

**TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

Members Present: Mark Decker
Don Kreher
Mike Rushok
Dan Kowalik
Jim DeYoung
Mike Bassanello – Highway Superintendent

Others: Ray Schrock – Highway Department
Andrew Casolini – Town Engineer
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Meeting started at 7:05 pm by Mark Decker.

Began with discussion on Bergauer property, a 30 acre parcel north of 7861 Scotland Road. Since Scotland is a County road, a letter was sent to Erie County last year. Discussion as to what should be done. Part of the problem is a culvert pipe that became clogged due to the water line installation. That will be cleaned in the spring by Sergi. Committee decided to do a follow up letter to Mrs. Bergauer-Free explaining what will be done.

Mark D. brought up that we will probably be seeing Doug Ceisner on a future agenda with regards to his property on Main and S. Newstead. Discussion as to who would be responsible because it is a State road. Committee believes it would be up to the State to clean out the ditch.

Dan K. asked if the Drainage Committee complaint form was being used. It is and will be handed out when someone has a drainage issue and wants to appear before the committee.

Jim DeYoung wondered if the agenda and any subsequent information should be forwarded to the Planning Board. He believes the Planning Board should have knowledge of drainage issues if someone wanted to sub-divide or build on a parcel.

- Mike B. & Ray S. walked the ditch that will be worked on this year. The water is running very well. Before the Odell Bridge is where it needs to be cleaned out.
- Andrew stated that the DEC & Army Corp. will allow the ditch to be cleaned, but there will be permits required. The berms are considered outside of the wetlands and debris may be “side-casted” (put on berms.) There will have to be a meeting with the DEC and Army Corp. to walk the site and decide who has jurisdiction. This process may take 7+ months. Andrew believes that we don’t have time to do this, this summer. Probably could trim the trees, mow, etc. Will probably not be able to dig it this year. A “Nationwide” permit would not take as long.
- Jim DeYoung stated that if Perrys & Ford Gum stopped pumping water, this would be a dry ditch.
- Andrew will set up a meeting with the DEC and Army Corp. to walk this site. Mike B. believes they really only have to trim the trees but Andrew believes cleaning out the ditch from Cedar Street going forward would be very helpful.
- Mike B. stated that the Odell Bridge heading south really needs a lot of work. There are buried valves on top of the berms and it is acting like a retention pond, slowing the water from that point forward. Andrew doesn’t think it is a very stable ditch.
- Andrew stated again that you can’t do any digging with out the DEC & Army Corp. approval. The committee is giving Andrew permission to begin the process of obtaining the necessary permits. Andrew hopes to get “side-access” approval sooner. Mike B. is going to take more pictures and he is also going to take pictures on Fletcher Road.

Time was spent transferring problem ditches onto Andrew’s map.

Mike B. questioned where to go next while we wait for the DEC and Army Corp. for Bloomingdale/Cedar Street. Mike B. & Ray S. will come up with some priorities that need to be taken care of until permits are obtained for Cedar Street.

There were some questions about Aakron Rule. Nothing more is going on, and the Village is still trying to find out if the project was built according to the site plan.

Discussion on how the Planning Board is getting tougher on drainage issues and on bringing in fill.

Next meeting will be held March 21st at 7:00PM.

The minutes from the January 17, 2006 meeting were accepted. Motioned by Don Kreher, second by Dan Kowalik, and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Heberling
Recording Secretary