

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 2013

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustees VanDeusen, Sutor and Adamson. Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, and several interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for Public Comment. Mr. Mike Fox and Mr. Aaron Dey then gave a brief presentation in support of holding a fund raiser next summer to support the ALEXA FOUNDATION. Mr. Dey then went on to explain this is a worthy charity based in Lewiston, NY that was established in 2003. The purpose of the Foundation is to help/support rape survivors through the trauma of the criminal trial, in hopes that more survivors will go through with the prosecution in order to put perpetrators behind bars. The Foundation assists rape victims and their families with support, guidance and travel expenses during the litigation process. The fund raiser or “The Great Contraption Race” will be held Saturday, August 2, 2013 starting at 9:00 a.m. and finishing at Falkner Park with food, drinks and music. Mayor Reynolds and the Board gave approval for the use of Falkner Park and thanked Mr. Dey and Mr. Fox for their presentation. With no further public comment, the meeting continued.

Building Inspector Stevens informed the Board that the storm water report had been finished and mailed. Also, the Hastings property on Main Street is moving along with clean-up when weather permitting.

Police Chief Salada was absent.

DPW Superintendent stated that tree trimming continues and leaf pick-up has started and the guardrail on Main Street has been put back up. Trustee Adamson asked Superintendent Muller if he has looked into energy efficient lights for the Board Room and also suggested that he check with NYSERDA for any offers they might have to help with the costs. Superintendent Muller stated he will check into it.

Engineer Lannon stated that he really does not have anything at this time. Deputy Mayor Lockhart then asked Engineer Lannon if he would come up with a design and estimate for a walk-way for the southern part of Water Street. Deputy Mayor Lockhart also asked for Engineer Lannon’s opinion and estimate on water line repairs/replacement on Lockport Street and also to disconnect the water line that goes to the water tower. Engineer Lannon will prepare these reports for the next Board Meeting.

Attorney Caserta asked for a motion for Mayor Reynolds to sign the contract for the appraisal of the vacant property located at 347 Main Street. Motion to approve made by Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Van Deusen.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sales Tax Distribution for September 2013, - \$35,732.70 down \$10,492.49 from the same time period last year. Utility Taxes Received – Accent Energy Midwest II LLC – \$12.56, Granite Telecommunications, LLC - \$2.06, Time Warner Cable, LLC – \$86.24, AT&T Communications of New York - \$2.03. So noted.
2. Tire Day is set for this Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Ransomville Fire Hall parking lot located at 2521 Youngstown Lockport Road. This is open to Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter residents only. Tires with or without rims will be accepted. So noted.
3. Halloween Trick-or-Treating will be Thursday, October 31st from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. So noted.
4. Youngstown Recreation Department will host its annual Halloween Parade held on Saturday, October 26th, 2013, with registration at the Red Brick School at 12:30 p.m. and a party to follow. Festivities will be from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending October 24, 2013 – General Fund - \$27,281.66, Water Fund - \$26,291.78, Sewer Fund - \$38,325.04. Motion to approve made by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
2. Approval for Local Law #1 of 2013 to create and add Chapter 120, Drainage, to the Village Code of Youngstown, New York. Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Van Deusen and carried.
3. Authorization for the Clerk to transfer \$25,215.28 from Water Fund that is owed to Sewer Fund for period of September 1, 2013 – October 23, 2013 from Water/Sewer Bill Collections. Motion to approve made by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
4. Authorization for the Village Attorney Caserta to draft a letter to Niagara County concerning repairs to the bridge on Swain Road. Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
5. Authorization for the DPW to do repairs on the clock at the Village Center and installing a chimney cap on the chimney. Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
6. Authorization to choose a company from the bids that DPW Superintendent Muller received to do the grinding of the brush at 707. Motion to approve Zoladz Construction Company, Inc. made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

OLD BUSINESS - No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS - Deputy Mayor Lockhart suggested to the Board members that a future date be set to discuss the frequency of brush collection and what would be an acceptable time frame. He stated that the DPW spends too much time on brush collection and it takes away from other duties.

REPORTS – Trustee Van Deusen gave an update on the RRG meeting she attended and the passing of the bill to halt Waste Management was tabled for now and will go to the committee. Trustee Van Deusen then stated that it is very important that the people call their Legislator and stress how important it is to have them pass this bill.

Trustee Adamson stated that he attended the Homeland Security Forum and two important issues were discussed – that an Emergency/Disaster Plan be drawn up and also a plan concerning what to do with pets in the event of an emergency. Trustee Adamson also stated that the Historical Society will be taking applications for the update on the Veterans Memorial until November 11, 2013, and asked everyone to spread the word so no one is left out.

Trustee Suitor stated that he continues to work with Dottie Riordan on the Veterans updates. He also asked Attorney Caserta to draft a copy of the hunting code and to update/change it to address hunting on private property.

Mayor Reynolds then asked if the public had any issues to discuss or comment – with no response the Mayor then stated the Board will be entering into executive session. Motion to close the Village Board Meeting and enter into executive session was made by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. Village Board Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Motion to re-enter into Village Board Meeting to approve Mayor Reynolds signing a letter to the Town of Porter Board was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. Motion for the Mayor to sign the letter made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

With no further business motion to close the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. The meeting was closed at 8:25 p.m.