

**TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

Members Present: Don Kreher
Dan Kowalik
Mike Rushok
Mike Bassanello – Highway Superintendent

Others: Brian Murray – Town Board
Harold Finger – Town Board
Mike Middaugh – Mayor of Akron
Bob Kowalik - Superintendent of Public Works
John Good – Code Enforcement Officer
Andrew Casolini – Town Engineer
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Robert Scheib – 51 Brooklyn Street – Mr. Scheib appeared and passed out papers outlining the problems he has had with Murder Creek. He gave a presentation about local (village) bridges, Akron Falls Park dam, erosion to homeowners on Brooklyn Street and on the north side of creek (behind Main Street). He feels that there needs to be an access road in order to maintain the creek. Discussion followed on who is responsible for the Parkview bridge. The bridge is actually owned by the county and it is up to them as to when it will be repaired. (Copies of Mr. Scheib's paperwork included in the minutes.)

Dan Kowalik gave an update on the waterways. The problems have been passed from the county level to a "stream team". There are limitations as to where you can go in the streams since the height of the emergency is now over.

Mike Bassanello doesn't believe we will get any money from FEMA for drainage. The Town must submit a packet to FEMA to prove we have a major drainage problem. The Town of Newstead has approximately 200 miles of drainage ditches/waterways. FEMA hasn't said that they won't reimburse for the initial 72 hours after the storm.

There was a discussion on the culvert pipe at the end of Marshall. The committee wants recommendations from Wendel if the culvert needs to be enlarged or removed.

John spoke about a couple of complaints he has handled without having to have them come to the Drainage Committee.

Mike Bassanello is in the process of getting documentation from the DEC stating that Doug Ceisner's property on Main Road and S. Newstead is wetlands and the ditch can not be touched.

The Committee talked about John handling complaints in the Building Department and allowing the Drainage Committee to look at drainage as a whole.

Dan Kowalik spoke about how he wants to see the committee come up to full participation.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Heberling