

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on April 17, 2006 at the Newstead Town Hall.

Present: Town Board Members
 Councilman Tom George Town Engineer Andrew Casolini
 Councilman Mark Decker Town Attorney Nathan Neill
 Councilman Brian Murray Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
 Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello

Village Board Members
 Mayor Ray Perkins Village Attorney Don Shonn
 Trustee Peter Forrestel Village Clerk Dan Borchert
 Trustee Mike Middaugh DPW Supt. Bob Kowalik
 Trustee Bill Kaufman

The Boards convened at approximately 8:47pm at the Town Hall with Councilman George & the Mayor calling the meeting to order.

Joint Facility Study- The next meeting of the committee will be held this Wednesday at the Town Hall. A schematic of all shared spaces and separate spaces will be presented. Major issues facing the project will be addressed. Institutional issues and needs of both parties will be addressed in a "Memorandum of Understanding" being prepared by Wendel. The committee would like to wrap up the work on the study and the memorandum by the end of June and make a decision in which direction to proceed.

Police Garage- Councilman George stated the Town board will choose two members to sit on a committee with the Villages Police Services committee and a meeting will be set to discuss recommendations for the project. Mayor Perkins agreed. Both boards would like to get moving on this project.

Police Services- Councilman George stated the current Sheriff's Department services are in question and expect big changes in the future including charging municipalities for services. The town is waiting to see where this issue goes in the future and what potential services the town could contract with the Village police for. Trustee Middaugh suggested looking at the Middleport and East Aurora contracts. Both of these municipalities villages provide police services to their townships. Trustee Forrestel stated that as the town continues to grow there will be a greater need for additional and closer police services than the Troopers and Sheriff's can provide.

NIMS Training: Councilman Murray explained the new training requirements for fire companies and municipal workers alike. He has discussed organizing training with the Disaster Coordinator, both fire companies and the town and village boards. There are different levels of training requirements depending on your status. The town and village will split the cost of instructors for the training and the training will be open to all municipal employees and firemen required to have the training in this area. Councilman Murray explained the new requirements purpose is to create a universal communications protocol nationwide for disaster preparedness.

Comp. Master Plan: The village has re-written the zoning for the west side neighborhood within the village boundaries to be changed from Industrial to Residential. One section on Hake Road from Clarence Center Rd to the bike path will remain Industrial. Hearings for the change will be held as soon as SEQR is complete. The town is looking to make changes to the Route 5 corridor in sections that were not previously addressed in the original plan. Attorney Shonn stated that legally the master plans operate separately as two independent plans. The town and village could have joint hearings for both of their sets of changes, coordinated with the Planning Boards of both municipalities. Attorney Shonn and Attorney Neill will work together with both

Planning Boards to arrange this and schedule the joint hearings. Once the hearing are held, each municipality will adopt the changes on their own. All the proposed changes will require reproducing the Plan and new copies being made.

Lucy Curley- Grant Services: Mayor Perkins reported the village has chosen not to renew their part of the contract with Lucy Curley & Co. for grant services as of 4/30/06. They have not seen any fruitful monies come to the village out of the relationship. The Town Board will discuss their future options with Lucy and they fully understand the Village Boards position on the matter.

Hazardous Waste drop-offs: Councilman George reported that the Town Board had a presentation from Erie County Dept. of Environment & Planning a couple weeks ago. They discussed the possibility of offering a hazardous waste drop-off in the Town of Newstead once a year. The cost to the town would be \$20,000 to offer the drop-off and the County said they may be able to pay half that through a grant if the town included the Tonawanda Indian Reservation in the drop-off participants. Major issues include staffing the drop-off, location for the drop-off and the cost. Both boards seemed to be more in favor of offering Electronics drop-offs to residents through an independent contractor. They decided not to explore the hazardous waste venue and instead explore the electronics drop-off options. They discussed possibly trying one this fall and if it was successful, offering it annually with the towns tire drop-off day in 2007.

Water District #1 disconnection issues: Town Engineer Casolini explained there is a meeting for residents of Water District #1 scheduled for May 1, 2006 at 8:00pm at the Town Hall. Following the meeting a switch out for the district is scheduled for the end of May or beginning of June depending on any issues that come up unexpectedly. Andrew will keep everyone involved up to date as this project progresses.

Sewer services – Councilman George explained that this has been a long time issue between the village and town. The town would like to once again state its interest and willingness to purchase into and partner with the village on the sewer plant to allow for expansion into the town areas surrounding the village. The town would be partners in ownership and help fund improvements, but would not want to assist in the running of the plant. Attorney Neill stated that back in 1998 the town gave the Village Board a written proposal on this issue. Mayor Perkins asked Attorney Neill to provide him with a copy of the proposal the town made to the village back in 1998. Trustee Forrestel explained the upgrades made to the plant and its new capacity levels. The two new proposed village subdivisions will take up much of those new capacity levels available. DPW Superintendent Kowalik presented some pictures of problem areas along Murder Creek that are affecting the drain off from the sewer plant. He would like input from the Town Board, Town Highway Supt. Bassanello and the NYS DEC to try to clean up these problem areas as soon as possible. The landowners around the affected areas are in favor of the clean-up. He feels there are possibly grant monies available to help with the cost. Both boards were in favor of helping on the project and Highway Supt. Bassanello will talk to Bob about how the town highway crews can help.

Next meeting: July 10, 2006 at 8:45pm at the Village Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk