supervisor reported no work session was held last week due to the holiday but the following items were discussed prior to tonight’s meeting: water and sewer project updates, planning item updates, building issue updates, grant updates, gas well purchase update, drainage issues, Court issues, 2021 items, plus any other items brought before the Board.

Agenda Items Question Period: no one present to speak

Budget transfers: a motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to approve the budget transfer(s) as presented in a memo from Bookkeeper Colleen Salmon dated 12/28/20.
Carried Unanimously

Approval of Bills – Councilman Burke reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2089, 2092, 2093 and transfer for postage have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch(es) #2096 plus USDA payments for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 1327- 1365, totaling \$35,630.72. Councilman Jendrowski seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2096 plus USDA payments:
General Fund (A)-\$14,539.80, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$84.02, Highway (DA) -\$0,
Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$386.11, Drainage (SD)-\$0, Fire Protection (SF)-\$0, Refuse (SR)-

\$15,466.39, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$5.10, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$11.50, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$0, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Consolidated Water (SW00)-\$4,136.99, WD1(SW1)- \$0, WD2(SW2)- \$0, WD3(SW3)- \$0, WD4(SW4)- \$0, WD5(SW5)- \$0, WD6(SW6)- \$0, WD7(SW7)- \$1,000.81, WD7A(SW7A)- \$0, WD8(SW8)- \$0, WD9(SW9)- \$0, WD10(SW10)- \$0;
 Total:\$35,630.72 Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway – no report submitted

Assessor – no report submitted

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

Shawn Vandegenachte	12451 McNeeley	Fill/pond
CMK Builders of Alden	11623 Howe	One Family Home
Buffalo Solar Solutions	12292 Clarence Ctr	Solar power farm
Steven Hill	12926 Carney	Shed

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

Town Clerk- Dawn will be out of town for 2 weeks in January and then quarantining but working from home for another week. Jennifer will be in charge.

Town Attorney(s) – not present

COUNCILPERSONS:

Jendrowski- nothing at this time

Dugan – he spoke with Chief Wideman regarding response/call out conflicts occurring at certain intersections between the Newstead Fire Co and Akron Fire Co. They will be meeting/speaking to the EMS Coordinators, the Akron Fire Chief and Amherst Alarm Service to discuss these conflicts and come up with a resolution. He also spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer on an unsafe building on Rapids Rd, which the CEO has already sent out a letter regarding.

Burke – he met with Councilwoman Pope to show her how to review the vouchers and answer any questions she might have.

Pope- nothing at this time

Supervisor- he attended virtual meetings with the Erie County Executive, a virtual meeting with NextEra on their project updates(a spring start is anticipated), spoke with Erie County Water Authority regarding the pump station proposed at the water tank location, met with the grant writers, spoke with the NYSDOT regarding placing a light pole at the Buell St crossing of the bike path. After a review was done, the DOT decided they will be erecting the lighting with all costs to be through the grant at an estimated cost of \$25,000-\$30,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buildings- Councilman Jendrowski has not heard back from Brad yet, but he repaired some of the blocks himself using masonry caulk/adhesive.

Planning- NextEra provided project updates to the town and the bond has been secured for the gas well purchase so we are 99% ready for the transfer to take place.

Water- Erie County Water Authority confirmed they are looking at placing a pump station on Main Rd in front of the water tower location.

Grants- the NYS DOT conducted a 3-office review of the Buell Street crossing of the bike path and decided lighting is warranted at the crossing just like at Cummings Rd. The DOT will be erecting lighting at an estimated cost of \$25,000-\$30,000 through the trailway's grant monies, which should be up and installed by next fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution – Wendel GIS Contact Renewal 2021:

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the proposed contract renewal with Wendel (and ESRI) for GIS services for 2021, subject to the terms set forth in the resolution and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the agreements.

(Resolution) Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Pope- Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval- Recreation Spring Program cancellation:

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Pope approving the cancellation of all recreation program activities, including suspension of all salaries through the spring of 2021. Until such time as the potential for a summer program can be evaluated and decided on no salaries are to be paid out.

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

Privilege of the Floor/Question Period: no one present to speak

Supervisor Cummings reminded everyone that the Organizational Meeting is on January 4th at 7:00pm with a work session to follow.

There being no further business to come before the board for the regular meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Pope to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42pm. Carried Unanimously

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