



Village of Depew – Community Meeting February 11, 2016



Gabby handed out flyers that included contact information. A form with a resident survey was sent out. Sanitary sewer overflow information facts sheets were handed out.

Gabby did intro.

Phil Fleck – DPW

Trustee Jake Jakubowski

Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz

Trustee Karl Bukowiecki

Trustee Kevin Peterson

Chief Scott Wegst - Fire

Chief Stan Carwile - Fire

Tony (code) and Trustee Bob Kucewicz are absent.

Dawn Gaczewski from Town of Lancaster

Don Carpenter was there representing Blue wireless.

Hippy Hop extravaganza announced.

Gabby was asked for complements then noted the free wood program 7-2:30 – They will gently put the log where you want it, however it is a log. Contact DPW.

Appropriate fire proof containers need to be used when burning.

Phil spoke about the overflow fact sheet. He talked about rainwater in the sanitary Sewer. He explained some items that residents have or do incorrectly in the village. DEC is saying that we need to work to correct these things. This is becoming a bigger issue we need to all do our part. You can call code or the DPW to see if your sanitary or pump is hooked up correctly. Mayor added it was mandated because we are under a DEC consent order. Phil added we have a large sewer projects going on and spoke of South Ellington and South Bellview and sidewalks for the blighted area form CDBG funds.

Gabby asked about the Lancaster side. We received a decent allotment this year and keep looking for things that help us qualify for the special funding.

Blue wireless is here they contacted us to discuss putting up towers in our area we are looking to improve the dead zones in the village. PD also has issue in the west end. Don Carpenter with Blue wireless. He stated they are in an expansion plan. They are going to areas as they set up their network. He talked about putting things up on county wide properties.

Village hall, DPW, Northside fire hall and West end fire hall are 4 locations that they are looking at possibly placing the towers. This will allow the village to have great coverage. They will have public safety space on the towers. This will boost services with fire/PD and DPW. Provide phones, internet, Police car access, and many more benefits. He also spoke about the money share if there are tenants on the tower. There would be a50X50 area at each site. Possibly 180 foot tower, the top reserved for the village. FA regulations will apply.

Any questions: what is in it for the village? Lump sum payment up front, 30 phones, mobile terminals, internet connections for the village with robust internet connections.

Dedicated internet not able to share...so it will not slow when busy because it will only be the village employees. Cell phone bill savings and additional bills



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Size/height? depends on FAA requirements

Locations? North side fire hall, DPW, West end fire hall, village hall

Where would this be at the Northside fire hall? – directly beside this fire hall on that right corner.

Gabby Miller noted it was in her back yard.

Can the towers give broad band? He responded that it could happen on the towers but he had to look into it.

What is in it for the fire hall? Wifi right to the fire trucks and Police cars. Cell phones that can be used at each location. Non – blue could connect if they know the password. Limit on the data? He needs to find out the limits. What would the overages be? He will get that information. The units in the trucks are included. Village to maintain them and if we have to replace it will be at cost. Replace them every 5 years. What is in it for the village residents that have these in asked Gabby Miller? He said confidence in the fact that police and fire will have better support.

Trustee Peterson asked about the break down? He stated the top 25 feet is a break down area...they are asking for 8 foot fence but zoning is 6.

Maciejewski talked about shrubbery around the tower. He also talked about the decorations you can add to the fence.

Gabby Miller asked about wind. He said that it will be built with a special grade to retain the wind.

She also asked about another location. The mayor stated that this is the best village owned location.

She asked about having a tower in her neighborhood, would you want it there. He noted that the tower could be painted white so it is less noticeable and noted places that have it. She also noted it was galvanized. Tower at village hall, is 40 feet from a resident.

Route 400 and Transit has a 175 foot area which was recently built and can be visited. On North side of tracks near the vinyl place.

Base is 14 feet and triangular.

The top piece could break off in the wind. Is that where the villages stuff will be placed. Yes if that is what the village wants....idea is to get 4-5 carriers. It was asked if the villages loses communication if the top breaks off, Don said they village could decide to be 30 feet down on the tower.

Lancaster rep asked about where the fall area would be...It should be in the 50 feet per regulation. 25 square in 14 foot deep. For the pad

Wegst asked about any that collapsed. One in Texas but had 5 guys on it in a wind storm. Also in Watertown this was for Verizon, and it was butload welding. Failure in design and human area.

High-rise – fall zone they don't talk about it because it doesn't happen much neither did this.

Property values remain stable according to the internet. The Lancaster assessors said it actually brings up property value. This is because of the great internet connection.

We had specialist go into meeting because the mayor did not know much about this topic. Joe Ligammare was hired to help with this negotiation. He is with Technet an internet and IT service area. Upstate towers is looking to do this all around. He looked at financials, He spoke with Maureen, Melissa, Chief Carwile, and Chief Wegst.



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Unlimited phones and there may be a limit to internet. As you upgrade a terminal you need to upgrade at 40 plus dollars and the village needs 12. Mobile responding with live data on fire truck, take attendance, hydrant locations. CSX has an app with train derailment telling you what is in it and how you need to handle it, including evacuation locations. Business has gone to SDS instead of MDS, he will never know all the chemicals and they can look it up in the vehicles. He listed all the people who would have this. This is 38,000 dollars a year. Village gets \$200. Per month for tenant, that \$400 per tower. He talked about the internet cost and the savings. \$926.00 and it will be gone. The municipal and village hall will have higher levels \$38,000 dollar reduction and the same of income for getting the extra revenue.

He talked about the painting white, and talked about how his option is that is good. He stated the village stands to gain more than just the savings. The public safety will be huge for the village.

Mike -

How tall are the towers, 3 times higher.....blue wireless will maintain them but should not rust galvanized. He said that it is very tall. Mentioned flight path for the airport

Gabby asked about lights on the tower, when they use alternate regulations. She asked about the height

The chief noted that the planes are a lot higher than 180 feet or they would not make it to the airport.

Gabby asked about the plan B...the Mayor stated that the plan B will be done after plan A Don was looking to see if the FAA would allow this..... The Northside would need to be 150 feetish, but needs to confirm.

It was asked if the Police Chief can do something about the speeders on Olmstead Ave. Stan said Olmstead is hard for the patrol officers because of the long straight area. He talked about less kids but more seniors that are slow.

Gabby asked about the creek area with the flood. The police dept. checks this area, especially in the spring.

Trustee Jakubowski talked about using this to catch speeders with cameras.

Gabby stated this was not a topic. Mike also noted that this was not a topic. The mayor asked how Mike knew....he said Gabe Miller's face book page.

Blue wireless or FM will need to move the police tower items before moving the items to the new tower.

West end 120, town hall 165, DPW 180 for the tower

Phil noted there is a tower at the west end by Wegmans.

If the FFA study is done they will give regulations and study and tell you what you need to do.

Police doesn't have any tower information on the west end of the village. Wegst said it is a dead zone. Man down button will not necessarily work in that area. Major communication issues in the west end. This is big financial issue

10,000 lump sum plus additional savings



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Financials were repeated.

They discussed items that were already talked about.

They do not know if we are leasing on towers but we do not do that any longer at 500 per month.

Erie County has said funding is running out of fund and the village will need to pay. Tablet saving is free too. Stan noted that the items now were on a grant, and they told us in the middle of the budget year so it was held free for 3 years and one year is almost gone. The PD said this is for service in the PD cars.

Wegst said that there is a need for communication tower at the Northside, because they have issues already and this is the main hall.

Wegst said they had to spend 50,000 for new pagers and other items. They had no funding but need to do it.

Gabby noted that the other side of the hall would be better because of the trees.

Emergency Management was run out of Northside especially after the snowvemebr storm.

If off the black top would it need to be on crush run or something else?

They are looking for a bigger trunk for this building. Like the village hall.

They noted the speck 25 up and 25 meg down for everywhere but village hall and Northside.

Gabby asked about size again.

They said they could landscape too again. Blue has 8 hour back up and not a generator.

Mayor brought up garbage contact asked what they might want to see. He also notes the lack of following process with garbage.

Gabby miller noted transit and Olmstead..

Regulation garbage for commercial..... Not fair to contractors and the village residence

The village is paying for the tonnage and the garbage collector have to pick up more totes. It will be up to the village to enforce.

Mr. Sunburg brought up increased to taxes. Not for profits it was asked about not picking up their garbage. The mayor said they will ask for PILOTS.

Thanked Lancaster for showing up noted we are working together and working with Cheektowaga.

What do people think about renting totes verse having an extra tote? Should we make them buy them or allow them to buy it? The construction bags are cheap but don't always get picked up.

What is good for the goose is good for the gander so they should buy – Sunburg. This rental is an exception, block parties, a person with no space for extra totes. They talked about tags and extra bags but that brings back rat issues. Short term rental. Sunburg offered to deliver totes. We offer to ask neighbors to put in other totes. Can commercial properties pay extra instead of having a dumpster?

Will they be tagged as rentals – 85 lb limit RFP – republic, waste management and modern are the big three. Gabby noted they have no issue. Porter issue is out of hand – started with a handicap person, but people who can wheel a can are still doing it. The mayor was looking for documentation, for the porter service. Someone was just adding people...this is not happening anymore.

One person told another person and it expanded to people it shouldn't.

Waste management will need to get new trucks for this so they will need to buy a new fleet and hire new people.



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Matt Walter from Town of Lancaster arrive later. It was noted that they are borrowing some of our totes.

They asked about holding a fee of 50 or 25 that will only get the tote delivered. This would offset the charges. DPW also deliver the totes. Lids can be switched for people needs. The same tote is \$90.00 at home depot. Our totes are less! People enjoy the totes. DPW will fix totes within reason especially if garbage people break them.

Food bank at the Vine at old St. Augustine's.

Veterans school exemption. Call for enhances Star is March 1st check on the school one is due.

Playground any comments – use section of soccer field or community food garden. Green space to grow legal veggies. The Mayor responded to Millers comment and they cannot do that. The unions would not do that either....lacrosse and soccer field will not happen either.

Maciejewski commented about the blighted areas. For CDBG and the only blighted area is by Zurbrick. Mayor described that Cheektowaga gives out money for that. Lancaster side is done by consortium. Mayor is part of the group. They gave us the funds for the sidewalk project on one side. Maciejewski. The mayor asked for Phil to be proactive to plan for anything so we need to get things done ahead of time. The mayor complimented Phil and the DPW for the leaf removal, Gabby added on.

The meeting closed at 8:47 pm.