

Joint meeting of the Parma Town Board and Village of Hilton Board of Trustees held on Thursday, July 29, 2008 at the Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton, New York.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisor	Richard Lemcke
Councilman	Kenneth Blackburn
Councilman	Carm Carmestro
Councilman	James Smith
Councilman	Gary Comardo
Mayor	Larry Gurslin
Trustee	Walt Horylev
Trustee	James Gates
Trustee	Larry Speer
Trustee	Joseph Lee

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Eichas-Gavigan, Kenneth Gavigan, Gene DeMeyer, John Chart, Don Green, Steve Fowler, Marcia Doles, Kay Melvin, Kay Dodds, Tom Ganley, Pat Buskey, Karen Sterlace, Mari Crumb, Dave Wright and other members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER TOWN OF PARMA

Supervisor Lemcke called the Town portion of the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. The Village Board was welcomed, he stated they would be covering the agenda in a different order and explained that the discussion on a definitive proposal for the location of the Library would be held at the end of the meeting in an executive session due to the confidential nature of property discussion.

BICENTENNIAL –TOWN OF PARMA

The Town of Parma will be celebrating its 200th birthday starting with a kick off celebration during the *Park it in Parma* annual celebration. Councilman Smith reviewed some of the projects the Bicentennial Committee has been working on. A program for the opening ceremony and a list of events that will be happening during the year long celebration was made available by the Town Clerk. Recreation Director, Steve Fowler summarized the activities that were planned for the entire weekend. All were invited to participate in the weekend activities.

CALL TO ORDER VILLAGE OF HILTON

Mayor Gurslin called the village portion of the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed all those in attendance.

VILLAGE EXPERIENCE WITH HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Mayor Gurslin acknowledged Janet Surridge for bringing the Health Savings Account information to the Village Board. It has saved the Village a considerable amount of money and created what they view as a win-win for the Village and the employees. Ms. Surridge provided a summary of Health Savings Account pros and cons. The pros included:

Employees like knowing that they have a pre-determined out of pocket expenditure per year. Employees choose to sign up for the payroll deduction and whether to put all, a portion or zero of their expense into their health savings account.

Employees like having the money available upfront to pay for their medical care. With previous health insurance plans unforeseen health expenses could incur unknown copays. As expenses are incurred, they are paid for out of the health savings account up to the deductible. When the deductible is reached the health insurance picks up all costs with the exception of portions of prescription costs.

The employees also like knowing that if they do not use all of the funds given to them from the Village as part of their annual deductible, the money will never be taken away or forfeited.

The Village employee portion of the health insurance plan was less per pay period than was previously paid.

The Village Board likes the plan because it had offered them a means to somewhat control the rising costs for health insurance.

On the negative side some employees did experience a communication problem with medical providers. High deductible health plans and health savings accounts are relatively new and some medical providers requested payment at the time of service. A meeting was held with Excellus and employees were instructed how to handle the issue. Since then the matter has been resolved. Overall there has been no negative feedback from the employees about their new health plan.

There was discussion on who maintains the accounts for the employees, determination of how much should be funded and when, the type of benefits provided under the plan and how this would impact retirees. It was noted that the underlying principal of the plan is to encourage participants to live a healthy lifestyle. It also offers a means to save for future health care expenses. Dental coverage is not part of the plan but the Village has gone to a self-funded dental plan. The Village also noted that the timing of the change over only allowed a narrow window of time for the employees to absorb the information. They would recommend a longer period of time.

HILLSIDE DRIVE – STUB STREET

Mayor Gursslin expressed the Village Board's concern regarding development activity at the end of Hillside Drive. This street ends at the Village line. The Howitt property is being furthered developed and it was noted that fill was moved from that property onto land to the east. There has also been logging which created excessive dirt on Hillside Drive as the trucks came off the property. Mayor Gursslin indicated that residents were concerned over speculation of proposed development on the property where the fill had been placed and who is responsible for the clean up of dirt that is left on the road after transporting.

There was discussion on whether the fill was for use by the owner of Unionville Station and if further trucking would be done for the next phase of development in that development. It was noted that erosion controls need to be in place for fill dirt remaining on property within the Town.

Supervisor Lemcke responded that log clearing is allowed in the Town and it was done to clear an area for the fill. The status of a fill permit will be checked and any debris left from dirt transported would be the responsibility of the contractor. The Building Department will be asked to enforce. It was also noted that nothing has been submitted for development of this property.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - SENIOR RESIDENTIAL PROPOSED ZONING

The status of the proposed zoning type, Planned Development – Senior Residential (PD-SR), was reviewed. The Town is expecting to receive a draft from Stuart Brown Associates later this week. It was noted that it would be added to the next meeting agenda if received before the agenda is finalized. Jim Zollweg, GIS Coordinator, has also completed a GIS study of the parcels that could potentially allow this type of zoning based on their size, current zoning and access to sewer and water. The number of parcels is reduced considerably by the fact that there is no sewer availability. Before a public hearing is advertised and held, the Town Board will

have time to review the draft and another informational session will be held most likely as part of a regular Town Board meeting.

SHARED SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

Mayor Gursslin indicated that an intermunicipal agreement had been drawn up but never completed. Copies of an original resolution approved by the Village and a revised copy from the Town which was never signed by the Village were provided. There was discussion. It was noted that although there has been no signed agreement, the Town Highway Department and the Village Public Works Department have been sharing equipment and services for many years. A hands off approach and allowing the employees to work out what works best has been the approach. It was noted that this should be done for liability purposes to protect both municipalities. A fuel depot and salt storage are considerations for the future. The village is looking at use of swipe cards for the fire department and this could potentially be expanded to include the Town and school district.

Don Green complimented the Village and the Town on the cooperation he observed during the recent Fireman's Carnival. He felt it was a rousing success. Examples of combining services and cooperative efforts were noted.

Discussion turned to the State's initiative to have local municipalities reduce costs through shared services. The Council on Government was cited for looking at abandoning traditional ways of offering healthcare plans and intermunicipal agreements for Worker Compensation. The Monroe County Mayors Association will be hosting a "what's working in your village" type of program. Policies for health care options, doing away with pagers and offering a stipend for cell phones are examples of the kinds of ideas that will be discussed.

PARMA SPECIAL POLICE REPORT

Concerns have been expressed by members of both Boards regarding what authority the Parma Special Police has within the Town. There was discussion on incidents that have been dealt with, perception of services provided in relation to expectations and services requested versus what is actually provided. Supervisor Lemcke has a meeting scheduled this Thursday evening regarding this matter. Town liaison, Jim Smith and Village liaison, Larry Speer indicated that they would be in attendance. Councilman Smith noted that any issues should be brought to the attention of the Town Board and that it is that Board's responsibility to establish what the goals and objectives should be for the Special Police during the year.

LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER

Discussion started with where we are at in the process for the possibility of a Library and/or combined Community Center. Supervisor Lemcke summarized the status as the need to have a specific location within the Village for the Library and that a combination Library/Community Center within the Village was not feasible. The viable options are a combined center at Town Hall Park or a Library within the Village. The Town would like to hear possibilities for the latter option from the Village.

It was noted by the Mayor that that the Klock property on Old Hojack has been offered as a site for sale and that he is passing along that information. There was discussion on how much the cost may have changed since the last numbers provided by DeWolff. Supervisor Lemcke also indicated that the Town Board would review any information provided by the Village, the Town Board would decide if they felt it was feasible to move forward on any of the alternatives presented.

An unnamed resident offered a solution and asked Kenneth and Mary Gavigan to present the suggestion at this joint meeting. Mary Eichas Gavigan provided a memo summarizing the proposal. Its intent is to offer a win-win solution and address the issues of space, parking, location, technology advances, outdated/discarded materials and cost prohibitiveness. The

proposal offered a second library location off the northeast side of the Town Hall which was to include a room for the Friends of the Parma Public Library. The proposal provided a cost it felt would be a more realistic figure and upon completion the current Library could be updated as monies become available through grants or special programs.

Supervisor Lemcke indicated that for the Town's August 19th meeting, he would like to have updated construction cost and square footage numbers from DeWolff. This information should be shared with the Library Board. At the end of August, it is the hope that residents can be provided more concrete information and the Town Board will make a decision on whether they would like to continue moving forward on a specific location and the type of building (Library, Community Center or combination) to be constructed. If the decision is to move forward all the steps necessary to bring this to a referendum, including all SEQR actions, would then be taken and the Town would incur those costs prior to the final decision in a public referendum. If the decision is not to move forward, the matter will not progress any further. In either case, if there is a strong upsurge in public opinion in opposition to the Town Board's decision, the Town Board could bring it back for further discussion.

Discussion followed with members of the audience expressing opinions and questions, with cost and need being the primary focus. It was noted that the option for a public referendum is not available until a specific site is determined and all steps have been taken to put it up for referendum. The cost to proceed with the type of SEQR required and having a referendum is also a consideration of the Town Board. The proposition in a referendum would be to approve the actual funding if the Town Board decides that is the direction they wish to proceed. As information is obtained it will be available at the Town Hall, posted on the website and an article(s) submitted to the Suburban News.

Mayor Gursslin shared that the Village has a specific proposal that they would like to discuss with the Town Board but that the nature of the discussion should be held in executive session.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

_____ **Resolution** - A motion was made by Mayor Gursslin, seconded by Trustee Horylev, for the Village Board to enter into executive session to discuss the potential for acquisition of particular parcels of property if disclosed would substantially affect the value thereof.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 193 -2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Smith, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the potential for acquisition of particular parcels of property if disclosed would substantially affect the value thereof.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

Members of the public retired from the meeting and the Boards entered into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 194-2008 Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Carmestro, to close the Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and return to regular session.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

_____ **Resolution** - A motion was made by Mayor Gursslin, seconded by Trustee Horylev, for the Village Board to close the executive session 8:10 p.m. and return to regular session.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

CLOSING BUSINESS

There was discussion on setting the next meeting for late September or early October. A definitive date was not set. It was noted that there are five Tuesdays in September and the last Tuesday, September 30, 2008 should be set aside as a tentative date.

The Boards agreed to establish an ad hoc committee to study alternative sites for the Library. Councilman Smith will represent the Town and Councilman Gates for the Village.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Parma Town Board, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Carmestro; and

There being no further business before the Village of Hilton Board of Trustees, a motion was made by Mayor Gursslin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Horylev;

All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and the Parma Town Board,

Donna K. Curry
Parma Town Clerk