

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson and Comerford, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Police Chief Salada, Engineer Lannon and several interested residents. Deputy Mayor Lockhart and Trustee Suitor were absent. The Mayor asked that all cellphones be silenced.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Bob Reese of Main St. stated three large buses have parked on Water St. near the ramp for more than an hour. Parking is restricted in the area. Mayor Reynolds stated he was not aware this was happening. A brief discussion took place regarding resolve to the problem.

Hilda Danilowicz of Jackson St. stated her complaint that the neighbor living behind her at 156 Chestnut St. has several vehicles, a backhoe, a trailer, junk and a mound of dirt approximately 10 ft. high which has been on the 156 Chestnut St. property for three weeks. Building Inspector Stevens asked if she had submitted a written complaint at the Village Office and stated there is nothing in the Village Code book stating the Chestnut St. resident can't do what he is doing and the trailer is registered. Mrs. Danilowicz stated the property is an eyesore and her living room as well as other neighbors' face the offensive backyard. Building Inspector Stevens suggested a fence but Mrs. Danilowicz stated she did not own her home and that the Chestnut St. resident has a small fence which still exposes the eyesore. She suggested the Village Board go over to the home to see what she is talking about. She also stated the Chestnut St. resident is the Building Inspector's friend. Mr. Stevens asked that she not insult his integrity with that statement. A brief discussion took place between the Mayor and Building Inspector regarding the fence size which is 4 feet high. Superintendent Muller stated he is friends with the resident who has plans of planting trees in the back of the property and has been working on the lot since his father passed away. Mr. Muller stated he would discuss the matter with the property owner.

Karen Noonan of Main St. inquired about the Frey fence on Water St. discussed at a previous meeting. Attorney Caserta stated the height is higher than the fence replaced and various issues were problematic such as Mr. Frey infringing on Village property with the location of the fence and holding the Village harmless regarding the stairs. Mayor Reynolds stated that if the Village is not indemnified, the stairs come out and the fence moved onto Mr. Frey's property as well as vegetation that was removed from the bluff area be re-planted. A parking space will not be allowed. Bob Reese of Main St. stated this did not seem right and discussed when the previous owner lived at the property. He asked how the Board could deny Mr. Frey parking. Mayor Reynolds stated Mr. Reese was late in coming into background of the matter. The Mayor stated the Board had originally agreed to Mr. Frey parking in one spot on Water St. hill but he took advantage of the situation. Trustee Adamson added that Mr. Frey had his landscaper cut down vegetation and also placed the fence 8 ft. over his property line, did not install a 3 ½ ft. fence as per Village code but instead installed a 6 ft. fence, did not stand by his word and changed his plans. Attorney Caserta asked how Mr. Frey, a businessman does not know about property lines and building permits. Further discussion took place regarding the property line.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report for August. 2 building permits and one pool fill permit were issued for work valued at \$23,000.00 and \$130.00 in fees collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report. 208 patrol hours were worked, 549 patrol miles logged, 11 Village calls, 14 Town of Porter calls, 16 calls outside the Village, 6 UTT's issued, 5 parking tickets issued and no arrests were made.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported his computer is not working properly so no report was submitted. Garbage tonnage-63.48 tons. Water meters continue to be replaced, a sewer line has been repaired and the windows and heater in the DPW building have been replaced. Superintendent Muller suggested the two parking spots on Lockport St. near Main St. at the Ontario House be closed off during the winter due to problems in snowplowing and re-opening the parking spots in spring. He also reported a fire hydrant on Northfield Dr. will be replaced next week.

Engineer Lannon submitted his monthly report. Mr. Lannon also discussed the LWRP grant which is a 50% matching grant totaling \$60,500.00. The Village would be responsible for \$30,250.00. Mr. Lannon stated the contract became effective in March 2013 and is good for three years, expiring in March 2016. If the Village chooses to proceed with the grant, a representative group must be formed of 5-6 people, followed up by a meeting by telephone with the Village and CRA Engineering by October 1st. A \$50,000.00 retainer would be required for CRA to proceed with some sub-contracting to fulfill minority and women business requirements. \$7,000.00 of the Village's responsibility can come from in-kind services and \$2,500.00 can be used for printing and advertising expenses. Mr. Lannon stated that last December the Village Board approved CRA to do the work but nothing proceeded from that point. Mr. Lannon also reported he has requested the pole on Water St. to be moved. It is owned by National Grid and will be moved at no cost to the Village. The moving delay is due to Time Warner and Verizon also using the pole and all must be contacted. This move will unfortunately take place in their time schedule, not ours. Trustee Adamson asked for an update regarding the Oak / Elm development. Mr. Lannon has talked to the developer and architect who are focusing on the plans to start in fall or spring and will do the work in phases. Trustee Adamson asked where the lift station will be place for the development. Mr. Lannon stated it will possibly be put on Oak near Elm St.

