

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –DECEMBER 12, 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 Adamson and Sutor, Engineer Lannon several residents and one Lew-Port student. Trustee VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Stevens and DPW Superintendent Muller were absent.

Mayor Reynolds asked for comment from the public. Donna Huggins of Main St. asked about the appraisal of the vacant property at 347 Main St. The Mayor stated the property was appraised at \$255,000. Mrs. Huggins asked if she should meet with again her committee regarding the property. A possible meeting of Mayor Reynolds, Attorney Caserta, Trustee Adamson, a member of the Niagara County Legislature and the Greenway attorney was suggested instead.

Building Inspector Stevens was absent.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his monthly report for November. 178 patrol hours were worked, 865 patrol miles were logged, 13 Village calls, 13 Town of Porter calls, 15 calls outside the Village, 2 UTT's, 2 parking tickets issued and no arrests were made.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but submitted his monthly report. 10 hours of overtime was worked in November and 73.21 tons of garbage was collected. Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported pedestrian crossing signs have been ordered for Water St.

Engineer Lannon discussed a project for Ferry St. which is consistent with Greenway standards. A possible meeting with Mr. Chris Roeser from Lewiston-Porter schools to address host community Greenway funds was discussed. Also discussed were concerns for pedestrian safety on Water St. and plans for a walkway and which Mr. Lannon estimated the cost to be \$6,500. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to proceed with the walkway to be designed by CRA Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$6,800.00 using \$6,000.00 from A8130.4 and \$800.00 from A1440.4a, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The water line near the Lockport St. physician's office was then discussed with possible work to commence in the next construction season.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. The minutes of the December 7, 2013 Board meeting were approved by motion Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Utility taxes received-Vonage-\$6.17, AT&T-\$3.83, Granite Telecom-\$2.06 and Time Warner-\$87.16. Niagara County Sales Tax distribution-\$32,167.88 up \$2,604.85 from the same period last year and Mortgage Tax distribution-\$8,528.09, up \$228.47 from same time period last year. So noted.
2. Christmas in the Village to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from noon – 4:00 p.m. with various family activities throughout the entire building. Trolley and horse and buggy rides will start and end at the Village Hall. So noted.
3. December 19<sup>th</sup> event. Mayor Reynolds gave a schedule of events commemorating the 200 year anniversary of the capture of Fort Niagara and burning of Youngstown on the exact date and times they occurred. Re-enactors will march from the Stella

Niagara area where the British first landed, through the Village of Youngstown and onto Fort Niagara. Activities will begin at 4:30 a.m., the Fort Niagara capture at 5:00 a.m., a 6:00 a.m. breakfast at the Fire Hall for the re-enactors, a short commemoration ceremony at 7:15 a.m. in Falkner Park and 650 students from Lewiston-Porter, Wilson, Tuscarora and Stella Niagara schools will arrive at the Fort at 9:30 a.m. and then on to one of four learning stations in the Village. The same program will be presented at each learning station. In the event of the schools closing due to inclement weather on December 19<sup>th</sup>, a program will be rescheduled for the spring.

4. Defensive driving class for insurance cost / point reduction will once again be offered in the Village Hall on Saturday, January 11, 2014. For more information call 283-5048. So noted.

### **AGENDA**

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending November 30, 2013-General Fund-\$17,106.11, Water Fund-\$1,049.06 and Sewer Fund-\$570.29 and for the period ending December 12, 2013-General Fund-\$127, 349.02, Water Fund-\$33,783.36 and Sewer Fund-\$1,851.11 were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
2. Authorization for Clerk to transfer \$32,412.27 from Water Fund (F630) that is owed to Sewer Fund (G391) for the period of November 1-November 30, 2013 from Water/Sewer bill collections was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
3. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency for period ending November 2013 was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
4. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated the Board is interested in an electronic waste collection for the Village. He will talk to the Village of Lewiston to see if arrangements could be made to allow Youngstown residents to participate in their program.

### **REPORTS**

Trustee Adamson announced membership in the Youngstown Business Association is now at approximately 64 businesses, crediting Mark and Cheryl Butera with the membership increase. Many are in-home businesses. Trustee Adamson also stated that applications will continue to be accepted for the Veteran's Memorial located at Vets Park. Over 200 applications have come in during the requested update period. He then wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Sutor had nothing to report.

Mayor Reynolds stated he has received notification of the Town of Porter's Founder's Day events on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Historical Museum. A quilt will be on display during the event.

The Mayor again asked for public comment. Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. had questions regarding the IDA's second meeting regarding the Cold Storage site. It was noted that the County had advertised the public hearing with an incorrect address, hence the need for meeting again. Mr. Swann questioned the land description portion of the hearing notice and the stone area on the site next to the neighboring Lucas residence.

With no further business, Trustee Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon  
Clerk Treasurer