

A joint meeting of the Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Boards was held on March 6, 2023 at the Town Hall at 8:00pm

Present: Town Board Members
Deputy Supervisor Edmund Burke Town Clerk Dawn Izydorczak
Councilman John Jendrowski Attorney Emily Janicz
Councilman Joe Dugan Assistant Attorney Michael Coutu
Councilwoman Patty Pope (remotely)
Emergency Manager Dan Kowalik

Village Board Members
Trustee Michael Middaugh Attorney Andrew Borden
Trustee Peter Forrestel Village Clerk Jayne DeTine
Trustee Brian Perry DPW Super Jon Cummings
Trustee Darrin Folger

The Boards convened at approximately 8:00pm.

Sewer: Ed reported the town has had an inquiry from Leisurewood Campground about connecting into the ADESA Sewer District #1, which would first require the Village to determine if it's feasible to expand sewer capacity to them. If the Village determines it is feasible, then we would have to begin negotiations with ADESA to see if they are willing to allow the connection. Peter asked that Scott from Wendel provide the Mayor and Jayne with estimated flow numbers so they can begin calculations as soon as possible.

Developments for 2023: the Village updated the town that the Jackson/Hake/Clarence Center Rd development is starting over with their design plans. They have lessened the planned project to 100 units and had to address wetland issues. The East Avenue development continues to move forward slowly. The town updated the Village on their upcoming projects at Bedford's property on Main & Buell with a shed sales operation and eventual strip plaza. An 11-lot subdivision has been submitted for Stage Rd, a new commercial building is planned on Main Rd and car charging stations are being proposed at Sleepy Hollow Campground. Peter also reported the Village is planning upgrades to their transfer stations and the addition of a 3rd transfer station in the near future.

Emergency Management Purchase Requests: Dan reported to both boards that he has been having bi-weekly meetings with the snowmobile club to come up with an agreement for support during snow emergency situations. They are receiving support from Senator Gallivan for funding for 2 passenger cabins for emergency situations and training for their members for those situations. The goal is to be ready for the 2023-24 winter season in case they are needed. This is an attempt at trying to alleviate influxes to the fire companies. They will use the bike path system to navigate to area hospitals. They also discussed the need for many more cots, blankets, MRE's and other shelter necessities. Currently we only have 30 cots in stock. The storage of new purchases was also discussed. A full detail of requested purchases will be shared with both boards. Dawn will reach out to Rotella on potential funding sources and Dan will schedule a meeting with Joe, John, Mike and Darrin to discuss further in committee.

Staffing: the Village reported the DPW will be adding new employees soon due to anticipated retirements in the coming year. The town has been going through several staffing changes as well.

Sidewalk grant: Peter asked if the town could explain why they declined to have the sidewalk project put down through the east side of the town hall property. Dawn and Ed explained that the east side rear property is extremely wet through the back and even in the middle of summer when you walk through that area it is like walking on a sponge. It would take an immense amount of work to put a sidewalk through that area and even then it may not work.

Capital Equipment: Peter reported the village has had a new bucket truck chassis on order for 2 years now with no new updates on a delivery date. The town has experienced severe delays in ordering and shipping of equipment purchases as well. No end in sight of these delays. If there is any potential for joint purchases each entity needs to reach out to the other.

Other:

Andrew brought up a conversation from their audit and through NYCOMM of addressing public areas vs. private areas of public properties. The JMF committee has agreed upon designation of areas at that facility that are off limits to the public. Jon would like the 2 attorneys to work together to come up with a joint policy that is in writing. He also feels the vestibule wall should be built in the front counter area as was discussed several years ago. It could be done in-house at cost like the other interior hall door was. Everyone discussed and then agreed to approve the construction of a doorway at the front counter area as soon as possible by the employees.

Mike brought up that the Village needs a letter from the Town authorizing the Village Police to have jurisdiction at the bicentennial events at the park. Dawn will do up a letter for Ed to sign and get it to the village.

Peter brought up the Villages Skyline Drive waterline connection project that will be happening this summer so everyone is aware that project is happening. Also, borings and design work are being done on the State Street bridge.

There being no further business to discuss for the joint meeting, everyone was excused at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC
Town Clerk