

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on October 6, 2008 at the Village Hall.

Present: Village Board Members

Mayor Carl Patterson
Trustee Peter Forrestel
Trustee Kathy Capan
Trustee Bill Kaufman

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

Town Board Members

Supervisor David Cummings
Councilman Tom George
Councilman Harold Finger
Councilman Justin Rooney
Councilwoman Esposito

Town Engineer Scott Rybarczyk
Town Attorney Nathan Neill
Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello

The Boards convened at approximately 9:00pm at the Town Hall with Supervisor Cummings calling the meeting to order.

Murder Creek Mitigation: The Supervisor recapped the 2008 application process, decision and appeal process. Carl explained the new proposed scope of work and gave an overview of APEX Consulting's involvement recently. Carl reminded the Boards that property owner easements need to be obtained soon. They discussed the increase in the proposed budget for the project to \$875,000. Mark Gaston of Erie County Water & Soil gave a presentation of their proposed solution to the project. Resident Bob Schieb asked some questions including the pending bridge work on the Brooklyn St bridge into Akron Falls Park and how it may affect this project. The boards agreed resolutions need to be prepared to go ahead with the grant application. Mark Gaston is working on putting together some realistic numbers for the grant application. The Village board passed two resolutions approving their 50% expense on the APEX contract and approving the application for the YR 2009 FEMA grant application.

Perry's Ditch Drainage: Scott Rybarczyk reported there is potential for this project to work but the piping/pumping over the Cedar Street hump would be costly. They are looking at several possible solutions and he will keep the boards informed.

GIS Grant: Dawn reported the progress on the grant to date including meetings with the GIS committee, the fire department representatives and Bergmann Associates to discuss equipment purchases to be made thru the grant.

Annexation Request: nothing new to update. Paperwork still has not been filed by the interested parties.

Consolidation Items:

Code Enforcement- The Village expressed an interest to contract with the town for services and not hire a specific individual. The contract would be for "Code Enforcement Services" as the title and several questions included would it include zoning and/or zoning enforcement. Trustees Middaugh and Capan and Councilman George and Esposito are the respective committee members on this topic so they will meet to move this item along at the committee level and organize a potential contract with a target date of 1/1/2009.

Courts- The boards will request the Justices to work out the logistics for court dates, times and how the offices will operate together to combine the two courts into one. They also request a timeframe for implementation and distribution of fines/fees. The Supervisor and his Bookkeeper will sit down with Village Treasurer Dan Borchert to compare current costs vs. potential savings to both entities.

Archives- The Village is on board to make a commitment to the Town to house their records within the Town's archive center.

Police Garage- The scope of the project was discussed as a 3 bays across and 2 bays deep detached garage at approximately 40' x 48'. The Village would like to make sure there is enough room to also house their UTV and trailer. The Supervisor is seriously looking at construction in Spring 2009. Everyone agreed with this.

CDBG Grants: The Villages projects will be Marshall Street reconstruction and waterlines, Skyline Drive and Clarence Center Rd sidewalks and Rural Transit Van. The Towns projects will be new handicapped accessible doors at the town hall and senior center, Rural Transit Van and one other yet to be decided.

Bike Path: signage & sealing project looks great and the monies are in from Senator Rath and the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Club. The Supervisor and Mayor stated that several issues need to be addressed with the Sno-Seekers club prior to approval of their 2008-09 winter season. They discussed putting traffic barrels over the new sign posts for safety.

Joint Facility Study:

Agreements- drafts have been e-mailed to members for final comments.

Grant- need to close out the grant on the study before receiving the new grant funds on the project. The State grant office wants to know where the project is heading by January 1, 2009.

Location- status on the purchase offer made to Peter Henley for the Indian Falls Rd facility has passed the deadline date of September 26th for a response of acceptance from Mr. Henley. A call was received from Mr. Henley 2 days after the official response date (Sept. 28th) that the purchase offer was not acceptable. A \$1.6 million dollar counter offer was tendered, but not accepted by the boards. Both Boards unanimously agreed to remove this option from the

table. They need to move forward with a new site selection. A public information meeting based on a new build alternative with site location alternatives needs to be scheduled. Both boards agreed they need to go ahead with an RFP for design professional services hiring.

Survey at Election Time: The Supervisor will e-mail suggested questions/topics to all town and village board members for a survey to be conducted on election day looking for input from our residents on several topics.

Both Boards went into executive session at approximately 10:15pm. Executive Session ended at 11:00pm and the meeting was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk