

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –May 9, 2013

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Sutor, Trustees Adamson, Lockhart and VanDeusen, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, grant writer Bernie Rotella and several residents.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Rod Fairbank of Water Street commented on the recent Sentinel article regarding the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Lockport Sts. and the interesting history of the property. Mayor Reynolds stated Donna Huggins has taken charge of looking for possible land acquisition grants with grant writer Bernie Rotella's help. Mr. Fairbank will touch base with Mrs. Huggins on the matter.

Aaron Dey whose boating proposal had been addressed at an earlier Board meeting stated the operation should be ready June 1st and wanted to know where to dock. He stated releases would be required for passengers. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board needs to have further discussions with each

other and with Mr. Dey before decisions are made. The Mayor went on to state the area Mr. Dey had previously mentioned for docking is in front of the Customs telephone and concerns regarding the public dock area need to be addressed.

Trustee Adamson stated Mark and Cheryl Butera of the Youngstown Business Association were unable to attend the meeting but have successfully obtained Niagara County grant funds of approximately \$2,900. to be used for the Main St. hanging baskets, event brochures and flags for poles in the business district.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report for April. Seven permits were completed for work valued at \$213,200. and \$675. in fees were collected. Mayor Reynolds reported he had received a complaint from a resident which he will refer to Inspector Stevens.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his April report. 180 patrol hours worked, 1,802 patrol miles logged, 7 Village calls, 8 Town of Porter calls, 13 calls outside the Village, 9 UTT's issued, 4 parking tickets issued and 3 arrests were made.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but submitted his report. Two hours of overtime was worked in April and garbage tonnage was 47.88.

Engineer Lannon had nothing to report but stated he would answer any questions that the Board or residents may have.

Grant writer Bernie Rotella discussed grant funds still being held up by the State which includes funds to complete the lighted sign outside the Village Hall and the last disbursement on the waterfront grant. A discussion also took place regarding landscaping around the outdoor sign. Mr. Rotella advised the Board that TEP (Transportation Enforcement Program) grants will begin soon, consolidation funds for parks will begin in June and the need to begin LWRP work. Mr. Rotella stated Mayor Reynolds had inquired about grants for a senior van. Mr. Rotella is looking into the Department of Aging and then suggested others which the Village has already inquired about. Trustee Lockhart discussed the piggy-backing of contracts with Erie Co. He will update the Board as information comes in.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the April 25, 2013 Board meeting were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Sutor, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Vonage-\$6.50, Birch Communications-\$8.41 and Niagara County Sales Tax for March-\$47,926.77 up \$14,367.30 from the same time period last year. So noted.
2. Notification of CHIPS fund distribution from the NY State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$32,531.42 which is an increase of \$6,743.96 from last year's distribution. So noted.
3. Nancy Price Walk & Run will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013. For more information contact the Youngstown Recreation Department. So noted.

Mayor Reynolds stated two requests were submitted for use of Falkner Park. One request came from the First Presbyterian Church for park use on June 9th from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the second request came from Jodee Riordan for the Multi-age picnic for students at Lewiston Porter from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Both park use requests were unanimously approved by the Board.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending April 30, 2013-General Fund-\$15.26 and Water Fund-\$20,845.81 and for the period ending May 9, 2013 – General Fund-\$48,244.91, Water Fund-\$1,202.94 and Sewer Fund-\$1,175.09 were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded from Deputy Mayor Suitor and carried.
2. Authorization for Clerk to transfer funds from the Water Fund owed to the Sewer Fund from water / sewer bill collections in the amount of \$20,845.81 for the period of April 18-April 30, 2013 was approved by motion of Trustee Lockhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Suitor and carried.
3. Authorization for Clerk and Deputy to attend Niagara County Clerks Association meeting on May 16th was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
4. Notification received from Niagara County Real Property of two land parcels joined together (SBL #59.10-1-18.1), requiring a refund for tax over-payment in the amount of \$91.18. Trustee VanDeusen motioned to approve the refund, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.
5. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency for the period ending April 2013 was given by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Suitor and carried.
6. Authorization of transfer of appropriations for 2012-2013 General Fund in the amount of \$15,990., Water Fund in the amount of \$729. and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$63. to off-set any overspent line items was given by motion of Deputy Mayor Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
7. Water shut-off for non-payment of water bills for March 31, 2013 quarter is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Trustees Adamson and Lockhart questioned water shut-off discussions and decisions made at a previous Board meeting. The Clerk will review the meeting minutes and update the Board on the matter.
8. Water meters needed to complete first water book-5 special meters, 5 special meters with pits and 25 regular meters. Mayor Reynolds stated no action will be taken until more cost information is known.
9. Authorization for Mayor to sign the yearly agreement with the Niagara River Anglers Association was given by motion of Deputy Mayor Suitor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. Trustee Adamson discussed water turbines found in certain areas and dangers associated with them. Mayor Reynolds stated he has not heard further information regarding the turbines.

10. Authorization for Mayor to sign the Fire Protection Contract with the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. in the amount of \$100,776. reflecting a 2% increase was given by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.
11. Mayor Reynolds announced a change of time to 8:00 p.m. for the next Board meeting scheduled for May 23, 2013 stating a negotiation meeting will be held prior to the Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson stated his father-in-law recently passed away and the family would like to donate a bench in his memory at Falkner Park. Mayor Reynolds asked if the new bench would be the same as those already in the park. Trustee Adamson stated it would and that he will contact DPW Superintendent Muller for ordering purposes.

REPORTS

Trustee VanDeusen had nothing to report.

Trustee Lockhart stated he has had complaints of fires and reminded everyone there is currently an opening burning ban. He suggested the Police Department speak to the offenders. He also advised the Board there is not much in the Village Code regarding storm water and keeping drainage open. A drainage draft will be forwarded to the Village Attorney for review. Trustee Lockhart added that he has reviewed the codes of over 125 Villages and found that only 8 had codes addressing the aforementioned matter. Mayor Reynolds thanked Trustee Lockhart and Engineer Lannon for their work and review of this matter.

Trustee Lockhart stated he will be attending an evacuation plan seminar on May 22, 2013 He is also investigating a tram from Main St. to the waterfront area, possibly going from the gazebo to the North Dock and depending on grant fund availability. Trustee Adamson stated the tram may be expensive to maintain. Mayor Reynolds discussed pedestrian access to Water St., referencing grant possibilities to Mr. Rotella.

Trustee Adamson stated the paving work at the Lions Park basketball court has been completed and the swings will be painted soon. He also reminded everyone of the Nancy Price Scholarship Walk & Run scheduled for this upcoming Saturday.

Trustee Adamson reported that Mr. Mike Fox who will be starting jet boat rides, is also looking into a ferry service to Canada. The biggest stumbling block that Mr. Fox is finding is Canadian Customs. Trustee Adamson has referred Mr. Fox to Legislature Clyde Burmaster who has worked on this in the past.

Deputy Mayor Sutor reported he has received a call from a resident of the Villa Condos regarding a tripping hazard on the walkway by Fort Niagara. The Board agreed that the County should be notified of the hazard.

Mayor Reynolds asked again for any public comment. Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. stated his concerns of drainage overflows onto the streets and referenced the drainage problem to the Robert Moses Parkway which needs to be cleared. He also stated the ditch on Lockport St. at Glenvale Rd. needs to be addressed.

Mr. Swann stated he has talked to Town of Porter Supervisor Mert Wiepert regarding the CWM contract dating back to the mid to late 1980's referring to it as a "Bad Neighbor Law" and that CWM should be distributing a larger percentage of funds to the Town. Mr. Swann reported Supervisor Wiepert explained to him that CWM funding is down. Mr. Swann explained that with the efforts of Senator John Daly and Assemblyman Joseph Pillittere, an agreement was made whereby CWM would pay neighboring municipalities for being such a neighbor. He reported the Village of

Youngstown once received \$65,000. a year as their share of the funds from the Town of Porter. Mayor Reynolds stated the amount has decreased and the Village now receives only \$20,000. a year. Mr. Swann stated he will be attending the Town of Porter Board meeting stating CWM funding to the Town should be increased and that he will also discuss the matter with Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Ceretto.

The Clerk's financial report to augment the monthly revenue and expense journal for period ending April 30, 2013 was provided to each Board member for review and is on file in the Clerk's Office.

With no further business, Trustee Lockhart motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor and carried. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer