

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on September 22, 2014 at the Town Hall.

Present:     Village Board Members  
Mayor Carl Patterson                     Attorney Don Shonn  
Trustee Michael Middaugh               Clerk/Treasurer Dan Borchert  
Trustee Peter Forrestel                 DPW Super Chief Jon Cummings  
Trustee Keith Hatswell  
Trustee Cathy Capan

Town Board Members  
Supervisor David Cummings             Highway Supt Mike Bassanello  
Councilman Jim Mayrose                 Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak  
Councilman Don York                     CAC members Carl  
Attorney Nathan Neill                   Klingenschmitt & Ed Burke

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

**Murder Creek:** Carl reported the major part of the construction is done. They installed an extra rock layer that Erie County Soil & Water felt needed to be done once they got into the project, which costs will be included in the grant. Planting and seeding are left to be done.

**Archives:** Dan has moved several boxes to the Town Hall archives and will continue to move more.

**Joint Facility Floor/Doors:** the committee is meeting this Friday. Councilman York questioned if the door work was complete. Jon & Mike confirmed it was and an annual maintenance contract has been taken out on them. The gas regulator work has also been completed and seems to be working fine. Jon presented both boards with a proposal for maintenance from Great Lakes he would like them to look at and approve.

**Joint Master Plan:** a copy of the last plan was sent to the committee as well as all the RFP proposals and contracts on the last plan. He asked them to make sure they review those prior to their next meeting which has been set.

**2014 Recycling Events Schedule:** the Shred-it event is this Saturday from 9-12, with a box number limit set this time, and the last household hazardous waste drop-off event is October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Trustee Hatswell questioned the possibility of offering another tire drop-off this year and to maybe start offering them semi-annually or quarterly. It was discussed and another one will be set for October. Mike will schedule a date for it with Dan and Modern.

**Court Consolidation:** the committee has met several times and looking at the numbers ticket writing is down significantly from the Village Police Department and the NYS Troopers. The Sheriff's department numbers have been steady.

**Joint Emergency Services Committee:** Councilman Rooney was not present to report but the committee has met a couple times.

**Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion:** Trustee Forrestel reported the Village employees have taken over operations of the plant on their own now. They are no longer under Camden. They are now looking for a management oversight only. The grant has been submitted and they are just waiting to hear.

**Niagara Label Sewer-** Town Attorney Neill has been talking with Paul Nesper about the logistics of forming a district. Audit & Control approval would be needed for creation of a new district. They have come up with a proposal and it has been submitted to the Town's bond counsel for review. Once this is done they should be able to move forward on the project for next Spring.

**GIS/GPS Training-** both boards approved \$1,000 for the training (\$500 from each municipality). Supervisor Cummings will work out the scheduling with Scott.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration report-** Councilman York reported that things went very well this year and he believes they are proceeding in the right direction for the future in transitioning to the Skyline park area. He would like to see shuttles added between the parks.

**Grants-** nothing new for planning is being offered.

**County Park Purchase-** the legal transfer paperwork was filed Friday and this is done. Grants have been submitted to do improvements in both parks.

**Dog Control Issues:** the Village has received several complaints on the Greiner property on John St. The complaints have been of puppies dying of parvo and spreading other diseases, as well as dogs getting out and running around the neighborhood. The Village does not want rescues operating within the Village limits. They instructed DCO DeYoung and CEO Mike Borth to go to the property tomorrow and conduct an inspection of the property and inform the Greiner's they are not allowed to have any more than 3 dogs total on the property at any time.

**Other:** Councilman York reported on a recent project in the cemetery to raise several headstones that had settled underground. The stones have been cleared but need to be raised back up to ground level. He will reach out to the Forest Lawn network for recommendations on how to go about this without causing the headstones to break or further deteriorate.

The town work session on October 6<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled. The Supervisor thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2015 at the Village Hall at approximately 8:45pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9.48pm by the Supervisor and Mayor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk