

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on January 26, 2004 at the Akron Village Hall.

Present:

Town Board Members

Supervisor Gerald Summe
Councilman Tom George
Councilwoman Joan Glor
Councilman Harold Finger
Councilman Scott Chaffee

Town Engineer Andrew Casolini
Town Attorney Nathan Neill
Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak

Village Board Members

Mayor Ray Perkins
Trustee Peter Forrestel
Trustee Carl Patterson
Trustee Charlie Yaeger
Trustee Mike Middaugh

Village Attorney Don Shonn
Village Clerk Dan Borchert
Village Supt. DPW Bob Kowalik

The Boards convened at approximately 9:15 p.m. at the Village Hall with the Mayor calling the meeting to order.

Doug Klotzbach of the Akron-Newstead Rotary Club made a presentation to both boards of a proposal for construction of public restrooms in or around the Russell Park/Main Street area.

Town-wide Drainage – Andrew Casolini presented maps to both boards outlining a town-wide drainage district including the village. The focus of the projects in the district will be on open ditches including ditch mowing, ditch & stream clearing, erosion mitigation and flood mitigation. The drainage district would be maintained by the town highway department and village DPW respectively once projects are complete. The district would be funded by both municipalities to a designated fund. The inter-municipal committee to work with Andrew on this project will be Trustees Yaeger and Middaugh from the Village and Councilmen George and Chaffee for the Town.

Town of Alabama Water District – March 15th is the proposed date to begin construction of this district. The town will be doing the bulk of the work on the project.

Water District #10- Trustee Forrestel informed the town board that their water committee is making progress on a bulk rate structure to continue selling water to the town at a lower rate than currently. They are also working on lease management proposals in hopes that the town will include service from the village in the new water district 10 project for certain areas. Trustee Forrestel, Mayor Perkins and the Supervisor will continue to meet on the subject.

Final Sewer District #2 Report- Project is complete and in the ground. The town is holding final payment to the contractor until Whiting's make their final connections and the system can have final calibrations made.

Traffic Control at Rt.93 and Main Road – The Supervisor advised that he and Richard Forrestel are still working to make this street light a reality. He will keep the boards up to date on progress made.

S.R. 93 Truck Route By-Pass – Mayor Perkins reported that a letter from the NYS DOT has been received and they are reviewing the requests made from the Village and Town Boards on this issue.

Village/Town White Goods Option- Modern Waste Management has altered their agreement with the Village and will no longer pick up any item with refrigerants inside. The village is requesting that the town dispose of the freezers and refrigerators they are picking up and storing along with their spring white goods pick-up. It was decided that Trustee Middaugh and Councilwoman Glor will continue to work on the issue and come up with a solution beneficial to both municipalities before the spring town white goods pick-up.

Trustee Patterson presented some issues he would like to see the two boards work together on in the coming months.

1. The planning for construction of a joint village/town highway facility
2. Some solution on joint fire services due to the spiraling costs of equipment
3. Pooling together on health care packages for employees to cut costs.

Everyone agreed these were topics that needed to be addressed. Supervisor Summe will arrange for a speaker from the County or State to come out for a presentation on this and will even look into the benefits of both municipalities joining the County plan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak
Town Clerk