

PUBLIC HEARING –OCTOBER 10, 2013

Mayor Reynolds called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustees Adamson, Suitor and VanDeusen, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Stevens, several interested residents and one Lew-Port student. DPW Superintendent Muller and Attorney Caserta were absent. The Mayor asked that all phones be silenced.

The Mayor proceeded by reading the following:

NOTICE IS HEREBY THAT, PURSUANT TO Village Law, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, at the Village Hall, 240 Lockport St., Youngstown, New York, on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all interested persons concerning the following: Local Law #1 of 2013 to create and add Chapter 120, Drainage, to the Village Code of Youngstown, New York.

After reading the notice, Mayor Reynolds gave an overview of the proposed Local Law / Chapter and asked for comment on the same. Patricia McGrath of East Oak Terrace asked where the drainage was coming from. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated it is storm water and swales. The law would prevent residents from building up their lot, affecting their neighbor's lots with water. He reported this to be a problem found in Villages more than in towns and cities.

Jack Bush of Third St. asked what was in the law. Deputy Mayor Lockhart read more of the information stating grass clippings have been dumped by residents in ditches behind their homes creating drainage problems. A copy of the law will be given to Mr. Bush after the meeting. Mrs. McGrath questioned sump pumps emptying into ditches and the Village enforcing hook ups. Deputy Mayor Lockhart and Building Inspector Stevens gave answers to the questions. Mayor Reynolds asked that the Public Hearing address drainage as it was intended as the conversation was getting off track. A brief discussion then addressed citing residents who continue to put clippings and dirt in the ditches.

Gretchen Duling of Main St. reported standing water, possibly due to a plugged sewer at the corner of Main St. near St. John's Episcopal Church which becomes a safety issue in the winter when the water freezes. Trustee Adamson stated Main St. is a State road and this should be addressed by the County. A brief discussion took place regarding roads in the Village that are State roads but plowing and repairs are contracted out and handled by the Town of Porter. Many in attendance were unaware of this fact. Trustee Adamson asked Mrs. Duling further questions about the sewer and stated Superintendent Muller could check for a plugged sewer and the County would then be able to repair it.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported there are between 9-12 storm water outlets in the Village and that Building Inspector Stevens also inspects and reports on them to the Village as part of his job duties as the storm water compliance officer.

Mayor Reynolds asked for further comment regarding the proposed Local Law. He also stated no action will be taken tonight and will be on the October 24, 2013 Board meeting agenda. Hearing no comments, the meeting continued on to the public portion of the meeting.

Mrs. McGrath asked about leaf pick up in the Village. Mayor Reynolds stated it may possibly start tomorrow or next week. Mrs. McGrath then stated the Village newsletter has misinformation in it regarding pick up of electronic waste such as televisions. She stated Modern Disposal does not collect these items and asked that the newsletter be corrected. She then stated large garbage items are being put curbside on Oak St. days before the actual garbage collection day, making it look like the "ghetto". She also addressed a sneaker that hung from a wire across Oak St. which is down but a yellow tie

now hangs from the wire. Mrs. McGrath also addressed concerns of Village trees hanging down and limbs that fall after a wind storm. She stated her street; East Oak Terrace is forgotten by the Village. Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported the Village employees have been going throughout the Village trimming tree limbs. Mrs. McGrath also stated she was confused by the sign outside the Village Hall regarding the collection in Ransomville which was explained to be a tire collection.

Mrs. Duling asked about the date of the current LWRP and updating it. Mayor Reynolds reported a grant is being researched for a new LWRP. Mrs. Duling went on to report on the upcoming commemoration of the 1813 British burning of the Niagara River region to take place on December 19, 2013 highlighting scheduled events of the day and participants. The committee has also planned events for the Christmas in the Village celebration to be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013. With no further public comment, the meeting continued.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report for September. 6 permits were completed for work valued at \$42,280. and \$275. in fees were collected. He advised the Board of some redundancies in paper work and reports and that he is working with the Clerk's Office to eliminate duplication of such paperwork as well as easy access to information.

Police Chief Salada submitted his report for September. 220 patrol hours were worked, 1,354 patrol miles were driven, 13 calls in the Village, 17 calls in the Town of Porter, 21 calls outside the Village, 6 UTT's issued, 5 parking tickets issued and no arrests were made. Trustee Adamson asked for Police assistance during the Recreation Department's Halloween parade on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Chief Salada stated he would schedule a patrol for the event.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but submitted his monthly report. 14.5 overtime hours were worked and garbage tonnage of 54.72 was collected.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received-Dominion-\$1.10, National Fuel-\$832.93, Vonage-\$6.16, Niagara Mohawk-\$2,675.92 as well as the final disbursement of \$10,000. from New York State for the South Waterfront Dock project. So noted.
2. Tire Day set for Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Ransomville Fire Hall parking lot, 2521 Youngstown-Lockport Rd., Ransomville and open to Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter residents only. Tires with or without rims will be accepted. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending October 10, 2013-General Fund-\$60,234.88, Water Fund-\$14,672.89, Sewer Fund-\$776.13 and Trust Agency-\$500.00 was approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. A motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
3. Mayor Reynolds made a recommendation to change the hours of Halloween Trick-or-Treat used in past years to 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. allowing for more daylight for younger

children to participate. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to set Trick-or-Treating between the hours of 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

4. Authorization for the Deputy Clerk Treasurer to attend the next Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association meeting on October 17, 2013 was made by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
5. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

Mayor Reynolds stated an item that was not on the agenda but needed to be addressed was a letter from David Burke asking for a Memorandum of Understanding regarding exclusive development rights for a period of 120 days for the former Cold Storage facility. Trustee Adamson motioned to authorize Mayor Reynolds to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

REPORTS

Mayor Reynolds reported receiving a request for resolution support of the Freshwater Future group's efforts to keep Asian carp permanently out of the Great Lakes. Mayor Reynolds gave a brief history of how these fish were brought into the United States, managed to get into the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, making their way toward Lake Michigan. The carp are very destructive, threatening the fishing industry of the Great Lakes and some are dangerous as they can jump up to 10 feet. Mayor Reynolds stated Freshwater Future is not asking for anything other than the Village's support by Resolution and gave names of other governments along the Great Lakes who have given their support. Trustee VanDeusen motioned to give Resolution support to the group, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

Mayor Reynolds also reported the Village picked up the new senior citizens van earlier today which was purchased from West Herr which presented the lowest bid. Originally, the Village was to get a 2013 Grand Caravan but was able to get a 2014 Grand Caravan for the same bid price due to the purchase timing. The new van was needed for some time.

The Mayor stated he was invited to participate in the Youngstown Lion's Club 65th anniversary celebration which was a very nice event. He publically congratulated the Lions for their many years of service to the area.

Mayor Reynolds stated he wanted to also publically offer a special thanks to the Youngstown Garden Club for their dedicated volunteers who keep the Village flower gardens looking so nice. He commented on the beauty of the gardens outside the Village Hall. He then encouraged everyone to view the Halloween / fall display at the Mark and Debbie Fox property on Lockport St. right off of the Parkway, showing off their creativity and hard work. Building Inspector Stevens jokingly stated it is Debbie's creativity and Mark's hard work. Mrs. McGrath suggested the display be put on the Village website and sent to the television stations. Mayor Reynolds stated the Sentinel could be contacted. Lastly, the Mayor thanked the Village DPW for keeping the Village clean all summer.

Mrs. Duling asked about the pile of dirt at the Hastings property on Main St. Mayor Reynolds stated at this point, there is a possibility that townhouses may be built there if the DPW facility could be acquired. Mrs. McGrath stated the Village should be tougher to get things done, set boundaries and fine people who don't comply. Building Inspector Stevens stated Mr. Hastings is showing effort and so he has backed off for now.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported he is working with the Building Inspector and the Niagara County Conservation of Soils to improve drainage at the north end of the Village. There are concerns of water flows and storm water outlets. He also reported that the guard rail on Main at Church St. will be replaced soon. Prices are being obtained for grinding the brush which the Village has collected. Mayor Reynolds stated Superintendent Muller was given a price of \$7,400.00 and after telling the contractor that the price was too high, another quote was given for \$5,500.00. More will be solicited.

The Deputy Mayor stated he is also working with the Niagara County disaster coordinator as disaster preparedness will be mandated in 2014 in order to qualify for FEMA funding in the event of a disaster. A brief report was discussed regarding the Village being an out of district water customer. The Deputy Mayor will investigate the possible savings by joining with the Niagara County Water District.

Trustee VanDeusen reported attending a Work Session at the Town of Lewiston which included discussion on CWM expansion concerns. Residents are encouraged to attend the next Niagara County Legislature meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at the Court House.

Trustee Adamson reported that Recreation Director Cudmore asked to have the lights at the basketball courts turned on again for a few more weeks so the youth can use the courts a bit longer. The Mayor stated no one was using the courts, so the lights were turned off. Trustee Adamson reported a ditch area on Lockport St. and Glenvale Rd. needs to be mowed. A discussion took place regarding drainage at the site and the difficulty in getting use of the mower to do the work. Also, culvert pipes need to be cleaned. Press releases have been placed in area newspapers in an attempt to get updates and new names added to the Veteran's Memorial at Vets Park. Trustee Suitor will put the application on the Village website for resident's use.

Trustee Suitor reported the date on the last LWRP is June 1990 as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Reynolds asked for any further public concerns or comments. Hearing none, he announced the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and ended the Session at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer

