

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on November 21, 2016 at the Village Hall.

Present: Town Board Members
 Supervisor David Cummings Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
 Councilman John Jendrowski Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello
 Councilman Joe Dugan Attorney Nathan Neill
 Councilman Edmund Burke

Village Board Members
 Mayor Carl Patterson Attorney Andrew Borden
 Trustee Michael Middaugh Village Clerk Dan Borchert
 Trustee Keith Hatswell DPW Chief Jon Cummings
 Trustee Brian Perry

The Boards convened at approximately 8:45pm at the Village Hall with Mayor Patterson calling the meeting to order. He started the meeting by thanking Highway Supt. Mike Bassanello and his crew for all their assistance to the Village over the summer months on projects.

Code Enforcement Officer: Supervisor Cummings explained that the town is looking at hiring their CEO as a PT position. If the Village is interested in sharing that position and hiring jointly the town is willing to discuss that. Mayor Patterson indicated the Village is very interested in sharing that position. It was agreed that a 4 person committee of the 2 boards will meet and hammer out the details of the shared agreement and how the process will work then report back to their respective boards. Mayor Patterson stated it makes sense for both communities. The committee will also gather applications and interview applicants and then report their recommendation for hiring. Councilman Jendrowski stated this will take time and we need to move forward as quickly as possible but making sure we find the best person for the job. Everyone agreed.

Sewer District #3- Niagara Label: Town Attorney Neill explained that the Town will hold a public hearing next week on establishing the district as Sewer District #3 that will service Niagara Label. An agreement to accept the sewage from Niagara Label and the district needs to be signed between the Town and Village. Village Attorney Borden stated that he and Nathan have hammered out the terms of the agreement and both of the boards agree to those terms. The Town will therefore approve the agreement next week after the district is formally established and then the Village agreed to approve it at their first meeting in December.

Joint Master Plan: This is finally moving forward with grant funding from CDBG. Town Attorney Neill has been updating the RFP documents from the last Master Plan process. It was agreed that everything for this process will originate through the Town but the Village Board will be fully involved. Trustee Hatswell stated he would like to see the need for a Route 93 bypass out Hake Rd addressed in this new plan. In the recent meetings with the NYSDOT on the proposed closing of the Buell St bridge over Murder Creek, the NYSDOT suggested they would be

open to discussing a bypass to reroute the heavy truck traffic around the village and out Hake Rd. Last time the plan was drafted letters from both municipalities were included and sent to the DOT asking for a bypass then but the idea was not supported by the DOT. The Boards would like to re-write those letters again and include letters of support from area businesses as well to see if the idea would be accepted now.

Joint Facility Office Position: Mayor Patterson apologized for the extended period of time it has taken to address this issue but the Village has conducted several interviews and has made a decision to offer the full time clerical position at the joint facility to Debbie Forrestel. The Village Board motioned by Trustee Middaugh and seconded by Trustee Perry voted unanimously to appoint Debbie Forrestel as their full time civil service, union clerical staff at the joint facility.

Planting of White Pine Tree Gift: Trustee Hatswell stated there are 3 locations under consideration for planting the white pine tree gifted from the Tonawanda Tribal Council on Indigenous Peoples Day. They are Russell Park, Wilder Park and Veterans Park. Councilman Burke and Councilman Jendrowski informed everyone that this tree will require a lot of sun and space as it will grow to be at least 20-30 feet tall and quite large in diameter. After considering that information it was decided that Veterans Park would be the best location for the tree. Trustee Hatswell will inform the Tribal Council that the municipalities would like to schedule the planting ceremony for December 1st at 1:00pm at Veterans Park.

Joint Purchase of Salt: DPW Chief Jon Cummings informed both boards that several years ago the Village trucks were equipped with monitoring devices that track the salt used during winter. He inquired if the municipalities would be interested in jointly purchasing their salt moving forward in the future. He suggested the Town would purchase the salt and then the Village would reimburse the Town based on the numbers provided by their monitoring devices. Councilman Burke questioned how good is the calibration on the devices. Jon stated within a few pounds. Mike stated it is always difficult figuring what you are going to need for salt each year. The tonnage required must be into the County/State by May 3rd but the towns don't find out what the actual price per ton will be until September. The Town Board did not seem to be initially in favor of the idea but stated they will discuss it further at their next work session.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2017 at the Town Hall at approximately 8:30pm. A motion was made by Councilman Jendrowski, seconded by Councilman Dugan to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC
Town Clerk