

TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF June 17, 2008

Members Present: Don Kreher
Dan Kowalik
Bob Wideman
Jim DeYoung

Others: Harold Finger – Town Councilman
Justin Rooney – Town Councilman
Mike Bassanello – Highway Superintendent
Scott Rybarczyk – Town Engineer
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Absent: Mike Rushok

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Don Kreher.

Scott spoke to the board about the Cedar Street/Perry's Ice Cream situation that Brian Perry and Greg Brown appeared in front of the board last month to speak about. Perry's Ice Cream is expanding their parking lot over their ditch. The board is looking into rerouting the run off directly into Murder Creek and the sewage plant. (behind the plant to help with discharge). Scott is proposing spending a small amount of money (couple of thousand) to study if this is actually feasible. We need to look into both the technical and permitting issues. (DEC & Army Corp.) Both Perry's & Greg Brown are looking to put in culverts and being able to reroute the runoff will determine the size of the culverts they would have to use. Jim DeYoung made a motion that Scott Rybarczyk take this issue to the Town Board for a cost/technical study, seconded by Bob Wideman. All in favor.

Scott R. talked about wanting elevation markings on one of the bridges that they can watch during a storm. He just wants monitoring levels and white markings to be able to watch for flooding. Because of the problems they have had on Brooklyn Street, they would be able to monitor the creek in case they ever had to evacuate residents. This would be for disaster plan purposes. The first step is putting in a staff gauge.

Mike Bassanello spoke about the ditching in the town. He is in the process of filing permits to start working on Tonawanda Creek. It is full of trees, park benches, tires, etc. This is for the area where Tonawanda Creek meets Murder Creek. Once it dries up he is also going to do some cleaning on Fletcher Road.

Harold believes that if we receive much more rain we are going to start getting complaints with regards to the airport.

Scott stated that he, John Good and John Kausner met about the house on Clarence Center Road and that Mr. Kausner is being held to the drainage plan he originally submitted.

At next month's meeting Scott would like to work on naming the creeks.

Scott spoke about the drainage status of the Benderson Project. They will be building the largest retention pond Scott has ever seen. A very little amount of water will go into the rock. Wendel has strongly recommended them not taking this approach and they are in the process of creating their 2nd comment layer. Part of their comments include Benderson having to submit other drainage options. Don Kreher thinks they should be required to run the water to the ditch in the rear of the property. Jim DeYoung made a motion that the Drainage Committee recommend Benderson not use the retention pond and drainage wells for drainage and be required to run the water to the ditch in the rear of the property. Seconded by Bob Wideman and all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Heberling
Recording Secretary