

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 towns 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