

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2014

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, Sutor and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Department of Public Works Superintendent Muller, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Stevens, several residents, students, members of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. and developers David Burke and David Pawlik.

The Mayor stated that before the public portion of the meeting, Mr. Burke and Mr. Pawlik would give an update on the Cold Storage. Mr. Pawlik reported on their work with the IDA, market research and their eagerness to move forward with the project. The site will be taken over with a \$1.00 payment along with all responsibilities involved in going forward. Although tax relief has been granted by the IDA, approximately \$11,000-\$12,000 a year will be paid in taxes on the site until the full taxation level is reached. Mr. Burke and Mr. Pawlik hope to be under construction in July 2014 after proper zoning and plans are worked out. Mr. Pawlik stated their lender is just waiting now and their consultants need permission to enter the building. Mr. Pawlik asked Attorney Caserta if he would work on an agreement for entry authorization. Attorney Caserta stated he has talked to Mr. Pawlik's attorney regarding the time schedule. Mayor Reynolds stated the Village Board of Trustees is still very interested in moving forward on the project.

Mr. Pawlik then stated he and Mr. Burke have established a relationship with the Dollar General Corporation. There is a potential site in Youngstown for a store on the corner of Second and Lockport Sts. He distributed aerial maps with the store's footprint marked out. Mr. Pawlik and Mr. Burke would own the property and building with Dollar General leasing it. Mr. Pawlik stated they own eleven such sites in and around western New York and that full taxation would be applied to the property and there would be job growth in the Village. He also reported there is a purchase contract with the current owner with construction to start in the spring of 2015. Construction would take approximately 18 weeks. Mayor Reynolds stated he has talked to the Mayor of Wilson where a Dollar General has recently opened. Initially, businesses were against it due to competition. Some residents were also against the store but once opened, there have been no complaints with businesses now feeding off of one another. It has made a positive impact to the community and residents have been hired to work there. Mr. Pawlik stated there becomes a spin-off of other work created such as grass cutting and snow plowing on the property. Trustee Adamson stated he thought the store was a good idea but had concerns such as shifting the building around to keep the integrity of the Village. Mr. Pawlik stated shifting the site around would involve issues with the DOT in regard to the 31 parking spaces and delivery matters. Trustee Adamson suggested faux windows to make the building more appealing considering there are neighbors directly behind the proposed site. Trustee Sutor reminded Mr. Pawlik that the home directly behind the site is occupied. The Board was in agreement to have the project pursued.

Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company representatives Greg Robertson and Al Smith were in attendance to give the Board an update regarding a service award program. Mr. Robertson stated the program was brought before the Village Board approximately two years ago, involves 30 members and that a grant has been received for the award program. The State mandates that participants earn 50 points for the \$700. award. A breakdown was given of the number of drills, calls and general meetings required to receive the points and funds. Mr. Robertson reported volunteers have decreased across the State with many young trainees receiving their training at one fire company and then leaving as they marry or relocate for their jobs to become fire volunteers at another company. Such training is expensive to the companies. A discussion took place regarding the financial details of such a program and the payout age which is 55. Mr. Robertson stated the Youngstown Fire Co. has a membership of 50-60 people with the average age being 48 years old, hence they are looking for young members and the awards may be a tool to bring in members. Trustee VanDeusen asked if the points can be transferred to another fire company and was told by Mr. Robertson that they cannot. Mr. Robertson also reported the Fire Company is close to purchasing a new ambulance with donated funds only, nothing coming from tax dollars.

Donna Huggins of Main St. commented that the Fire Co. works very hard. She also stated the proposed Dollar General store was a good idea. She then asked to attend a meeting on Saturday with Legislature Burmaster with regard to the vacant lot on Main and Lockport Sts. She also acknowledged the death of Mary Grace Luff and her work on the Victorian tea during the Christmas in the Village celebration.

Jacob Meager stated he is working on his Eagle Scout project and would like to clean and seal the staircase at the waterfront which should take two weekends to complete after Board approval. Trustee Adamson motioned to approve Scout Meager's project request, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his January monthly report. No permits were issued, one certificate of occupancy was issued and \$75.00 in fees was collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his report for January. 196 patrol hours were worked, 954 patrol miles logged, 13 Village calls, 14 Town of Porter calls, 17 calls outside the Village, 9 UTT's issued, 3 parking tickets issued and 4 arrests were made.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his monthly report. 82.5 overtime hours were worked and 54.37 tons of garbage collected.

Attorney Caserta had nothing to report but will address items as they appear in the meeting.

The minutes of the January 23, 2014 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Birch Communications - \$9.63, Vonage - \$6.05 and Ambit Energy - \$163.76. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending January 31, 2014 - General Fund-\$32,794.23, Water Fund - \$31,415.79, Sewer Fund - \$1,360.32 and for the period ending February 13, 2014 - General Fund-\$41,231.17, Water Fund-\$1,032.43 and Sewer Fund-\$4,144.82 were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency funds for the period ending January 2014 was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
3. Request from Jack Beatty Hospice Memorial Regatta committee to use the Village dock on Friday July 11, 2014 as they have in years past was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. Trustee Sutor abstained from the vote as he is on the committee.
4. Authorization for the Clerk to transfer \$29,641.99 from the Water Fund owed to the Sewer Fund for the period of January 2014 from Water /Sewer bill collections was given by motion of Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
5. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Fire Protection Agreement between the Town of Porter, Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. and the Village of Youngstown was given by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
6. The next Board Meeting will be held on February 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated the Department of Public Works is having a problem disposing of the parts wash solution used at the shop due to its petroleum base. He reported there is a company that will check and remove the solution if needed every four months at a cost of \$165. with a possible yearly cost of approximately \$500. The Deputy Mayor motioned to use this service, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated at the last Board meeting, safety equipment was approved at a cost of \$1,500. It was later found not to be what was needed and a new quote for the emergency retrieval hoist is \$2,400. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to approve the \$2,400. hoist purchase price, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

Trustee Sutor reported again on the server in the Village Office stating the need for replacement. He has inquired with New York State and learned records must be stored locally/in-house. The server will cost approximately \$5,000. Trustee Adamson motioned to approve the purchase, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart who also stated, we're on borrowed time with the current server.

Mayor Reynolds stated grant writer Bernie Rotella mentioned an archives grant is currently being offered by the State. There is a software program which can handle our archived data more efficiently than the current microfilm and CD methods of storage. The grant is 100% funded for up to \$10,000. for software. There is a yearly \$1,500. maintenance fee. The Mayor asked the Board if they wish to pursue the grant. Trustee Sutor and Trustee VanDeusen agreed it is worthwhile as the records must be kept here. Mayor Reynolds asked Trustee Sutor to contact Mr. Rotella on the Village's behalf with questions that he might have. Mayor Reynolds will call Mr. Rotella and ask him to proceed with the grant application.

Mayor Reynolds reported on a meeting the previous evening with the Youngstown Yacht Club and Mike Fox to discuss parking on Water St. and the business district on Main St. and Lockport St. The Youngstown Business Association officers were unable to attend. A suggestion to stripe out parking spots was discussed as it may help with the limited parking in these areas. The group would like to have the parking matter settled by March so signage could be ordered and put in place. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated discussion also took place regarding alternate parking for tenants of Main St. apartments. He suggested the Village talk to the Town of Porter as they do the plowing on Main St. Another meeting will be scheduled on the matter.

Trustee Adamson updated the Board on the Veterans Memorial after receiving 130 applications for updates to the sign. He then thanked Mike Riordan and RIT who have been working on this veteran tribute. Trustee Adamson suggested shrubs be planted around the large rock at Vets Park. The cost would be approximately \$150. - \$300. He then reported the Youngstown Recreation Department has set Saturday, May 10, 2014 for the Nancy Price Memorial Walk and Run. The recreation department is looking into the purchase of a new backboard for the park, fryers for the park's snack bar and playground equipment for Falkner Park. The next street dance sponsored by the Youngstown Business Association is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014 and will feature a vintage car show on Hinman St. Trustee Adamson also announced this year's community picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2014. A brief mention was made off that date also being the day of the Great Contraption Race. No details were discussed.

Mayor Reynolds stated the Board would enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters following the Board meeting. With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. The Board meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. and ended at 8:47 p.m.

