

A work session of the Newstead Town Board was held at 7:00pm on June 2, 2014 at the Town Hall.

Authorizing Resolution- Parks Grant:

A motion was made by Councilman Rooney, seconded by Councilwoman Whiting to authorized Supervisor Cummings to accept funds from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount no less than 50 % of the grant award, and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town for the Newstead Park Development Project and if appropriate, grant a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property. (Resolution Attached) Cummings-Aye, Rooney-Aye, Mayrose-Aye, York-Aye, Whiting- Aye Carried Unanimously

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on June 2, 2014 at the Village Hall.

Present: Village Board Members
Mayor Carl Patterson Attorney Don Shonn
Trustee Michael Middaugh Clerk/Treasurer Dan Borchert
Trustee Peter Forrestel DPW Super Chief Jon Cummings
Trustee Keith Hatswell PD Chief Rick Lauricella
Trustee Cathy Capan

Town Board Members
Supervisor David Cummings Attorney Nathan Neill
Councilman Justin Rooney Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Councilman Jim Mayrose CAC members Carl
Councilman Don York Klingenschmitt & Ed Burke
Councilwoman Marybeth Whiting Disaster Coord. Dan Kowalik

The Boards convened at approximately 8:45pm at the Village Hall with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order.

Murder Creek: Carl gave an update of the project. Bids were due on May 22nd and the Town Board awarded the project to D & H Construction on May 27th. This will only involve the south side of the creek with the work slated to begin the end of July and be completed by September 30th, however they believe the bulk of the work should be done with 10 days of the start date. Construction will take place right in the creek bed, with access from the Akron Fire Hall parking lot. The AFC has asked for a dry hydrant to be placed on site at a cost of \$1,500. Carl explained that is not part of the murder creek grant and would have to be addressed with the Village Board as part of their proposal to join the AFC parking lot with the Village Hall parking lot behind the Akron House Restaurant. It cannot be paid for with the grant funds.

Emerald Ash Borer: Carl gave an update on behalf of the CAC. The town has opted to not treat any trees. The Village has designated some of their trees for treatment and will see how it goes for any others.

Archives: Dan has boxes ready to go to the Town Hall archives and is now just looking for an opportune time to take them over and deliver them.

Joint Facility Floor/Doors: The Mayor explained that the floor letter went out from the Attorneys to Sherwin Williams. They are currently waiting for a response from a representative that contacted Dan looking to schedule a meeting date. Dan will let everyone know when a date has been scheduled. Councilwoman Whiting questioned Jon Cummings about what he felt the final goal is on the floor issues. He stated some sort of restitution because the floor will eventually have to be totally replaced. He believes patching it just will not work. As for the doors, they are fixed and working fine now. We are getting ready to sign a one year maintenance agreement on the doors and have been approached by other companies for maintenance contracts as well. It has been confirmed by some of those other companies that the original installation of the doors was not done right to begin with.

It was asked about the hierarchy at the facility of running the day to day operations. It has been recommended that 1 person should be put in charge to handle all infrastructure issues. Right now there seems to be too many irons in the fire. They need more reign at the facility to make daily decisions without having to run to the committee and respective Boards for everything. Obviously if a “big ticket” item arises they would consult the Boards but they need to be able to handle day to day stuff without everyone’s input on decisions.

Joint Master Plan: a potential grant has been found but both boards need to pass a resolution okaying moving forward on a grant together. The town will take the lead and set a meeting date to come up with a list of committee members.

2014 Recycling Events Schedule: Dan reported that this Saturday is the Shred-it event at the joint facility. The next event is the household hazardous waste drop-off on Saturday, June 14th.

Court Consolidation: Councilman Mayrose reported he has asked the court clerks for a report showing the number of tickets written by the Akron Village Police Department to date this year vs. other police agencies. The Supervisor stated he also asked for a report showing the village PD number of tickets this and last year vs. the last year before the consolidation took place. They both believe that ticket writing by the village police is down since the consolidation took place.

Joint Emergency Services Committee: Councilman Rooney asked who replaced the Mayor on this committee. It is now Trustee Middaugh. He will be scheduling a meeting with the committee within the next 2 weeks. The Mayor and Supervisor reminded him they would like Glenn, Danny & Joe (the Disaster Coordinators) added to that committee.

Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion: Trustee Forrestel stated he has looked at a grant for an engineering study. He is in process with the application and asked if the town wants to piggy back on the grant with them. The answer was yes.

Niagara Label Sewer- Town Attorney Neill explained what the upfront costs would be to Niagara Label and is waiting for a response from them. He explained the town cannot put that cost on all taxpayers when the district would only benefit Niagara Label. Any other district that has been formed, the benefitting business has paid for all costs associated with the district. They discussed looking at creative ways of financing the bond with less upfront costs and more at the end. Nathan will continue talks with Niagara Label representatives.

County Park Purchase- the bill has passed the Senate/Assembly and is waiting for the Governor to sign it. Then the legal transfers paperwork will be filed and this will be done.

Grants- nothing new at this time.

July 4th Celebration issues- the Village Police Department needs a letter of request for service from the Town to allow them to police the town park for the festivities. There is supposed to be hired security on site for the beer tent.

GIS/GPS Training- Carl presented a sheet on training needs for the GIS/GPS units that he would like both the village and town employees to attend. Disaster Coordinator Dan Kowalik was present and stated that he agrees the training needs to be updated and new people trained. He does not want to see this program die because the Disaster Coordinators do use these services on a regular basis.

Other:

Trustee Forrestel requested that a boulder marker be allowed to be placed in the park to mark the end of the 5K race that is held there. The town agreed to a mutually agreed upon marker.

Mayor Patterson addressed the request by a board member for consolidation of the DPW and Highway departments. He stated they prefer to continue to work together on a regular basis towards finding more efficient and effective ways to work together through the joint facility forces rather than merging the two entities into one at this point.

Supervisor Cummings stated he understands and feels that is where going after a grant for a feasibility study would be helpful. It would give both communities a guide to follow to the future.

The Mayor responded there are many cross training opportunities that need to be addressed at the joint facility and they need to start work on building a joint budget for the joint facility as well.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2014 at the Town Hall at approximately 8:45pm. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34pm by the Mayor and Supervisor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk