

## Newstead Town Board Meeting- August 8, 2005

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, August 8, 2005 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe, Supervisor  
Harold Finger- Councilman  
Mark Decker- Councilman  
Dale Kruschke- Highway Superintendent  
Rebecca Baker- Assessor  
Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator  
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer  
Dawn D. Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Chaffee who is still in the hospital and Councilman George who is on vacation.

Dan Seider led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on July 25, 2005 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker as presented.  
Carried

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

Water Sampling Reports were received from Midstate Environmental Labs for Water Districts #1 & #3 with all levels being within acceptable ranges.

A letter from Senator Mary Lou Rath was received thanking the Newstead Town Board for their resolution passed on July 11, 2005 regarding pension reform.

A notification from the Erie County Department of Health was received regarding their summer rabies vaccine bait drop program which started on July 30, 2005 and will continue through September 12, 2005.

A fax transmission from Amherst Central Alarm office reporting the July 2005 calls for Akron Fire Co.- 46 and the Newstead Fire Co.- 28.

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

**Work Session:** Supervisor Summe reported that at the work session held August 1<sup>st</sup> the following issues were discussed: signage in the Rt. 5 overlay zone, assessment challenges, building dept. issues, WD#10 issues, Water tank issues, WD#10 and WD#6 boundary issues, RFP joint facility study, Village water rate increase, review of businesses in the R-A district, Right to Farm Law

**Privilege of the Floor** – Robert Scheib, 51 Brooklyn Street, made a presentation to the Board and those present giving updates on past projects that have been completed or are in progress and then proposed some future projects and issues that he feels need to be addressed for residents safety. He discussed the clean-up underway at the Main Rd tire pile, Drainage issues, the airport crosswind runway, the Buell, Brooklyn, Mechanic & Jackson Street intersections, issues with the Pixley's property regarding improper signage and lack of sidewalks for pedestrians, and the possible future purchase of a local van service for senior citizens.

**Approval of Bills** -Councilman Decker reported that the Abstract from Batch #417 from the July 25, 2005 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. He presented Abstract Batch #419 & 420. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered #841 & 842-892, totaling \$673,157.32 and were presented for payment approval by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 419 & 420:

General Fund (A) -\$20,410.21, Fund (B) \$90.00, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$3,078.06, Capital Projects: CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$558,837.76, Town Hall (HK)- \$3,986.57, Highway Garage (HG)- \$0, Fire Protection (SF) \$70,892.33, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS) \$9,586.87, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$0, and Water Districts (SW1) \$0, (SW2) \$88.44, (SW3) \$2,754.00, (SW4) \$112.56, (SW5) \$2,420.04, (SW6) \$305.52, (SW7) \$426.12, (SW7A) \$48.24, (SW8) \$32.16, (SW9) \$88.44, (SW10) \$0, Trust & Agency(TA)- \$0 Totaling \$673,157.32.

Carried

## **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Highway** – work on cross culverts and ditching done but they will be helping the Village on a couple projects for a few more days before equipment is returned. A safety inspection was performed on the highway garage by NYMIR which they passed with only one minor correction which has been completed.

The Supervisor informed the Highway Supt. that he received a letter from the Village DPW thanking the town for their help on the recent Main Street project and remarked on the town highway employee's extreme professionalism and their work ethic.

**Assessor** – ORPS has announced our new equalization rate as 100%. 2 residential small claims actions have been received which will require no counsel. 4 commercial Article 7 claims have been received on which counsel needs to be retained as soon as possible. Starting mobile home park inventory work and commercial inventory work for next revaluation cycle.

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

Eric Cebulski	12881 Carney	One Family Home
Cliff Albrecht	7882 Brackett	Addition
Brett Arno	5435 Barnum	One Family Home
Golden Pond Estates	Lot #66	Roof
Kelly Schultz	11167 Main	Retail/storage bldg
Robert Simon	6337 Dye	I.G. Pool
Michael Shields	12690 Main	Pole barn
Aaron Muck	11211 Keller	Pole barn
Robert Nagel	7871 Maple	Windows/roof/siding
ACP Partnership	12891 Koepsel	Windows/Roof
Golden Pond Estates	Lot #101	Roof
William Earle	12505 Meahl	Remodel
Robert Niescier	12249 Meahl	One Family Home
Scott Kelkenberg	V/L Miland	Pipe permit
Brett Arno	5435 Barnum	Fill permit

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

Carried

**Town Clerk**- Presented Dog Control Officers reports for May, June & July.

**Attorney for the Town** – Title insurance has been received on water tank property, but search not received yet.

## **COUNCILPERSONS**

**Chaffee**- Not present

**George**- Not present

**Finger-** Met with Senior Coordinator over building use and the rapid increase in usage of the senior center facilities. Additional cleanings will be needed for the summer months when the center tends to be busier.

**Decker-** Nothing at this time

**SUPERVISOR-** Updated those present on Councilman Chaffee's condition. He has been receiving e-mails from persons with no return addresses available. Every endeavor is made to respond to these e-mails as well as any other type of a request that is made of any of the town's departments. Communications to the public are of the utmost importance to our employees if they are valid communications with valid concerns and real information is needed, however, invalid requests by fictional persons cannot be responded to.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Water District #10/Water Tank-** disinfection procedures underway with bacterial test to follow. Once okayed connections will be made and water will be accessible.

Tank- they are putting up the concrete shaft, which will take approximately 3 months.

**Route 5 Zoning-** moving along. A successful meeting was held last week. The booklets look great. The supervisor thanked Becky, Christine & Jennifer for all their hard work to get them ready.

**Plumber's License-** on hold until the end of year.

**Shared Public Works Facility Committee-** RFP's are being picked up. Process moving along with a September 29<sup>th</sup> deadline for RFP's to be submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Support Erie County Road Patrols:**

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Decker issuing the town's support for continued Erie County Sheriff's road patrols to town's in need without additional monetary contributions by those town's being assessed.

(Resolution Attached)      Ayes- 3      Nays- 0      Carried

**Hire Article 7 Counsel:**

A motion was made by Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the hire of Ronald P. Bennett as counsel for the town in two commercial Article 7 proceedings against the town.

(Resolution Attached)      Ayes- 3      Nays- 0      Carried

**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 8:42 PM.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn D. Izydorzak, Town Clerk