

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on July 11, 2011 at the Village Hall.

Present: Village Board Members
Mayor Carl Patterson Village Attorney Don Shonn
Trustee Kathy Capan Village Clerk Dan Borchert
Trustee Brian Wittlinger DPW Supt. Jon Cummings
Trustee Michael Middaugh
Trustee Peter Forrestel

Town Board Members
Supervisor David Cummings Town Attorney Nathan Neill
Councilman Justin Rooney Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Councilman Cheryl Esposito Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello
Councilman Jim Mayrose
Councilman Dick Baran

The Boards convened at approximately 8:53pm at the Village Hall with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order.

Joint Facility project: Supervisor Cummings gave a project update. A meeting was held today to go over the punch-list items with Christa. Things are finally finishing up with paving of the entire site to be done next week by the highway crews. Wednesday morning facility committee meetings are on-going to set procedures prior to moving into the site. The Mayor commented that many other municipalities are watching this project closely to see how other communities might implement the same shared services.

Joint Master Plan: a committee needs to be formed to begin this long process. There has been no news yet on the grant application to fund the study. By August 8th both boards will have a committee set.

Joint Emergency Services Committee: the boards would like to build a “master plan” for both of the fire companies thru the formation of a committee. Town members will be Councilmen Rooney & Baran, Village members will be Trustees Forrestel & Wittlinger, both Akron & Newstead Fire Chiefs will sit on the committee, as well as both of the Disaster Coordinators.

Court Rental-Town Hall: discussion was held on the future steps leading to the final consolidation and what the village’s compensation to the town will be in the interim until that happens. 2 new phone lines need to be added for the court offices at the town hall. Discussion was also held regarding the fact that the town court clerks are answering phones and taking care of customers for the village court when the village court clerks are not in.

Court Consolidation: The Judges current term ends on 3/31/2013. The timeline for abolishing the Village Justice position has been set by the Village. Village Attorney Shonn explained a public meeting on the topic will be held in September and then a resolution will be passed by the Village board to abolish the position. Following the resolution there is a 30 day comment period to the referendum and once that period is passed the position will officially be abolished as of the end of office term. The boards received a letter from Justice Campbell sharing some concerns with what will happen during consolidation and its timing.

CEO Services: Supervisor Cummings updated the Village on the status of the new CEO. His probationary period has been extended for 3 additional months (to 9 months total) by the Town to allow him time to successfully complete all of his CEO schooling.

Murder Creek Mitigation Project: The official FEMA approval letter for the construction phase was received by the town today. We are ready to begin the construction phase with the town awarding the construction bids at its meeting tonight as well as approving the Apex Consulting construction phase contract. We will be about 2 weeks behind the tentative construction schedule. Part of the alternate bids from CATCO will complete the repair of the Village drains leading to the construction site area. A bidders meeting will be held next week and the access road will be but in by the highway crews by mid-next week. Tentative completion of this year's phase is set for October.

Grant Services: upcoming potential joint projects are the police garage with the Village to be lead on that project. Any other suggestions let Supervisor Cummings know.

Akron Airport: SEQRA Neg Dec with stipulations is on the table right now. Town work session time next week will finalize the proposed document for adoption. A 30 day comment period will follow that. Then the Zoning Board of appeals will have to make a decision on the variance request before them.

Future Village/Town Projects:

Both boards would like to see joint planning of future infrastructure projects in the town and village thru the use of the highway crews.

The Villager also updated the Town on the proposed John & Bloomingdale street paving and infrastructure repairs planned by the County for this fall and next year.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm by the Mayor & Supervisor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk