

Newstead Town Board Meeting- September 23, 2002

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, September 23, 2002 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00 PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe – Supervisor
David Cummings- Councilman
Tom George- Councilman
Joan M. Glor- Councilwoman
Harold L. Finger- Councilman
Donnal Folger- Code Enforcement Officer
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer
Kathleen McLeod Lang- Deputy Clerk
Christine Falkowski-Assessor Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Louis Nanni led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on September 9, 2002 were presented for approval as well as minutes for a public hearing held on September 16, 2002. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Communications -Deputy Clerk presented the following:

A copy of the Akron Village Board meeting minutes for September 9, 2002 were received.

A copy of the 4th quarter Western New York Materials Exchange catalog was received from Wendel Duchscherer.

A memo from Wendel Duchscherer regarding the site plan review and their comments on the Buffalo Well Drilling laboratory, Rothland's Golf Course project and C & E Furniture & Floor Covering project.

A Monthly Activity Report from the Erie County Sheriff's Office reporting the calls for August 2002 for Newstead- 117.

A copy of a letter from Wendel Duchscherer to Sergi Construction regarding the waterline restoration schedule and procedures for Water District 5- Phase 2.

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to receive and file correspondence as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that a work session was held on September 16, 2002 and the following were discussed: the Library Board, the Comprehensive Master Plan and GIS with Wendel, Water District 5- Phase 2 and 3, Refuse issues, Sewer issues, LOSAP proposals for the fire companies, the Radio Tower, proposed Unsafe Building and Property Law, the Budget and health insurance issues among other issues were discussed. A brief meeting was held to schedule a public hearing on Community Development Block Grant funding

Privilege of the Floor:
Airport Zone

Robert Scheib – 51 Brooklyn

- Wrote the recent “Sound Out” letter in the Akron Bugle. Non-subscribers to the Akron Bugle may not be aware of the rezoning issue.
- The Newstead Town News, that was included with the school tax bills, contained one sentence “Town Board hiring a consultant and is looking to create an airport zoning classification”. There was no mention of the main runway taxiway expansion, helipad or crosswind runway. He felt that a matter of this importance should have a better method of dispensing information for all residents.
- If his perception (as stated in the letter) of the proposed work on the crosswind runway designated 11-29 is not correct, please correct him.
- Please answer and address his point of the “no fly zone” over the schools.
- Seven additional areas of concern that this project may generate:
 1. Increase in the number of propeller aircraft.
 2. Possibility of accommodating jet-fueled powered aircraft
 3. Creation and/or expansion of a fuel depot to supply more propeller aircraft and jet-fueled aircraft.
 4. Fire protection – additional fire-fighting equipment plus training of local firefighters and surrounding fire companies. Also, Buffalo Airport’s response time is at least 45 minutes should they be needed.
 5. Will Scotland Road eventually be eliminated, and will a tunnel be created such as the main runway over Aero Drive?
 6. Newspaper articles indicate a planned increase in the number of “touch and go” sequences. This means there will be more training of future pilots here. A scary thought to those of us concerned about the Akron area and Akron School campus.
 7. Our school district must plan and practice additional disaster/evacuation drills.
- How does this project, and perhaps future expansion, fit into the Town’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan?
- How could this affect the school not only Monday – Friday, but also weekend sports activities? The September 11, 2001 tragedy killed 3,003 people. Consider the consequences of an accident at Akron Central that will eventually contain 4,000 human beings at one location.

Lou Nanni – 55 East Avenue

- Christian Airman have already eliminated the “touch & go” sequences
- Larger planes now do make a lot of noise
- 2 – 3 pilots training can ruin a nice day
- Night operations – (Sundays at 2:30 AM, 3:30 AM, 4:30 AM) have stopped
- Where will the helicopter pad go? He suggested the other side of Scotland Road, even though it may be inconvenient to the pilots
- Some planes are much noisier than others; please control the amount of noise (replace two-bladed props or shorter blades)
- When will the \$2.9 Million go on the tax roll?
- Assessed value:

1998 - \$496,000 AV
1999 - \$483,000 AV (decreased)
2001 - \$498,000 AV
2002 - \$549,800 AV

The airport’s assessed value increased only 10% over five years, whereas his property’s assessed value went up 27% in one year (with the improvement of a solarium).

- He reiterated his main concern was noise reduction

Dale Chevacci – 113 John Street

- Drainage problem when it rains
- Since 9/11, what security do we have for the airport?
- Kids fool around up there at night

Henry Backes –15 Shephard Avenue

- Unhappy with the traffic volume on weekends and stated that his concerns are similar to those of Mr. Nanni and Mr. Chevacci.

Joe Asbeck – 123 East Avenue

- He is ACS bus garage mechanic
- Believes the deadend street is a security issue; no patrols at night; he is never questioned when he's working there
- Will our "sleepy airport" turn into a commuter airport?
- Property values will drop
- What about the "mystery flight" at 4:45 AM?

Mark Pierce – 37 John Street

- Walks his dog at night (the cops know him)
- Agrees that security is a concern
- Sees people doing strange things sometimes
- Recommended putting in a fence with a passcard system that will record who is entering (should be strict controls)
- Enjoys the perimeter rim of the airport for dog walking, cross country skiing; it is an asset to the community
- Groundwater is an issue from storm water runoff

Alan Kidder – 27 Bloomingdale

- Primary use of runway 11-29 is landing over Scotland Road; do not fly over school building (just the edge of school property)
- Very rare that an airplane takes off or lands to the northwest (Madison and Eckerson)
- Very rare that the wind is out of the southeast.

Greg Brown – 80 Eckerson

- It was his understanding that an earth berm was to be created to deflect noise, but it is not there.
- A bicycle airplane landed there
- There are no controls in place, no stop signs, no streets
- The day care center is on one side, the school on the other
- Why not use another airport?

Dante Marconi – 6 Crescent Drive

- What is the new runway cost?

Supervisor Summe

Phase Two of the airport improvements have not been formally presented. There will be a public hearing on the proposal when they are presented.

Councilman George

- Zoning process is going on now.
- Christian Airmen cannot do anything yet.
- Hired an airport consultant to come up with ground rules; a published zoning law
- List of rules will become the zoning ordinance (anything to do with operations or facilities), which will be proposed to the Christian Airmen and the committee.
- Everyone will have an opportunity to look at those
- Then we will hold a public hearing
- When it is acceptable, the Town Board will adopt the zoning ordinance.
- Then, Christian Airmen will bring plans to the Town Board to see if it fits with the rules.

Mark Pierce

Zoning vs. commercial operations of airport

- machine shops
- Flight service companies
- package companies

Councilman George

- Consultant will say what’s appropriate for a town of this size and how it fits with the Comprehensive Master Plan
- Will be two separate zones

Town Counsel Neill

- Creating the airport zone so that we don’t have an industrial zone.

John Burke – 4820 Crittenden

- As the Town Board is working on the budget, please consider a microphone and recording device for meetings. The cost should be \$8,000 - \$10,000.

Supervisor Summe

It’s already in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve the following budget transfers: \$10,000.00 from Contingent account to Operations of Buildings and \$550.00 from Elections- Equipment to Town Clerk- Contractual.

Carried Unanimously

Approval of Bills – Councilwoman Glor reported that she had reviewed Abstract Batch # 56 & 57 from 9/9/02 meeting and approved the previously un-audited vouchers as presented. She presented Abstract Batch # 58. Vouchers on Abstract Batch #58 numbered 911, 929-961 totaling \$146,700.70 and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 58:

General Fund “A” – \$11,873.03, Fund “B” \$31.35, Highway “DA” - \$0.00, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$39,264.19, Capital Projects-WD#5-Phase II (HC) \$0.00, Capital Projects-WD#7A (HD) \$0.00, Library Project (HE) \$0.00, Fire Protection (SF) \$60,933.00, Refuse (SR) \$20,326.39, Sewer Fund (SS) \$2,353.18, and Water Districts (SW1) \$18.75, (SW2) \$0.00, (SW3) \$25.13, (SW4) \$0.00, (SW5) \$11,875.88, (SW6) \$0.00, (SW7) \$0.00, (SW7A) \$0.00, (SW8) \$0.00, (SW9) \$0.00, Trust & Agency (TA) \$0.00, totaling \$146,700.70

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Superintendent not present but Councilman Cummings stated the Highway is mowing state roads and an ad for new hire is in the paper

Assessor –Mr. Pask not present and will be taking time off for knee surgery.

Code Enforcement Officer - The following building permits were presented for the record:

Stanley Tatara	Stage	Storage Barn
William Lawrie	5373 S Newstead	Storage Shed
Mark Sivec	12835 Brucker	Storage Building
Terrance Foley	12646 Meahl	Shed

Fank Brater	7667 Scotland	Garage
	S. Newstead	
David Grisanti	13571 Stage	One Family Home

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk– Tax bills have been mailed and payments are already coming in at a steady rate. The newsletter went out with the bills. Homeowners whose bills are sent to banks for escrow will be receiving a copy of the newsletter in the mail within the next week.

The Tentative Budget for 2003 was presented to the Town Board for review.

Attorney for the Town-Nothing at this time

COUNCILPERSONS

George –Nothing at this time

Cummings –Nothing at this time

Glor –Nothing at this time

Finger-Replacement door and improvements for Court Office and landscaping for library reviewed.

SUPERVISOR –Supervisor Summe made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Glor for Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for 2003 on October 28, 2002 at 7:45 PM at the Newstead Town Hall and the notice shall be printed in the Akron Bugle.

The Public Hearing for regarding use of Federal Community Development funds in the Town of Newstead will be held at work session on September 30, 2002 at 7:30 PM. The Budget for 2003 will be discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5- Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2-Town Engineer stated water lines are progressing.

Phase 3-Final approvals are coming in.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update –Things are wrapping up and Public Hearing will be announced.

Christian Airmen Re-Zoning-the citizen committee has been formed.

Radio Tower-Awaiting hook up with school and the savings will be great on the town cell phone calls.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to adjourn at 9:05 PM

Work session will continue after the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McLeod Lang
Deputy Town Clerk