

**Village Board of Trustees
Parma Town Board
Joint Meeting
April 24th 2008**

Present from the Village: Mayor Larry Gursslin with Trustees Gates, Horylev, Speer & Lee Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Surridge

Present from the Town: Supervisor Lemcke with Councilmen Carmestro, Blackburn and Smith

Guests: Art & Monica Cosgrove, Pam Speer, Nancy Kuhn, David McCracken, Mari Crumb, Karen Aterlace, Lee Weber, Steve Fowler, Donna Curry, Marcia Doles, Tom Quadrini, John Chart, Mary Ann Smith, Kay Melvin, Mike & Carol Weldon, Sarah Warmbrodt, Amy & John Grande, Maureen Spindler, Ken & Mary Eichas Gavigan, Sally Snow, Sherry Farrell, Tom Ganley, Gene DeMeyer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a workshop session to discuss topics of mutual interest.

Library/Community Center Proposal

Supervisor Lemcke informed everyone that he expects to release the final results of the public survey taken for this proposal at their next meeting, which is scheduled for May 6th. Depending on the results, his Board will be in a better position to decide on the next course of action. There are two locations being considered: The Town Hall property and the property offered by Developer Joe Sciortino on Rt #259 just south of the Village. Mr Lemcke stated if the Village Board comes up with a 3rd location, then that would be added to the possibilities.

John Chart, who resides at #969 Hilton Parma Corners Road, spoke up and asked “What’s the driving force behind this proposal and why is it needed?” He doesn’t see the need for a new facility and requested that all the maintenance and personnel costs be provided to the voters as soon as possible.

Supervisor Lemcke replied by saying the Library Board has requested more space and so has the Recreation Department. A study is being undertaken and the public will eventually decide. Some voters may feel as Mr Chart does, others may not. He further stated that if the proposal is going to be put out for public referendum in November, the Town Board needs to have all their decisions made by September in order to meet the referendum notification deadlines and putting the final cost proposal together.

Mayor Gursslin asked Mr Lemcke if the Town has any long range plans to relocate their Highway Department to the Town Hall? If so, that could free up some space as a possible site for the Library/Community Center building. Supervisor Lemcke replied that there are no plans to relocate it, but there are plans to improve the Highway Department structure.

Councilman Blackburn asked about the site where the library is now. Is this off the table? Rick said yes, because there isn't enough space especially if both groups are going to be combined into one facility. The total area needed is 55,000 sq ft, but only 22,000 sq ft of that is the library portion.

Mayor Gursslin requested that the Town Board prepare a list of the key decisions that need to be made along with a time line to implement the plan. Supervisor Lemcke agreed that this is something his Board needs to do but is contingent on the survey results.

Mayor Gursslin then asked Kris Schultz, who is the engineer for Joe Sciortino's housing development, if Joe is asking for anything in return for donating 10 acres of his land to the Town for the Library/Community Center facility? Kris replied that Joe would need sanitary sewers from the Village but he also mentioned that Joe intends to build senior housing very similar to Unionville Station. Mr Chart asked Supervisor Lemcke if Mr Sciortino is looking for anything in return from the Town of Parma? Supervisor Lemcke replied "nothing".

Annexation

Supervisor Lemcke informed the public that the Court has ruled in favor of the Town and the Village by denying the annexation request from Mr & Mrs Beehler. We are now in a 30 day waiting period to see if Mr Beehler files an appeal on this ruling. Trustee Horylev added a comment by saying the Village of Hilton has no intention of appealing this decision.

Building Inspections/shared services:

A brief discussion took place on the possibility of the Town and Village Building Departments sharing services. Supervisor Lemcke mentioned that the Town is seeing a reduction of permits being issued for new homes due to the decline in the housing market. There might be room in the future to address this issue.

Safe Route to School:

Mayor Gursslin asked for an update on the grant the Town submitted. Supervisor Lemcke replied by saying we probably won't hear anything until September, 2008. This is an extremely competitive grant across the state. If awarded, construction wouldn't be until 2009.

Discussion followed on who would plow the new sidewalks if installed. Mayor Gursslin explained that the Village recently purchased a second sidewalk plow to keep up with the 30 miles of sidewalks in the Village. It was agreed that this item should be addressed again in the near future.

Streets & Sidewalks:

Mayor Gursslin said that due to the new housing construction on the east side of North Avenue, Underwood Avenue, which is a Village street, is being connected to a Town subdivision. He recommended that the Village and Town Boards have a dialog about who will plow this portion

of the street in the winter months. Everyone agreed to make this a topic for discussion at a future meeting.

Mayor Gursslin also stated that our Boards have never sat down and talked about whether it's a good idea or not to have a sidewalk running from the Village to the Town Hall. We should make a statement on what our position is. Supervisor Lemcke said Rt #259 is a tough area to put sidewalks in. It's also a State road which means we have no jurisdiction. If the State doesn't agree, how could we force the issue? He also questioned what the people who live along that route would think? As the Town went through the application process for the Safe Roads to School Grant, the Town Board received a lot of feedback from residents who are not in favor of sidewalks. Trustee Horylev asked if the Town Board would take this under consideration in the future and get back to us. Supervisor Lemcke agreed.

Tom Ganley, a Hilton Parma Recreation Commissioner, spoke up and said that he is in favor of a trailway system and said that unless someone takes the first step, it will never get done. There are ways to get this idea started and the Board members shouldn't put off looking into this.

Council of churches:

A brief discussion took place on the need to find storage space for the community organizations that run the clothes closet, loan closet and food shelf. Trustee Lee asked if there is any grant money available to fix up the Grove Street building? This could be a very good location. Supervisor Lemcke will look into this. Mayor Gursslin asked if consideration should be given to find room in the proposed Community Center facility for these 3 groups? An answer to this question was not available.

Stub streets:

Mayor Gursslin mentioned that in just about every housing subdivision within the Village, there is a stub street that ends at the Village/Town municipal border. Discussion followed on the need to have the Village and Town Planning Boards talk about long range planning on whether these streets should be extended into the Town. Supervisor Lemcke said that when you try to join a high density area to the Town's Rural Density areas it may be difficult. Everyone agreed that the Town's Open Space Committee should be contacted for their input on this matter.

Open space committee:

Councilman Jim Smith explained the purpose of the committee and gave an update on their progress.

Transportation Study:

Trustee Horylev explained the purpose of the committee and gave an update on their progress.

Defibulators

Mayor Gursslin mentioned that the Village will be buying a Defibulator for our Highway Department as part of our next fiscal year's budget. We recently learned that the Town of Parma purchased several Defibulators from Zee Medical and because of the quantity ordered, received a substantial discount. He requested the Town to purchase a Defibulator for the Village at this discounted price.

Town Board Resolution #124-2008:

Whereas, the Town of Parma has ordered defibulators from Zee Medical Service at a discounted price of \$1,695 each, and

Whereas, the Village of Hilton was planning on purchasing a defibulator for their Department of Public Works on or after June 1, 2008, and

Whereas, Zee Medical Service is running a promotional sale through April 30th 2008 giving away a free cabinet for each defibulator ordered, valued at \$325.00;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. The Town of Parma will purchase an additional defibulator from Zee Medical Service at a cost of \$1,695.00 and receive the free promotional cabinet. It is further agreed that this equipment will be sold to the Village of Hilton for the sum of \$1,695.00.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Carmestro, seconded by Councilman Blackburn. Carried unanimously 4-0

Village of Hilton Resolution

Resolution to purchase a defibulator from the Town of Parma at the price of \$1,695 and to make payment for said equipment on June 3, 2008. Motion was made by Trustee Horylev, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried unanimously 5-0

Bi-Centennial Committee:

Trustee Horylev said that a committee has been formed to celebrate the Town's upcoming 200th anniversary. They are looking for volunteers to help with a year long celebration. Anybody who is interested should contact Town Clerk, Donna Curry.

Parma Police:

Trustee Speer brought up the subject of the Parma Police. General discussion took place on what the officers are allowed to do according to their charter.

Adjournment

The next meeting date was not set, but the Board is looking at a date in the month of June.

Town Resolution #125-2008:

Resolution to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Blackburn. Carried unanimously 4-0

Village Resolution:

Resolution to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion was made by Mayor Gursslin, seconded by Trustee Gates. Carried unanimously 5-0

Janet Surridge
Clerk-Treasurer