

**TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD  
MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2007**

Members Present: Don Kreher  
Dan Kowalik  
Mike Rushok  
Jim DeYoung  
Robert Wideman

Others: Scott Rybarczyk – Wendel  
Mark Decker – Town Board  
Harold Finger – Town Board  
Justin Rooney – Town Board  
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Scott Rybarczyk from Wendel Duchscherer introduced himself to the Drainage Board. He gave some background information on himself. He wants to help the committee develop a game plan and list of priorities. There was a discussion on budgeting and projects and how some projects can't be done due to budget constraints.

Whitings will be submitting a letter to the Drainage Committee with regards to their ditch.

Mark spoke to Andrew with regards to this committee looking for guidance. Mark believes we need to look at what we can and can not fix.

Mike spoke to Jennifer prior to the meeting and asked that she inform the committee that they were going to begin cleaning the ditch across from St. Theresa's on Buell Street.

Board members are looking for paperwork received from the County stating what ditches the County is going to be cleaning and the time frame in which it will be done.

The board also discussed the long term impact if down the road we have large scale development.

Talked about how to go about getting easements for long term maintenance.

Scott wants to start by listening to the committee's suggestions. He stressed that this committee needs to start thinking for the long term. The committee needs to figure out their priorities and then figure out what hindrances go along with it. For example, easements, money, etc.

Scott wants a catalog of all culverts (pictures) so down the road we have something to compare.

Most of the complaints we have received during the last year were more neighbor to neighbor, improper grading, etc. Complaints that involve wetlands, you are able to clean, it is recommended to get permits in case you go farther than just clean up. There are costs involved with obtaining these permits.

The Cedar Street/Bloomington project is going to be costly and will take quite a bit of time to coordinate.

Ditches will have to be cleaned out from the storm before any of these ditches will be mowed again. The committee needs to know what Mike's plan of attack is.

Scott questioned if more needs to be done to the ditches while cleaning from the storm. The committee feels the highway crew should clean what ever is found, not just storm damage.

The committee will begin to build a framework of what will happen after the clean up from the October Storm.

The committee needs to discuss things with the highway superintendent. The committee wants the next meeting to include the highway superintendent and the CEO. Minutes of the meetings will be forwarded to the Mayor of Akron.

Scott wants the committee to continue to think about priorities.

Will decide when to meet again once we get information from Scott.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Jennifer Heberling