

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on October 5, 2015 at the Village Hall.

Present: Town Board Members
Supervisor David Cummings Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Councilman Justin Rooney Attorney Nathan Neill
Councilman Jim Mayrose Carl Klingenschmitt & Ed Burke
Councilman Don York
Councilman John Jendrowski

Village Board Members
Mayor Carl Patterson Attorney Andrew Borden
Trustee Michael Middaugh Village Clerk Dan Borchert
Trustee Peter Forrestel Village Treasurer Tammy Kelly
Trustee Keith Hatswell DPW Chief Jon Cummings
Trustee Brian Perry Police Chief Rick Lauricella

The Boards convened at approximately 8:45pm at the Village Hall with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order.

Joint Purchase of Roller for Highways: the attorneys are still working out a few minor details on the agreement but both boards agreed they wish to move forward on this. A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman York to authorize and approve the agreement with the Village of Akron for joint purchase of a roller, subject to the approval of the Town and Village Attorneys. Carried Unanimously. The village board also approved the agreement with a motion by Trustee Forrestel, seconded by Trustee Hatswell.

IT Contract: an assessment of the needs of both entities for the future has been completed. Supervisor Cummings reported that the town is currently purchasing more band width for overall use at the town hall and plans are in motion for upgrading the server. We are not moving in the direction of the cloud at this time except for backup of systems. The village is also updating their server and will be ready to move forward.

GIS- The town has moved forward and signed a contract for service with Wendel. The initial implementation is completed and training has been done. 3 members of the DPW attended the training. The village continues to have questions regarding the system and its costs before deciding to share the system with the town. Dawn will email Andrew the contract with Wendel to review.

Joint Master Plan: The Mayor stated this has consistently been on the agenda for several years and needs to have some serious time spent on the topic. Supervisor Cummings agreed and stated that Wendel has provided quotes to move forward on this in both 2010 and 2014. A decision just needs to be made by the village whether they would like to move forward with Wendel or seek other quotes. Everyone agreed this topic should become a top priority.

Access Management Program: the town still does not have access to the system and nothing has been done to add them to the system. Dan stated he will make sure Mike & Debbie have access and passwords by the end of the week. The village still needs to decide who is going to overall manage the system.

2015 Recycling: Dan reported that RC & R had proposed charging for CRT units in 2013 but had then found grant funding to cover those costs. That grant funding has dried up and they are now prepared to start charging for all CRT units based on size of the item. The boards discussed several possible options for electronics as well as adding an additional tire drop off in the fall. A decision was made to do 2 tire drop offs next year, one in April and one in the fall.

Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion: Clark Patterson is getting ready to do the study. A map, plan & report is being prepared by Wendel for the Niagara Label project.

Grants: Supervisor Cummings questioned the status of the electronics grant reimbursement. Dan and Tammy stated the check was just received and the town's portion had just been mailed today.

Celebration Committee/Chamber of Commerce/Coalition requests: representatives Jeannine Morlacci, Peter Henley and Erin Behm were present to discuss their letter of request for funding with the 2 boards. They feel a focal person that would represent all three of these organizations needs to be hired to assist with daily tasks to help the executive boards of these organizations. The manpower to handle all of the activities of these groups is just not there anymore. They are struggling to continue with several of their programs and if they can't get help, these organizations and their community functions may end up going away. The boards explained how they are both struggling to stay under the tax cap instituted by the State every year and it is just going to get hard. Their budgets cannot absorb that kind of an increase. An alternative suggestion was starting programs like the Bank of Akron offers to their employees in the form of comp time off for time spent volunteering. A meeting with the local businesses leaders and town officials will be scheduled to discuss this issue.

Indigenous Peoples Day: the final agenda and timetable for all the day's activities has been finalized and sent out. All the board members will be in attendance to see this first annual day of recognition be celebrated.

Upcoming Construction Projects: Trustee Hatswell discussed with board members a proposal by Rotary to assist in the development of a skate park at one of the town's park locations. They also discussed some of the other proposals for the parks next spring if the grant funding is secured.

Drug Awareness Program: Councilman Jendrowski would like to look at what can be done and how to address our communities needs in fighting this problem. Erin Behm was present from the Coalition and stated that it is all about awareness and education. People need to be scared straight on this topic. The

Coalition meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm at the C. Dee Wright Community Center on Church Street. Erin also thanked both Boards for their recognition they gave her at the last meeting.

Dog Kennel: Trustee Hatswell stated that he was present when a resident stopped by the wastewater facility looking to drop off a stray dog she had found. Kids were running around the facility and hanging on rails. Their needs to definitely be signage hung at the facility regarding no unauthorized personnel but he also feels the dog kennel needs to be moved to the joint facility. It is too dangerous to have the public at the wastewater plant. After some discussion everyone agreed it should be moved but it probably won't happen until the spring. They will take the winter to formulate a plan to move it.

Supervisor Cummings questioned the upcoming emergency training at Perry's this weekend and why the town board was not notified of the training. Disaster Coordinator Dan Kowalik apologized for the oversight but because the event was totally within the village borders he felt it was more relevant for the village board to be informed and had forgotten to notify the town board.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming. He stated this is Councilman Rooney's last joint meeting of the boards and he thanked him for all of his years of service to the community.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2016 at the Town Hall at approximately 8:30pm. A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC
Town Clerk