

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on May 7, 2007 at the Town Hall.

Present:        Town Board Members  
Supervisor David Cummings        C.E.O. John Good  
Councilman Tom George                Town Attorney Nathan Neill  
Councilman Mark Decker                Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak  
Councilman Harold Finger               Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello  
Councilman Justin Rooney

Village Board Members  
Mayor Carl Patterson                Village Attorney Don Shonn  
Trustee Peter Forrestel                Village Clerk Dan Borchert  
Trustee Mike Middaugh                DPW Supt. Bob Kowalik  
Trustee Kathy Capan                    Police Chief Rick Lauricella

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

**Joint Facility Study-** No one from Wendel was present to give a presentation on the report submitted to the boards so, Councilman George brought everyone up to speed on the study including the request for a proposal from Wendel to prepare a “site ready” cost analysis of an alternate site. Councilman George also reminded everyone that there is still funding left in the grant we received to gather any additional information needed to make a better, more informed decision if necessary. Everyone needs to look at what will make the project more affordable to both communities. A decision needs to be made as soon as possible so both boards will gather again for a special meeting on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the village hall for a final presentation by Wendel on the project. Councilman Decker questioned what is the cost to stay in the current facilities with major repairs versus the cost of the new facility. The cost benefit of the new facility should outweigh the costs associated with maintaining the old facilities. The Supervisor will ask Andrew to meet with the Mayor before the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Sewer services** – Wendel is working on the proposal for fixing the problems at ADESA in Sewer District #1 and looking at the possibility of working with the village to add electrical access to the site. The boards discussed potential expansion for the future of the village’s sewer system into areas of the town surrounding the village and the possibilities of applying for grant monies jointly to achieve that successfully. Trustee Forrestel explained the improvements that have been made to the existing sewer plant to date and the plants current capacity levels in conjunction with the stream size it empties into. The village board explained they are currently in an RFP period to hire an engineer on this

issue. Councilman George questioned if part of the engineers scope of work once hired would be to look at expansion of the plant and the village board members agreed it should be. The town board expressed their interest in sharing associated costs if that were to happen. Peter reminded everyone that the DEC must approve any additional services added to their system and a process must be followed. Treasurer Dan Borchert informed the town board that just last week he had a Cedar Street resident just outside the village inquire what they would need to do to hook into the village sewer system or to be serviced by the town. He referred him to the Supervisor. This demonstrates there is interest for this project.

**Drainage Issues-** Supervisor Cummings has had conversations with Erie County Parks Commissioner Sedita on the drainage ditch that runs behind Parkview Drive. Commissioner Sedita assured him that the Akron Falls Park crews will be cleaning out that ditch as soon as possible. The drainage ditches behind Perry's and Whiting Door are another problem. The Highway Dept. crews will be working with Mike Whiting and his staff to get those areas cleaned out including down through Odell's property. FEMA has approved Erie County to clean out 10 areas in the town including several of the creek areas. The highway crews will be working on several areas of Murder Creek to remove fallen trees as soon as the creek banks dry out a little more.

DPW Superintendent Kowalik questioned when the Drainage Committee meetings have been. He has received no meeting notices for several months nor copies of the meeting minutes. Mark will look into this issue and he will be notified of the next meeting.

**Police Garage-** The town board wants to move forward with this project on the town hall site. The State Troopers are still interested in the project. This project is proposed to be coupled with an Archives addition to the town hall, probably off the rear of the building. The village is still interested in the proposal and would work with the town to couple on any grant funding available to assist the project. Treasurer Dan Borchert will look at how much archive space the village would be interested in using in the archive expansion project and let the Supervisor know as soon as possible so that grants can be sought out.

**Police Services-** Police Chief Rick Lauricella brought everyone up to speed on this issue. Over a three year period the village police car was mutual aided out to the town by either the troopers or the sheriffs departments approximately 130 times per year. This past year that figure dropped to just under 100 times. Mutual aide call outs to the town present a jurisdictional issue when prosecuting cases. The village is looking for the town to grant their police officers jurisdictional authority whenever they are mutual aided into the town by another agency as well as some sort of reimbursement costs while they are in the town. It was agreed by both boards that no one wants the village to start policing the town on any regular basis. This agreement would be for mutual aide calls only and only when necessary. A chain of call out and annual review requirements

should be built into the agreement to be drawn up by the town and village attorneys. The town agreed to pay a lump sum figure to cover the remainder of this year, based on last years call out figures. Everyone was in agreement that the court services provided to the town on court nights needs to be kept separate in the agreement.

Other issues that were brought up were consolidation of the town and village that was voiced by many residents at the last town board meeting and Councilman Finger brought up the possibility of adding sidewalks up the west end of Skyline Drive that would connect to the town park. The village board stated this is being addressed with the proposed subdivision and house development that is going in on that end of Skyline Drive in the near future.

Next meeting: May 17, 2007 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall to discuss the joint facility project. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk