

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on February 3, 2003 at the Village of Akron Hall.

Present:           Town Board Members  
                      Supervisor Gerald Summe  
                      Councilman David Cummings  
                      Councilman Tom George  
                      Councilwoman Joan Glor  
                      Councilman Harold Finger  
                      Town Engineer Andrew Casolini  
                      Town Attorney Nathan Neill  
                      Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak

Village Board Members  
                      Mayor Mike Charles  
                      Trustee Barb Burke  
                      Trustee Peter Forrestel  
                      Trustee Carl Patterson  
                      Trustee Charlie Yaeger  
                      Village Attorney Don Shonn  
                      Village Clerk Dan Borchert

The Boards convened at 9:15 P.M. at the Village Hall with the Mayor calling the Village Board to order and the Supervisor calling the Town Board to order.

**Akron/Newstead Fire Company LOSAP Update** – Insurance agent Paul Barone outlined the defined contribution program and explained that Penflex, Inc. will act as administrator for the plan. He will handle the investments of the plan. Ed Houlihan of Penflex then spoke, explaining the results of his recent meetings with the Akron and Newstead Fire Companies. He outlined the program perimeters to date. It will work on a points system with a maximum contribution a year of \$480.00. Entitlement age will be 65 years of age. A 5-year buy-back provision will be offered at the inception of the plan for active firemen. Participants will be vested after 5 years in the program and then death and disability benefits will take effect equivalent to the balance in the individuals account. Investments for the plan will be decided further along in the process. Mr. Houlihan will have an outline of the proposal to date for the committee after he meets with the fire companies one more time on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Liability to the town/village was discussed. A plan will be chosen that will pose no liability to either. That's why a defined contribution plan was chosen with no guarantees.

**Sidewalk Extension Project-** Mayor Charles suggested partnering on a sidewalk extension that would begin at the corner of Skyline and Buell Street and run all the way to Route 5. The Supervisor explained that he has already applied for a grant that would cover the whole area of the town property to the border with St. Theresa's Church and a connector trail from the Akron Falls Park to the Town Park property. He should have

news in the next few weeks on the status of that grant. The Mayor suggested that we might petition the State for assistance on the project.

**Whiting Industrial Park Sewer Request Update** – Supervisor Summe briefed both boards on the status of \$275,000 in grant/loan monies from the ECIDA. The town proposed they would handle all engineering on the project through Wendel. Andrew Casolini from Wendel reported that SEQRA, mailings and the coordinated review are all under way. The map, plan and report are the next step, along with handling any regulatory issues. Once an easement is received from Niagara Mohawk, the old railroad lines will be used for the main sewer line, which will connect to the system in the Akron Mobile Home Park. The cost of the project will be entirely borne by the district between Whiting's and the proposed grant monies. There will be approximately 3,700 feet of main sewer line put in. Andrew feels that if everything goes well the project can be complete within six (6) months. Michael Whiting was present and gave a brief history of the Industrial Park. The Supervisor and Town Attorney assured the Village that the town will update their sewer treatment standards to at all times mirror the villages standards and they will renegotiate the maintenance agreement on the lift stations. A resolution was distributed to the village board members, which they will discuss and be ready to approve at their February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Alabama- Additional Sale of Water-** The Supervisor updated the Village Board on a meeting he had with the Town of Alabama to supply a new water district that borders Newstead. The district would serve approximately 36 homes and the Leisurertimers units. The new sales would have a starting point of 4 million gallons, almost doubling the current sales for that area. Alabama is now at the public hearing stage on the project.

**Akron Airport Update** – Councilman George reported that Parsons Brinkerhoff has had several meetings with the area residents committee and the Christian Airmen board. An initial draft document is done and being refined. Parson's will be meeting with the Town Board sometime in the next month to go over the information that has been compiled thus far.

In other business, Councilman Cummings discussed the newly formed Celebration Committee that has been formed with the leadership of himself, Marilyn Kasperek, Harold Finger and Dawn Izydorczak and that the plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration are moving forward. The committee would like to sit down with both boards soon to go over the plans and discuss issues.

The next joint meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the beginning of April at the Town Hall.

The Boards motioned to adjourn both meetings at 10:28 P.M. Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak-Town Clerk