

A Public Hearing was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, August 6, 2001 at the Newstead Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

Present: Donald Holmes – Supervisor
Gerald Summe – Councilman
Joan M. Glor – Councilwoman
Andrew Reilly – Town Engineer
Carole D. Borchert – Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Supervisor Holmes stated this hearing was called to hear anyone speaking for or against the proposed Akron Airport Site Plan, as presented to the Town Board.

Clerk read Proof of Publication as it appeared in the Akron Bugle.

Airport consultants Mr. Wayne Wegman, from Passero Associates, and Mary Kay Genthner, Engineer were present. Mr. Wegman presented and explained the design process of the proposed Akron Airport Reconstruction of Runway 7-25 showing the layout plan. They will be addressing the needs of the runway now and looking 20 years ahead. They have received a grant to fund safety related improvements to the facility with state monies designated for this purpose. The runway will be updated to make the airport safer for pilots and the community. Runway 7-25 is the main runway and will be made wider and shorter than it now exists. Updates include new FAA lighting, proper spacing for taxiway, wider pavement 75' which is FAA minimum, standard approach lights, increased object free area and paint reflective markings. Drainage improvements to control any runoff is also planned. Berms and tree plantings to cut down on the noise impact to surrounding neighbors are also being addressed in the plan.

Hearing was opened to the public in attendance.

Louis Nanni, 55 East Avenue, voiced his concerns on noise, flying over the Village, hours of operation, helicopter pad, asking that it be placed East of Scotland Road, training asking that it be done at the Batavia Airport and controls over military flights.

Jim Holtz, 64 East Avenue, complained on the noise as well noting that they seem to fly in a southeast direction over his home on weekends. Also there appears to be a drainage problem with flooding behind his house as well as neighbors at 66 and 68 East Avenue

Dave Parzych, 92 East Avenue, stated that his weekend lifestyle is affected by the training procedures by not being able to enjoy his yard for gatherings because of the noise.

Allan Zollitsch, Lancaster, is a pilot and uses the airport frequently noting that the planes do not have mufflers.

Bob Miller, East Amherst, is a flight instructor at the airport and is sensitive to the noise concerns and is making the students aware. Signage will also be placed on the runway to this effect.

Tom Swaino, Buffalo, has 2 planes at the Akron Airport and has always respected the concerns of noise, and will continue to do so.

Allan Kidder, 27 Bloomingdale Ave., has been a flight instructor for 37 years and is working hard to reduce noise. The proposed master plan is all about safety, lighting and enhancing the economy of the community. Federal money is available for this and if it is not used it will go to another community.

Sharon Rodland, 126 East Avenue, built here because of the airport, but has fire safety concerns, equipment to handle and an access road from Scotland. Also is there a disaster plan for such emergencies.

Dick Forrestel, 11 Madison, stated they have spent \$90,000 in maintenance of the area by keeping it mowed and free from debris. An access road from Scotland Road can be there, if needed. Their prime concern is to make it better, safer and quieter.

Joe Asbeck, 123 East Avenue, is concerned with the night training that occurs.

Fran Dahill, Cedar Street, stated regulations should be placed on noise levels.

Joanne Gates, 81 East Avenue, stated when the helicopters go over everything inside the house vibrates and is most annoying.

Lynne Bronisz, Nickel City Helicopter, Clarence, stated that they do a noise abatement by going north and east of the Village for training.

Theresa Asbesk, 12 Shepherd Avenue, has concerns with the airplanes flying over the school and the danger for over 2000 children.

Paul Muck, 12294 Swift Mills Road, has seen a change from when he started piloting with a desire of the pilot and management to address the residents concerns. He also stated that the older planes make more noise than the newer aircraft as they are designed with quieter standards.

There being no one else to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Glor seconded by Councilman Cummings to close the hearing at 8:10 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Carole D. Borchert, RMC
Town Clerk