

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on May 18, 2015 at the Town Hall.

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

Village Board Members
 Mayor Carl Patterson Attorney Don Shonn
 Trustee Michael Middaugh Village Clerk Dan Borchert
 Trustee Peter Forrestel
 Trustee Keith Hatswell
 Trustee Brian Perry

The Boards convened at approximately 9:05pm at the Town Hall with Supervisor Cummings calling the meeting to order.

Celebration Committee: representatives were present to give an update to the boards. Jeannine Morlacci & Peter Henley questioned where the two boards are for the future of the July 4th celebration. They also questioned the need for insurance coverage for the town. Each of the vendors that operate at the functions are required to have their own insurance and the village purchases a rider on their own for the parade and events in Russell Park. As long as the event is continued on July 4th we will not be able to get a ride vendor. It was suggested that maybe we should stop the July 4th celebration, move the date and have more of an “old home days” or something along that line. Then we could get ride vendors in. Also the committee is having a very difficult time getting citizen volunteers to help out with the celebration. So many people are needed to help pull off these events. Village Attorney Shonn stated he feels the rides are not the focus of the events. It is the bringing together of alumni, connecting with old friends and family reunions that people look forward to.

IT Contract: Councilman Mayrose has received all the information on the town and villages IT infrastructure and is looking at assessing the needs of both entities for the future. He and a committee of employees met with Scott Buckley to discuss doing an assessment of the systems to provide a quote for services. Ken Lombardo will also be doing the same and providing a quote.

GIS- a committee meeting was held. Becky led a good agenda discussion on where we want to go for the future. Wendel has provided a quote to host both entities GIS information and provide training on the systems as well as hand held units. Everyone was ok with Wendel’s quote however Trustee Hatswell questioned the need for more than one quote. While it is not necessary, most agreed that it would not hurt to have another quote. The Village will reach out to

their engineer Clark Patterson and ask about a quote for GIS hosting services. The Mayor will have them reach out to Becky for specifics.

Joint Master Plan: Scott reported that some funding for this may be coming available. The boards asked Scott to provide an updated quote and parameters for the study.

Access Management Program: Dan reported the program is fully installed and they are working on the data entry of all the village's information. Once their information is in we can shift to the town information. Dan will coordinate with Ed Mitchell of PubWorks to make sure Mike & Debbie have access and passwords to begin entering their data. Dan will need to get employee information from Colleen and Debbie to get the Town set up. There is remote access from the Village Hall to the Joint Facility and they are authorized for 5 licensed users right now.

2015 Recycling: Dan reported the household hazardous waste drop-off is May 30th and shredding event is June 6th. He asked the boards if it was ok to run reminder ads in both papers 1 week prior to each of the events. It was a unanimous yes from everyone.

Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion: on the grant, the RFP needs to be sent out for the engineering study work to be awarded. The rest of the paperwork on the grant is done. Wendel has presented 3 options to Niagara Label for their request to connect to the village sewer system. Scott will run bond repayment numbers tomorrow morning and send them and the option scenarios over to Chris Whitmarsh to make a final decision.

Grants: Dan reported he is still waiting on the household hazardous waste reimbursement grant from the DEC. Trustee Forrestel questioned if there were grants available to address drainage issues. Specifically he would like to address the issues on Rt. 93 as well as East Avenue. Both boards agreed to send a letter to the state regarding the Rt. 93 problems. They will also inquire with their grant writers about funding for these projects.

Joint Facility Contract: the agreement provided by the village was slightly modified by the town and has been returned to the village for their review. If they are agreeable, then both boards can vote to approve the agreement at one of their upcoming meetings.

Courts: nothing new. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Tax Freeze/EC Gov't Efficiency Program: both the town and village contingency plans have been submitted to the County. This item is completed and can be removed from the agenda.

Upcoming Construction Projects: neither of the highway leaders were present. Mayor Patterson just wanted to make sure both departments are in alignment with their schedules together on all the upcoming projects. The highway

committee members stated they believe they are. Trustee Hatswell questioned joint efforts for OSHA training of the employees as well as other required training. Again the committee stated they had shared joint training last year.

Indigenous Peoples Day: Councilman Rooney explained to the boards that the town is looking at celebrating this the 2nd Monday in October to coincide with Columbus Day. It would be a joint promotion with the Tonawanda Indian Reservation Council and would highlight education and celebration throughout the year in our community. Mayor Patterson stated it makes sense to support this as a community. The town will share with the Village the proposed resolutions and an outline of what their vision for the holiday would be. A committee would be formed of town, village and community representatives that would work with the Tribal Council Chiefs to guide educational community programs throughout the year. Councilman Rooney and Supervisor Cummings had several meetings with the Tribal Council Chiefs on this concept. Councilman Rooney plans to continue to work with this taking it to other communities, the County and the State level representatives. This is a big movement out west right now and he would like to see our communities spearhead the movement here.

Other:

Councilman York once again spoke on the Celebration Committee concerns and feels we need to change the dates from July 4th and maybe do an “old home days” instead to bring the big celebration with rides and activities back.

The Supervisor thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2015 at the Village Hall at approximately 8:30pm. A motion was made by Councilman Mayrose, seconded by Councilman Jendrowski to adjourn the meeting at 10:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC
Town Clerk