

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Mayor Reynolds asked that all cell phones and electronic devices be silenced and then called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for former Village Trustee Fred Stephens and Village van driver Ron Kozar who both recently passed away. Others also present were Trustees Adamson and VanDeusen, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Stevens, Village Engineer Lannon several residents and Lew-Port students. Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee Suitor, Attorney Caserta and DPW Superintendent Muller were absent.

The Mayor then asked for public comment. Donna Huggins of Main St. stated the vacant lot at 347 Main St. has appeared three times in local newspaper articles since the last Board meeting. She then stated HERF is looking to give funds away for projects, asking if the Village could apply for the funds noting the owner will probably not lower the sale price of the lot. Mayor Reynolds stated Attorney Caserta has sent the Village proposal to Rich Palumbo, attorney for the property owner which should soon be returned. The appraisal needs to be done and the property needs to be checked for environmental issues. Mrs. Huggins volunteered her services to work on the application for HERF funding. Mayor Reynolds stated an appraisal is needed first and grant funds aren't given out if the property is overpriced. A clean bill of health is needed for the site also. The Mayor stated he would advise the Board not to exceed spending \$2,000.00 for such services. Trustee Adamson stated a local businessman advised going after HERF funds for the entire waterfront project and to include the 347 Main St. lot. HERF applications dates were briefly discussed. Engineer Lannon stated the lot alone would probably not qualify under HERF guidelines unless it was geared to attract migratory birds which would be covered under HERF habitat enhancements. A brief discussion took place regarding LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program)

Mrs. Huggins then questioned room use for the Victorian Tea to be held during the Christmas in the Village celebration. The Board agreed there would not be a problem getting a room for the tea.

Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. discussed the issue of gate receipts received by the Town of Porter from CWM and that after speaking with Assemblywoman Jane Corwin, he learned that no correspondence has been sent from Youngstown supporting increased gate receipts.

Jason Stickney stated he has produced a video of the area including Youngstown which will be premiered in the Village Center gym on September 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available at various locations throughout the Village. Food will be provided by Bandana's Restaurant. Mr. Stickney stated the family friendly film is approximately 45 minutes long and will be followed by a question and answer period. Dottie Riordan asked if tickets could be sold in the Village Office and/or the Library. The Board agreed to sell tickets in the Village Office.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report for August. Five permits were issued for work valued at \$167,000.00, \$540.00 in fees was collected and things are going well.

Police Chief Salada also submitted his monthly report. 263 patrol hours were worked, 1,507 patrol miles driven, 17 Village calls, 9 calls in the Town of Porter, 13 calls outside the Village, 12 UTT's issued, 14 parking tickets issued and 9 arrests were made. Chief Salada advised the Board of the resignation of one of his officers and who will be replaced by James Bissell.

DPW Supervisor Muller was absent but submitted his August report. 6 hours of overtime was worked and collected garbage tonnage was 71.12.

Engineer Lannon reported on the 347 Main St. lot earlier in the meeting and had nothing further to report.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received-Time Warner-\$86.51, AT&T-\$4.26, Granite Telecom-\$2.42, Vonage-\$6.24 and Niagara County Sales Tax for July-\$33,791.62 up \$2,897.97 from the same period last year. So noted.
2. Reminder that the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon / Hospice 5K Dash will travel through Youngstown on September 21, 2013. So noted. Trustee VanDeusen added the event would end at Porter on the Lake.
3. Next NFAVO meeting will be held October 16th in Barker. Details are forthcoming. So noted.
4. Next Niagara 10 meeting will be held on Tues, October 22 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with a location to be determined soon. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending August 31, 2013-General Fund-\$82,995.87, Water Fund-\$26,866.38, Sewer Fund-\$5,559.99 and Trust Agency-\$1,500.00 and for period ending September 12, 2013-General Fund-\$39,733.30, Water Fund-\$1,752.01 and Sewer Fund-\$633.68 were approved by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
2. Request from David Eisenman, instructor of auto insurance and point reduction course to hold a class in the Cora Gushee Room in early 2014 was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. The exact date will soon be set.
3. Authorization for Clerk to transfer funds from the Water Fund owned to the Sewer Fund from water / sewer bill collections in the amount of \$24,182.73 for the period of 7/25-8/16/13 was approved by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
4. Authorization for Clerk to make a budget adjustment to A1001, Tax Receivables for the formerly tax exempt properties in the amount of \$1, 248.78 was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
5. Senior van replacement was discussed with West Herr Kia bid being the lowest. The 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan bid price is \$20,825.00. Trustee Adamson discussed the fact that one dealer offered \$2,000.00 as a trade-in for our old van although their price was more and suggested we asked West Herr about a trade in. With that inquiry consideration Trustee Adamson motioned to accept the West Herr Kia bid price, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. Norman Swann asked if the Town of Porter was giving the Village funds for the van purchase. Mayor Reynolds stated the Town is paying half the cost. Mr. Swann then asked about operational costs. Mayor Reynolds stated part of operational costs come under the agreement between the Village and Town.
6. Request from Town of Porter Recreation Commission to use the Cora Gushee Room for Tai Chi on all Tuesday mornings in October was approved by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
7. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

REPORTS

Trustee Adamson reported the Youngstown Business Association held their dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 10 and learned that Fox Boyz Marina should receive their first jet boat the first week in October. Required government tests will take place prior to the jet boat being officially used. Two more boats will be coming. Trustee Adamson stated Mike Fox is doing a good job at the marina. Also, a suggestion was made by area resident Josh Stack to include a vintage car show during the Village street dances. Trustee Adamson then reported the Recreation Department will begin their street hockey and toddler program in October and will be working on the Halloween party and Christmas in the Village. Trustee VanDeusen mentioned the Community Picnic. Trustee Adamson stated Melloni's Market allowed the Village to take items as they were needed so to not over purchase food items. Trustee VanDeusen reported the picnic went well and would be willing to work on the committee again next year. Mayor Reynolds reported 34 children participated in the fishing tournament prior to the picnic starting.

Mayor Reynolds reported on December 19, 2013, the actual 200th anniversary of the capture of Fort Niagara and burning of Youngstown, a reenactment will take place beginning at the actual reported event times. Youngstown was burned at 3:30 a.m. and Fort Niagara was captured at 5:00 a.m. A breakfast will be held at 6:00 a.m. that day at the Bistro. At 9:00 a.m., 4th and 7th graders studying local history will come to the event from Lew-Port, Wilson, Tuscarora Indian School and Stella Niagara schools to view brief reenactments and visit learning stations. They will have lunch and then return to their schools. More information is forthcoming.

Mayor Reynolds asked for Public comment again. Hearing none, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. The meeting ended at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer

