

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on October 4, 2004 at the Newstead Town 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 Carl Patterson
Trustee Peter Forrestel
Trustee Mike Middaugh

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

The Boards convened at approximately 8:45pm at the Town Hall with the Supervisor calling the meeting to order.

Mayor Perkins led the pledge to the flag.

Joint Archives Grant Application- Dan reported that the Village Board voted at their regular meeting tonight to support the town in an effort to apply for funding on a joint archives grant to construct a new vault on the new town hall building. The villages only request was to have small amount of space in the vault for their use in the future. Everyone agreed on this issue.

Town-wide Drainage – Andrew informed both boards that the current plan is for an open drainage system. The town is set to move forward as soon as the final plan is set at which time resolutions will be made and the issue will go to a public referendum. Final planning will be set over winter for first projects to begin in the spring.

Re-Zoning of Current Town Hall Property- This issue will be before the village Planning Board at their next meeting. The proposal would change zoning to an R-3 status for the entire area encompassing the Town hall, Churches, Masonic Lodge, Cemetery and the Post Office. The Town Board assured the village they intend to sell the Town Hall complex with deed restrictions to maintain its historic value to the community. The Town Board will pass a resolution next meeting to this effect to help the re-zoning process along with the Village.

Joint Highway/DPW Facility- the Town passed a resolution in support to begin the planning phase for this project. Committee was set with the Town members being the Supervisor, Councilman George and Highway Supt. Jim Ebersole and the Village members being the Mayor, Trustee Middaugh and DPW Supt. Bob

Kowalik. The supervisor offered a suggestion of pulling from others with expertise in this area including some larger towns and the County.

Disaster Coordinator Position- The Village Board expressed their interest in partnering with the Town on appointing Dean Hyder as the Village Disaster Coordinator and Glenn Joachimiak as Deputy Disaster Coordinator. Dan questioned joint funding of the position and the Supervisor suggested that a 60/40 arrangement be arranged just like all other joint town/village agreements. Resolutions will be passed at both next meetings with funding to be capped at \$5,000 total budget for the coming year.

Sewer Service Request – The Supervisor reported that a request has been received from Niagara Specialty Metals and the Arrowhead Golf Course expressing interest in having the village sewer system extended for their use. Mayor Perkins stated that the Arrowhead Golf Course request was out of the question and he had not been able to review the proposal from Niagara Specialty at this point. The village will discuss this further.

Sewer District #2 Report- Engineer Casolini reported that the system is up and operating. The minor problems are being worked thru and the formal turn over to the village is impending.

Funding LOSAP- This has been questioned by both town & village auditors. Both boards agreed that it is their understanding you cannot pre-pay amounts into the fund. Only amounts due to the 12/31/03 deadline should be paid in at this time. Also concern was raised over the fact neither board has received a working copy of the Plan Documents yet.

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Trustee Forrestel to send a communication to the Plan administrator stating that payments into the fund by the town and village will not be sent until a final copy of the Plan Document has been received by both boards.

Signage in Village & Town Right-of Ways- Trustee Forrestel brought up the issue of political signage within the Right-of-ways in both the town and village. The signs in their current locations pose safety issues as well as being aesthetically not pleasant to the view. The town has a new sign law which they will be enforcing and the village has already instructed their building inspector to remove any signs in the right-of-way and return them to their owner(s).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Trustee Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk