

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on June 18, 2012 at the Village Hall.

Present: Village Board Members
Mayor Carl Patterson Attorney Don Shonn
Trustee Kathy Capan Clerk/Treasurer Dan Borchert
Trustee Brian Wittlinger DPW Super Chief Jon Cummings
Trustee Michael Middaugh Police Chief Chris Heiderman
Trustee Peter Forrestel

Town Board Members
Supervisor David Cummings Attorney Nathan Neill
Councilman Justin Rooney Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Councilman Dick Baran Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello
Councilman Jim Mayrose CEO Ralph Migliaccio
Councilman Don York Christine Falkowski

The Boards convened at approximately 8:30pm at the Village Hall with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order.

Dog Control Issues- Rescues/Foster Homes: the Village is almost ready to present their new dog law for public hearing and adoption. Dawn presented on behalf of DCO Dave DeYoung growing problems and concerns with dog fostering homes and Rescue organizations, particularly within the Village limits. He has had several complaints about one fostering home in particular and is asking both the town and village to put in place at least a registration process for the rescue organizations and anyone who fosters dogs in their home. He would like to see the village consider not allowing fostering or rescues within the village limits. Both boards agree to take a look at this and meet with the DCO to discuss.

Court Consolidation: Supervisor Cummings has supplied the Mayor with some tentative numbers on their agreement. The Mayor has not shared those with his Board so the Village will have to get back to the Town on this.

Joint Facility project: the committee had a meeting Friday and a proposed agreement was presented to both Boards that would have the town reimburse the Village for ½ the value (\$45,550) of the original piece of Village property that is on the site. Everyone agreed and the Village Board passed a motion to sign the contract. The Town Board will pass at their next meeting on June 25th. Mike is getting new numbers on building a salt shed before winter. He will share those with both Boards once received. Some minor adaptations are being made at the facility to benefit work flow and make the offices more efficient.

Archives: Town Clerk Izydorczak and Village Clerk Borchert have been working together to move Village records to the town archives room.

Joint Master Plan: the committee needs to set their next meeting to facilitate grant application deadlines.

Joint Emergency Services Committee: The committee needs to set a meeting date soon. Committee members are Mayor Patterson and Trustee Wittlinger for the Village and Councilman Rooney and Councilman Baran for the Town.

Electronics Recycling: Dan reported that the 6 day per week drop-offs have been successful. They are doing 2 pickups per month of approximately 8 to 9 bins each pick up. The Village and Town are sharing the \$0.03/lb. refund on each pickup.

Truck Purchase: The Town is selling the old DCO truck and the Village may be interested in purchasing it to replace one of their older trucks. The truck is a 2001 and has very low mileage on it. Mike, Jon and Trustee Middaugh will negotiate a fair price.

Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion: the Town Grant Writer is looking at potential grant monies that may be coming eligible soon.

Murder Creek- the DEC Water Quality grant work on erosion and eddy's has been approved and we are just waiting for funds. The FEMA grant payments continue to be in the pipeline. Apex continues to provide bi-weekly updates on the plant life and bank stabilization.

Refuse Contract Renewals: Both the Town and Village contracts are up at the end of this year. It was decided they would look at the possibility of bidding both entities together as a package to each of the refuse providers to generate savings.

CEO Services Consolidation: CEO Ralph Migliaccio and Planning & Building Clerk Christine Falkowski presented both boards with a Q & A sheet addressing issues with moving all functions of the village building office to the town offices as well as questioning whether they want to look at merging planning and zoning functions. The Village Board will review the information and discuss with Ralph at a later date but expressed they are not currently looking to do anything different with the Planning & Zoning functions. They would like to go to uniform permit forms for both the town and village and also asked Christine to provide a sample of the towns processes and form on taking, filing and tracking complaints.

Road Signage Visibility: The town and village crews will take care of areas where trees and/or shrubbery needs to be trimmed near any road signage. We can only address ones that are town or village roads. They can provide a list to the County and State of what needs to be addressed on their roads.

Joint Purchasing Opportunities: Mike and Jon will take care of coming up with vendor lists for the highway departments and Dawn and Dan can work on all other town and village vendors to see if we can go in jointly on any purchasing to save money.

Other:

The Mayor reported the John Street project has been finished with only a few minor details left to be finished by the County. Then the road will officially be turned over to the Village.

The Boards discussed people fishing in the pond at the joint facility and whether a policy needs to be developed.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2012 at the Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm by the Supervisor & Mayor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorzak, Town Clerk