

## Newstead Town Board Meeting- March 9, 2020

The Board entered executive session at 7:20pm to discuss a contractual issue on a motion from Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci. Carried Unanimously

The Board exited executive session on a motion by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Burke at 7:34pm, having taken no action. Carried Unanimously

A regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:36pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: David Cummings- Supervisor  
Edmund Burke- Councilman  
John Jendrowski- Councilman  
Joseph Dugan- Councilman  
Jeannine Morlacci- Councilwoman  
Brendan Neill- Town Attorney  
Emily Janicz- Assistant Town Attorney  
Scott Rybarczyk- Town Engineer  
Dawn Izydorzak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Supervisor Cummings led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 24, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilwoman Morlacci to approve as presented. Carried Unanimously

**Agenda Changes** – a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan to make the following agenda changes: add a correcting resolution on the NextEra contract Carried Unanimously

**Communications** – The Clerk presented the following correspondence:

A letter from Charter Communications notifying the town of a new channel that will be launched on March 24<sup>th</sup> called the Bull Dog Shopping Network.

A request for a beer/wine permit was received from Betty Klawer for a family reunion at Veteran's Park on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

A notice of public hearing was received from the Town of Alden regarding amendments to the town's Zoning Law and Zoning map for a parcel of land on Walden Ave.

A notification of submission of application for the Heritage Wind Project was received for a planned project in the Town of Barre.

A notification of a seminar was received for "Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts II" to be held March 30-April 2 in Oriskany, NY.

The annual Dog Control Officer Inspection Report and Municipal Shelter Inspection Report were completed on 2/19/2020 with everything found to be in Satisfactory order.

A letter was received from National Fuel requesting any planned Public Improvement Projects within the town for the 2020 season be reported to them.

A letter was received from Akron Soccer League requesting use of the Skyline Park & Veteran's Park for the 2020 Soccer season and specifically May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual Kick-it First Soccer Tournament. The season will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>-October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 that no work session was held last week however, the following items were discussed prior to tonight’s meeting: water & sewer project updates, planning item updates, building issue updates, rant updates, highway issues plus any other items brought before the Board.

**Agenda Items Question Period:** no one was present to speak

**Budget transfers:** none

**Approval of Bills** – Councilman Burke reported that the Abstract(s) from Batch(es) #2013 & 2015 have been reviewed with the previously un-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch(es) #2024 for payment. Vouchers on this abstract(s) numbered 209-253, totaling \$67,299.26. Councilman Dugan seconded to approve payment as follows:

Abstract Batch(es) #2024:

General Fund (A)-\$25,835.65, General Fund- Outside Village (B)-\$1,407.29, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB)-\$36,420.28, CAP-SEW 1 Rehab (HAR)-\$1,712.66, CAP- Bike Path (HTG)-\$0, CAP- Water Improvement (HW)-\$0, CAP Water-Downey (HW01)-\$0, CAP- Water-Cedar (HW02)-\$0, CAP- Water-Knapp- (HW03)-\$0, Drainage (SD)-\$0, Fire Protection (SF)-\$0, Refuse (SR)-\$0, Sewer #1 Fund (SS)-\$1,066.13, Sewer District #2 (SS02)-\$245.00, Sewer District #3 (SS03)-\$607.75, Trust & Agency(TA)-\$0 and Water Districts: Consolidated (SW00)-\$4.50, (SW1) \$0, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$0, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$0, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, (SW10) \$0; Total:\$67,299.26 Carried Unanimously

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Highway** – not present, no report

**Assessor** – Tina’s report was presented by the Supervisor stating change in assessment notices will go out at the beginning of March and informal hearings will start the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March thru the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April.

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

Glenn Buckley	7429 Sandhill	Geothermal System
Lindsey Douglass	5605 Cummings	Roof
Nancy Carroll	5053 S Newstead	Generator
Newstead Park Associates	5675 Buell St	Greenhouse
Douglas Geiger	13382 Steiner	Remodel/renovation
Mary Ellen Orcutt	11918 Meahl	Generator
Steven Bielak	5062 Havenwood	One Family Home

The Town Board accepted the building report as presented.

**Town Clerk-** nothing at this time

**Town Attorney(s)** – nothing at this time

**COUNCILPERSONS:**

**Jendrowski-** he spoke with Ross at NuPipe about scheduling the Town Hall inspections, spoke with a resident regarding the Indian Falls Rd waterline project, spoke with Jon Cummings about fixing the drainage issue at the Town Hall sidewalk, spoke with a contractor that will be doing the headstone restoration work with him at Maple Lawn cemetery with the Historical Society, addressed a leak at the Library’s water fountain, met with Christine & Dave miller regarding the Casillio/Perry’s roadway request and had a good conversation with Doc & Mike B. on the truck replacement issue.

**Dugan** – nothing at this time

**Burke** – he thanked John for the tutorial on the task of processing of vouchers. He also stated the information and new data received from Mike during their conversation about the trucks replacement program was very helpful.

**Morlacci**- she spoke with Chris Whitmarsh about putting the town sign back up at the corner of Hake & Lewis. He approved that once spring is here and they finish up some landscaping. She also spoke with the Girl Scout Troop who reached out to help with the dog park idea. They will work together first on the possible Brooklyn St site or upper John St as a backup site. She was also approached about possible Hometown Hero banners to be hung along Buell St light poles coming from the Town into the Village. The town does not own those poles. It would have to be okayed by National Grid.

**Supervisor**- the January Supervisor’s Report is on file with the Town Clerk. He attended a seminar hosted by County officials regarding the coronavirus, addressed water issues, spoke with the bank regarding drops in rates and he and Colleen will be meeting with 3+1 this week on investments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Buildings**- they are starting work at the Denio tomorrow, the baseball league would like to add a cupola to the Stan Victor Pavilion building and do some landscaping around it, limerick hall lease should be ready for review at the next work session, and the library sidewalk is done and now addressing fountain leak.

**Planning**- unsafe building notices went out and responses are pending

**Water/Sewer**- Scott thanked Supervisor Cummings for reaching out to the NYSDOH on the waterline grant. They are back working on the ADESA sewer project and expect to test/start up the system by Thursday. Cedar St pump station locations are to be discussed with the Supervisor.

**Grants**- park & generator are waiting for approvals. Trailways is awaiting final figures. Culvert study information has been received and we can begin to move forward. Scott will work with mike to come up with a work plan for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Opposition to Governor’s Proposal:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Burke issuing strong opposition to the Governor’s proposal “Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act”, which will totally usurp and diminish local home rule, local zoning codes, local planning and local waterfront revitalization plans. The town wants this amendment removed from the final State Budget document.

(Resolution attached) Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye  
Carried Unanimously

**Approval- Beer/wine permit request:**

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Dugan approving the request for a beer/wine permit as requested by Betty Klawer at Veteran’s Park on July 18, 2020 for a family reunion.

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

**Approval- Akron Soccer League Requests for 2020:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Morlacci, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski approving the request by Akron Soccer League to use Skyline Park & Veteran’s Park for their May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Kick-it First Tournament as well as the 2020 soccer season from April 1<sup>st</sup>- October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Approval- Correcting Resolution for NextEra Contract:**

A motion was made by Councilman Dugan, seconded by Councilman Burke approving the corrected “Host Community Benefit Agreement” by and between the Town and NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc dated January 27, 2020 for a proposed development project to construct approximately 20 miles of overhead 345-kilovolt transmission line through the town.

(Resolution attached) Cummings-Aye, Dugan-Aye, Burke-Aye, Jendrowski-Aye, Morlacci-Aye  
Carried Unanimously

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

There being no further business to come before the board for the regular meeting a motion was made by Councilwoman Morlacci, seconded by Councilman Dugan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03pm.  
Carried Unanimously

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