Joint meeting with the Hilton Village Board and the Parma Town Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at the Hilton Community Center, 59 Henry Street, Hilton NY.

# **ATTENDANCE**

	Mayor Trustee Trustee Trustee	Larry Gursslin Jim Gates Larry Speer Joseph Lee
Absent	Trustee	Walt Horylev
	Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman Councilman	Richard Lemcke James Roose Carm Carmestro James Smith Gary Comardo

# **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Pete McCann, Sarah Warmbrodt, Dave Wright, Art Cosgrove, Mike Weldon, Tom Ganley, Brian Speer, Steve Fowler, Tod Edenhofer, Charlie Hutton, Kay Dodds, Donna Curry, Al Howe, Mike McHenry

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gursslin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Gursslin noted emergency exits, welcomed the Town Board and looks forward to an extended dialog.

### <u>UPDATE OF WIND ENERGY</u>

Trustee Speer who is the liaison for this project informed the board and audience of the recent events that have taken place with wind energy in the last six months. He remarked he has attended a wind energy conference in Chicago. The Village hired a consultant firm called North Wind and Power to provide a feasibility study. Their proposal included developing a financial model, methodology, deliverables and timelines. The Village researched the idea of a private developer owning the turbines or the Village leasing or owning them entirely. The cost of developing a wind farm is too much of a financial commitment for the Village to pursue at this time. There are also other issues that could prohibit a wind farm, such as environmental impacts,

bird migration, wind speed and public opposition. In summary, Trustee Speer stated the project status is on hold.

Councilman Carmestro stated the town is in favor of a wind energy project; however, this would not be reviewed again until the first of the new year.

### ACCESS ROAD TO WILDER ROAD

Mayor Gursslin stated this item has been brought up by a resident of the Village. The resident suggested using one of the stub streets in the Village, either Archer Drive, Parma View or Hillside Drive to create a street that connects to Old Wilder Road. This would provide an alternate way out of the Village and possibly relieve some of the congestion on South Avenue and East Avenue.

Supervisor Rick Lemcke presented an aerial map to the boards to view. There was a dialog on the subject matter. There was a concern on shifting traffic away from the central business district, however, this may be needed for public safety and ease of traffic

There was a brief discussion regarding the traffic study and the recommendation of a round about on South Avenue.

### **MULTI-USE BUILDING**

Trustee Gates informed the boards there has been a creation of a shared services committee that has been working on creating a multi-use building for the Hilton Central School Distirct, Town of Parma, Village of Hilton and community groups (food shelf, clothing closet, loan closet). They are also discussing the possibility of tearing down Parma's existing salt storage shed and building a new one in the same location.

Village Manager Janet Surridge submitted a letter to the boards requesting approval for \$5,000.00 to be divided between the three main organizations to hire Mr. John Steinmetz of Steinmetz Planning Group to write a grant application for shared services. The cost to the Village, Town and School District would be \$1700.00 each. This would be the first step in creating a multi-use building. There are a few locations being discussed and considered.

# **VILLAGE OF HILTON RESOLUTION**

<u>Resolution</u> to approve \$1700.00 to hire Mr. John Steinmetz of Steinmetz Planning Group to write a shared services grant for a multi-use building and salt storage shed. The total cost is \$5,000.00 to be split in thirds by the Town of Parma, Village of Hilton and the School District. Trustee Gates made the motion, seconded by Trustee Lee. Carried unanimously 4-0.

# TOWN OF PARMA RESOLUTION

<u>Resolution No. 213A-2009</u> Motion made by Councilman Comardo to approve \$1700.00 to hire Mr. John Steinmetz of Steinmetz Planning Group to write a shared service grant for a multi-use building and salt storage shed. The total cost is \$5,000.00 to be split in thirds by the Town of Parma, Village of Hilton and the School District. Seconded by Councilman Carmestro. Unanimously carried 5-0.

### MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor Gursslin stated the Village Board has appropriated \$10,000.00 in this year's budget towards the development of an updated master plan. Even though the Village is about 95% developed, an updated plan would include the current development, growth and the area surrounding the Village. The total cost of updating the master plan is projected at \$20,000.00-\$25,000.00. The conceptual thinking is to have a committee consisting of Town and Village residents, members from the Village and Town Boards, Planning Boards and other community minded individuals.

# **SIDEWALKS**

A discussion took place between the Town and Village Board members regarding the installation of sidewalks for public safety. There are two areas that were discussed for the possibility of the Town of Parma creating a sidewalk district.

One area the Town is looking to add sidewalks are at the corner of Bennett Road and Wilder Road and ending at Carrie Marie Lane Subdivision. There was discussion on sidewalks being extended in front of the high school to connect to Village sidewalks. The Town of Parma turned down a grant in the past for sidewalks on Wilder Road because at that time a proposed sidewalk was not in place on the Salmon Creek bridge. Now that the bridge work and sidewalks are completed, the Town would entertain sidewalks on Wilder Road to Carrie Marie Lane. The Town feels public safety is a big issue on Wilder Road. There are many students that walk from Carrie Marie Lane to the high school.

Mayor Gursslin asked the Town Board if there was support on creating a sidewalk district on North Avenue for the residents south of Hilton Drive. The Town believes this is another area that warrants sidewalks. They are not opposed to creating a sidewalk district. The residents would have to approach the town board requesting the creation of a sidewalk district.

Both boards discussed the maintenance with adding sidewalks, costs and installation. Both boards are in full support of adding sidewalks for public safety.

# EXTENDING SEWERS ON NORTH AVE

A discussion took place on the possibility of the creation of a sewer district for residents on North Avenue south of Hilton Drive. There are seven homes that are eligible for sewers. The homes are 40 years old and are currently on septic systems. They have sewer access in their backyards. The Village asked a property appraiser how much the value of the homes would increase with sewers versus a septic system. The homes would increase two to three percent or \$3,000.00 on a \$150,000 home with a sewer system. Mayor Gursslin stated the Village has not come to a decision on how much to charge for connection fees.

Supervisor Lemcke stated the Town would not have a problem creating a sewer district, if the residents request this from the Town Board.

### DOG CONTROL

Mayor Gursslin inquired on the procedures to contact the dog control officer. Supervisor Lemcke replied the process is to call 911 or call the Town of Parma office and leave a message for the dog control officer. Mayor Gursslin stated he has had some complaints from residents not being able to reach the officer or not receiving a call back.

Supervisor Lemcke noted they would look into their procedures.

### **EXTENDING SEWERS SOUTH OF UNIONVILLE STATION**

Mayor Gursslin opened up a discussion on the possibility of extending sewers to the south of Unionville Station for the purpose of senior housing only. Mayor Gursslin indicated the Town of Parma has created a PD-SR zoning. Since the creation of the zoning, Mayor Gursslin now is in favor of the concept of extending sewers.

The Village Board members had some concerns on losing control of their sewer system. Both Village and Town board members remarked they are not in favor of any commercial development between the Village and Burritt Road. They would not want to detract from the Central Business District.

There was a discussion on conservation easements and the Town obtaining property with grants through the county.

### **AGWAY BUILDING**

The Town of Parma inquired if there are any plans with the Agway building. Mayor Gursslin replied part of the building is rented out by the Kathleen Tenny Animal shelter and Mr. Michael O'Toole is renting out another portion of the building. They have no known plans for the building at this time.

### EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE

Mayor Gursslin stated the Village of Hilton has been with a high deductible health savings account for the past two years. The savings to the Village is approximately \$50,000.00 since switching to this health plan two years ago. Mayor Gursslin reiterated this has been a positive move both for the employees and for the overall budget.

### ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gursslin made a motion to enter into executive session for the Village of Hilton. Trustee Gates seconded the motion. Carried Unanimously 4-0.

**<u>Resolution No. 213B-2009</u>** Motion made by Supervisor Lemcke to enter into executive session for the Town of Parma. Councilman Carmestro seconded the motion. Carried Unanimously 5-0.

# **CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Gursslin made a motion to exit out of executive session for the Village of Hilton. Trustee Gates seconded the motion. Carried Unanimously 4-0.

**Resolution No. 213C-2009** Motion made by Supervisor Lemcke to exit out of executive session for the Town of Parma. Councilman Carmestro seconded the motion. Carried Unanimously 5-0.

There being no further business before the Village of Hilton Board and Town of Parma Boards, On behalf of the Village of Hilton, Mayor Gursslin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gates. On behalf of the Town, Supervisor Lemcke made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carmestro.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Pearce, Village Clerk Village of Hilton