

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on October 1, 2007 at the Village Hall.

Present: Village Board Members

Mayor Carl Patterson
Trustee Peter Forrestel
Trustee Mike Middaugh
Trustee Kathy Capan
Trustee Bill Kaufman

Village Attorney Don Shonn
Village Clerk Dan Borchert
DPW Supt. Bob Kowalik
Police Chief Rick Lauricella

Town Board Members

Supervisor David Cummings
Councilman Tom George
Councilman Mark Decker
Councilman Harold Finger
Councilman Justin Rooney

Town Engineer Andrew Casolini
Town Attorney Nathan Neill
Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello

The Boards convened at approximately 9:00pm at the Village Hall with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order.

Joint Facility Study- The boards agreed they would like to schedule a joint meeting to review the draft proposals. Andrew gave an overview of where we are on the project currently and the choice of Option D with the smaller footprint. Both boards agreed to meet on October 29th at the Town hall at 8:00pm to discuss the draft proposals.

Sewer services – Supervisor Cummings informed the Village Board that the problems with the Sewer District #1 site should be taken care of by the first of the year, weather permitting. Dave also once again expressed the town's interest to the Village Board to extend sewer services to parts of the town in the future. Trustee Forrestel gave an overview of the updates to their system to date. The system is now ready to handle all of their future subdivisions at an additional 20% capacity. The village said they could begin working with the town on some engineering plans as soon as next year.

Murder Creek- The Supervisor outlined the damages done to the murder creek banks during the October Storm and asked CAC Chairman Carl Klingenschmitt to give a presentation on recent studies of the site in the Village. Carl explained that the CAC and Erie County Soil & Water personnel spent significant time walking the area of the creek in the Village between Main Street and Brooklyn Street. They then held a meeting with the Drainage Committee and Wendel Engineers to discuss the problem and possible solutions. Both boards agreed on the proposed short term solutions presented such as spring planting of trees to stabilize the banks, setting a meeting with property owners to discuss "do's and

don'ts" in that area, and the Erie County Soil & Waters involvement in providing engineering and plant procurements, with the town and village sharing costs. Long term plans will be discussed by the boards at a later date as any measures taken will be costly.

Hake Road Residents Concerns: Both the Town Board and Village Board have received several calls with concerns by Hake Road residents over the proposed major subdivisions planned at Hake and Jackson and Clarence Center Roads. Their concerns are for drainage problems that already exist to be fixed and avoiding more potential problems from run-off from the new subdivisions. The town engineer reminded everyone that even though these are village subdivisions, the town needs to be kept in the loop on all these projects that border the town due to the towns jurisdiction with the town-wide drainage district. All drainage concerns need to be addressed by both municipalities.

Drainage Issues- Supervisor Cummings informed the Village Board that several drainage issues along Murder Creek in the town have been taken care of over the past couple months by the town highway crews. They have cleaned up several miles of drainage ditches and creek banks to help the drainage to and along Murder Creek.

Code Enforcement Sharing: The Mayor stated that the Village Personnel Committee is interested in interviewing the towns Code Enforcement Officer to possibly take over for their jurisdiction when Don Folger retires. The Town Board stated they want the contract to be between the municipalities, not directly with the CEO as it was done in the past. A time for an interview will be set up and the town will make the CEO available for the interview. Once the interview is held, if the village is interested, they will work out the details of the contract.

Archives Grant- The Supervisor explained the scope of the proposed project to the Village Board members, including that an addition would be built onto the rear of the town hall property for the town and village to share archival records space. The only thing he will need from them to get the grant submitted should be a supporting letter and resolution.

Bike Path grant- the grant the town is applying for would cover sealing of the surface of the bike path, mile markers and new signage. The Supervisor would like to continue the same signage as Clarence has along their section of the old Peanut Line and take it all the way into the Village where the path ends. Trustee Forrestel made some suggestions regarding the choice of mileage markers and the signage. He expressed concerns over tree roots that have caused buckles in the pavement and would like to see those spot areas re-paved. He also had concerns over signage interfering with snowmobiles and mowing during the summer. These items will be looked at.

Police Garage Grant- The plan would house 2 Akron Police Department cars and 2 NYS Trooper cars along with storage space for the town hall. It would be connected to the proposed Archives addition to the rear of the town hall. The supervisor is trying to make contact with the Troopers to see if any funding would be available on the project from the state.

Police Services- This has been an on-going negotiation for the associated costs and the boards still need to agree on a figure of reimbursement. The town wants to protect the village officers while they are in the town and give them the jurisdictional rights they need, but does not want any other police services and is concerned that the state police and sheriffs will take advantage of the arrangement, thereby perpetuating the problem. The town merely wants to address the concerns of how all outs are handled. The APD Manager Lauricella addressed concerns and re-stated to the town that they only go out for assists and only for necessity calls. The Boards charged the town and village attorneys with drafting a proposal agreement for them to review. They agreed this arrangement would be on a six month review basis.

Justice Department- The boards discussed the potential for consolidation of the court services based on new mandates from the New York State Justice Department requiring extensive and expensive security updates to courtrooms across New York State. The boards will discuss this issue separately and then address it again at their next joint meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Updates- The village has already done several corrections that needed to be done to their section of the plan, reflecting the coming changes to the west side of the village. The town has had a recent public hearing on proposals to the Route 5 re-zoning that they will wait to see the results from before any actions are done in the future.

Community Development Block Grants: Town plans are for Senior Van Service, re-paving of some roads and handicapped doors systems at the town hall. Village plans are for Senior Van Service, Water lines on John Street and some new sidewalks.

Library Basement- the caretaker's equipment needs to be moved out of the basement under order from the CEO. They would like to put up a small storage building in the back corner of the parking lot, but the building would need an electrical source. The DPW Supt. stated they will get power to the building once it's delivered.

Next meeting: October 29, 2007 at 8:00pm at the Town Hall to discuss the joint facility project. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk