A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on November 19, 2012 at the Town Hall.

Present: Village Board Members  
Mayor Carl Patterson  Attorney Don Shonn  
Trustee Kathy Capan  Clerk/Treasurer Dan Borchert  
Trustee Brian Wittlinger  DPW Super Chief Jon Cummings  
Trustee Michael Middaugh  
Trustee Peter Forrestel  

Town Board Members  
Supervisor David Cummings  Attorney Nathan Neill  
Councilman Justin Rooney  Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak  
Councilman Dick Baran  Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello  
Councilman Jim Mayrose  CEO Ralph Migliaccio  
Councilman Don York  

The Boards convened at approximately 9:00pm at the Town Hall with Supervisor Cummings calling the meeting to order.

Akron Airport Issues: the Airport has filed an Article 78 on the Zoning Board of Appeals second decision regarding the crosswind runway project. The Article 78 proceedings will be heard December 21, 2012. No other action or hearings are scheduled at this time.

Court Consolidation: April 1, 2013 the Town will absorb the Village Court functions as the Village Court will cease to exist. Two issues remain to be resolved: 1. How the Court will operate as one and 2. the agreement between the Town and Village regarding sharing of revenues. Justice Campbell was present and stated the Boards have no jurisdiction over determining the day to day operations of the Court. That will be for he and Justice Freeman to decide. Supervisor Cummings stated the overall number of cases heard should not change much from this past year. There was discussion over finalizing the villages record keeping and who would retain custody of the court records.

Joint Facility project: the salt barn is completed and in use. The project went very well. Highway Supt. Bassanello would like to meet with the committee to discuss some changes he and Super Chief Cummings would like to make at the building. The issue of joint purchasing of office supplies and building maintenance supplies was discussed. Dawn & Colleen will work with Syd & Debbie to set up a separate budget account that the town and village will equally contribute to for a central storeroom budget line. There is also a need to establish with all the employees at the facility who is in charge of what and who the “go to” people are for the facility.

Archives: Town Clerk Izydorczak has shown Village Clerk Borchert the section set aside for Village records in the town archives room. They are just waiting for him to bring records over. Village Attorney Shonn stated the Village is looking at grants to digitize the Village Court records and it was determined the Village Court records could stay in the town archives once inactive.

Joint Master Plan: Dave, Jim, Carl & Cathy will meet in January and start looking at grants for 2013.

Joint Emergency Services Committee: The committee needs to set a meeting date soon. Committee members are Mayor Patterson and Trustee Wittlinger for the Village and Councilman Rooney and Councilman Baran for the Town and the Chief and President of each of the fire companies.

Hazardous Waste Drop-off: Dan reported that 48 pre-calls were taken prior to the event and a total of 211 vehicles came thru the drop-off. The event was very successful but came at a cost of $13,650.00, almost twice what was projected. Everyone agreed they would like to do it again next year and will use this years numbers as a basis for estimates for next year. The company was great to work with and very helpful all throughout the process.
**Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion:** the Town is hiring a new grant writer for 2013 and this will be a priority for looking at potential grant monies. Trustee Forrestel stated even before grant funding is found he believes we need to get an estimate of what an engineering study will cost on this.

**Grant Writer Services:** Supervisor Cummings explained to the Village members that the town's existing grant writer is moving on in a different division of grant writing and the town will be hiring a new grant writer at their next meeting. He offer to partner in this if the Village is interested. They will discuss at their next meeting and let the Town know.

**Murder Creek:** Carl met with Mark Gaston on the DEC Water Quality grant-phase 2 of the Murder Creek project. They are set to start construction in the spring of 2013 on erosion control from Brooklyn St to Buell St section. This is a matching grant again so Mike & Jon need to track any hours spent on this carefully. Apex has reported a 50% mortality rate on the phase 1 plant life. CATCO will be responsible for replanting in the spring under the contract.

**Road Signage Visibility:** Trustee Forrestel has personally taken care of some of the areas where trees and/or shrubbery needed to be trimmed near road signage. The Town and Village crews will continue to keep up with any areas reported to them.

**Joint Purchasing Opportunities:** the highway department is underway on this. Dawn will supply the Village with the Towns information by next week.

**Sidewalk Project status:** the Skyline Drive section is poured and seeding is underway. The Clarence Center Rd section may be a challenge. Jon has been discussing issues with the NYS DOT regarding crosswalk requirements and how to do this correctly. Dan stated the funding for the project will be available in the spring if this section needs to be put off until then.

**Refuse Contract Renewals:** the Town and Village contracts have been jointly awarded to Modern Disposal. Modern will be hosting 2 open houses to residents on December 1st and December 15th to display the equipment and totes that will be given out to all Town and Village residents after January 1st. The open houses will be held at the Joint Highway Facility from 9:00am – 12:00pm both dates.

**Union Contracts:** there was discussion of the practicality and possibilities of merging the 2 contracts and/or unions together into one while they are both still under negotiations. The sticking point for both unions seems to be health care provisions. The Village union is 18 months behind and the Town union is 11 months behind. Councilman Rooney questioned if now is the right time to think about merging the 2 unions. Attorney Shonn stated the boards can try to make the provisions of the contracts the same but it is much more difficult to merge the groups. The 2 groups would have to vote to approve that. Both Boards need to discuss this idea further and then send their recommendations on to the committee.

**Other:** Niagara Label has asked to annex in to the Village mainly to utilize the sewer services. They will need to come before both boards thru the process on this.

The proposed expansion project in Alabama was discussed with reference to the access to water service.

The Boards entered into executive session at 10:13pm to discuss Code Enforcement Officer issues. They exited executive session at 10:41pm.

The Supervisor thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41pm by the Supervisor & Mayor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk