

**A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards** was held on July 29, 2019 at the Village Hall.

Present:      Town Board Members  
Supervisor David Cummings      Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak  
Councilman John Jendrowski      Attorney Brendan Neill  
Councilman Joe Dugan      Assistant Attorney Emily Janicz  
Councilman Edmund Burke  
Councilwoman Jeannine Morlacci

Village Board Members  
Mayor Carl Patterson      Attorney Andrew Borden  
Trustee Michael Middaugh      Village Clerk Jayne DeTine  
Trustee Peter Forrestel      DPW Super Jon Cummings  
Trustee Brian Perry  
Trustee Darrin Folger

The Boards convened at approximately 8:32pm with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order.

**CDBG:** Supervisor Cummings asked about the possibility of both communities setting aside 1 of their projects this year to apply for a joint project for new, better signage all along the bike path. The estimated cost received from Joe Capan would be approximately \$6,000.00. Trustee Forrestel asked about replacing the mile marker signs as well as directional signs at the forks. The village will discuss it and let Supervisor Cummings know by the end of August. Attorney Borden stated doing this project jointly could be a good segway for the Village to then go after a Rails to Trails grant for extending and enhancing their section of the bike path.

**Fire Contract:** Councilman Jendrowski & Councilman Dugan will schedule a meeting with Trustee Middaugh & Trustee Folger to discuss proposals for the new fire contract within the next month.

**Gas Well:** Village Attorney Borden stated that he represents I Squared R in their business dealings and they own several gas wells, most are industrially active. They own a gas well that is located behind the Joint Facility that currently serves 1 home and has become cost prohibitive to operate. They are inquiring if the town and village want to purchase the gas well for us at the Joint Facility property. The well has been tested this year and the results were very favorable and could potentially alter some of the heating costs at the Joint Facility. There would be some up-front cost of potentially \$10,000 on the well head to plug in. As this is a conflict of interest for Andy to pursue, he asked if Brendan & Emily would take the lead on investigating the potential for the town and village. They agreed to and both boards seem initially interested and would like to investigate the possibility of purchase.

**Sewer:** the town has submitted their application for a CFA grant for a sewer study, which will determine if its feasible to expand sewer into sections of the town. The Village has been awarded their grant but are still in the paperwork process with the state.

**Water:** the Supervisor informed the Village that CJ Sage came to their last meeting to inquire about water service through ECWA for a village property he is interested in purchasing and building on. The Board explained to him the difference between in district costs vs. out of district costs and he

would be expected to pay all costs associated with running the waterline under Buell St to Skyline Dr and to the location where he would want the house. The Town Board suggested it may be more cost effective for him to negotiate paying for the costs to run the village waterline to his location instead so he may be coming back to discuss it with the Village Board.

**Court:** Supervisor Cummings stated he respectfully disagrees with the Villages interpretation of how money from the Court should be and is being split. He believes the Village should only get a percentage of the revenues after the town makes a profit, which it has not done since the courts merged. The town continues to get deeper in the hole every year after expenses for the court are paid. He read the boards numbers from the last several years. On top of losing those moneys to the village the town then has to pay an average of \$9,000 to \$10,000 annually back to the village for the Akron Police Department security on court nights. He is asking if the village is going to continue to reap the benefits of the court system without paying any of the expenses, could the expense of the court security go away. Tickets and revenue are down drastically over the last few years. The police agencies are not writing as many tickets it seems. After discussion, it was decided the town would ask the court for a comprehensive, in depth report showing the overall information for the past few years and provide that to all the town and village board members so they are all analyzing the same information. Then they will discuss it again.

**Other:**

**Recycling Events manpower:** both boards agreed there has been an issue with getting the highway employees to attend and help out with these events. They both agreed town and village sponsored events should be mandatory for personnel to work at. They will both address this issue with their negotiations with the unions.

**Drainage:** Attorney Borden stated the Village would like to be able to have access to funds to complete some of their projects since the village residents pay into this fund. They asked how the process works to access the funds. One example is their recent flooding incident on Cedar St where work needed to be done in an emergency. They went to the County and the State for assistance and was told they would not share in the costs because it was a local issue. The village asked if there could be some reimbursement out of the drainage fund toward that project's costs. Supervisor Cummings will look at the funds balance and project costs for this year and see if there is extra money to assist. If there are potential projects the Village would like to address they should submit cost proposals to the Town Board in September each year to see if they can be added into the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board for the joint meeting, a motion was made by Councilwoman Morlacci, seconded by Councilman Burke to adjourn the joint meeting at 9:21pm.

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC  
Town Clerk