Attorney Caserta reported receiving a letter from Mr. Burke's attorney regarding the Cold Storage site project. Mr. Burke has received a verbal bank commitment but requests a 90 day extension as the due diligence period will expire on September 19, 2014.

Trustee Adamson stated Mr. Burke has been working on the project in good faith. He then motioned to extend the deadline 90 days per Mr. Burke's attorney's request, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

The minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Vonage-\$5.26, Time Warner Cable-\$88.71, AT&T-\$3.27 and Niagara County Sales Tax for July-\$34,513.25 up \$721.63 from the same time period last year. So noted.
2. Historical Society will sponsor a walking tour highlighting the Underground Railroad on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Meet at Falkner Park. So noted.
3. Hospice Mighty Niagara Half Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Details can be found on the flyer posted outside the Library. So noted.
4. Tire Collection Day sponsored by the Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Ransomville Fire Company parking lot, 2521 Youngstown Lockport Rd. from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and open to Village and Town residents only. Tires with rims will be accepted. So noted.
5. The Village will host its first Folk Arts & Music Festival on Saturday, October 4, 2014 in Falkner Park from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The event will include a bed race, food vendors, area wines and beers, a farmer's market, children's activities, an artist and craftsmen market, demonstrations and continuous music ending with a sing along and performance by the Youngstown Village People. Flyers available tonight at the sign in desk and at the Village Hall information table near the Library. So noted.

6. A tentative date of Tuesday, October 7, 2014 has been set for a community wide events planning meeting of area groups, the Youngstown Business and Professional Association and Village Board. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Cora Gushee room. So noted. Mayor Reynolds explained the groups would work together to plan events avoiding conflicts of date schedules.

AGENDA

1. Trustee Adamson motioned to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending August 31, 2014-General Fund-\$28,470.12, Water Fund-\$1,493.45, Sewer Fund-\$24,052.63 and Trust Agency-\$450.00 and for period ending September 11, 2014-General Fund-\$33,642.95, Water Fund-\$9,592.82, Sewer-\$5,829.35 and Trust Agency-\$500.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
2. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson gave an update on the Veteran's Memorial case at Vets Park. The name updates are nearly done but due to a change in printer, the updates will take more time. The Plexi-glas appears to have been shot at and structural repairs need to be made as well as the need to be painted. Trustee Adamson asked that the DPW crew do the repairs during the winter months. Superintendent Muller stated he will get prices for the case to be painted. Trustee Adamson also stated the deadline for name submissions has been extended multiple times to accommodate everyone. Mayor Reynolds suggested updates be made to the list of names every few years.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

REPORTS

Trustee Adamson reported he has received an invoice for Youngstown brochures and hanging baskets from the Youngstown Business and Professional Association who had received a grant to pay for half of the aforementioned expenses. The Youngstown signs will be refurbished and the DPW crew has been asked to assist in installation. Extra snowflake lights will be purchased to extend the display area to include Main St. to Falkner Park and Lockport St. to the Village Center parking lot. The DPW will make brackets needed for hanging the snowflakes. Trustee Adamson also reported attending the Youngstown Recreation Commission meeting and sandwich boards will be placed so vehicle traffic on Main St. will be aware of children in the park. The Commission wants to have five picnic tables built by an Eagle Scout as his Eagle project. The Recreation Department will purchase the material. Two of the tables will be handicap accessible. Trustee Adamson announced the Recreation Department's Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. A costume parade will also be featured. Mayor Reynolds asked Chief Salada for police coverage during the event. Trustee Adamson also announced the Christmas in the Village celebration is being planned and information is forthcoming.

Trustee Comerford reported he has spoken with Eva Nicklas of the Lewiston Art Council who is interested in doing an art event in conjunction with Youngstown. He is meeting with Ms. Nicklas on Monday evening.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for any other public comment. Jack Bush of Third St. asked about two-hour parking on Water St. Superintendent Muller stated the signs are made and will be installed. A discussion took place regarding the time limit for buses parking on Water St. Pauline Kaiser of Main St. stated it is not only buses parking on Water St. but trucks also. She stated the parking laws should be enforced or don't have them. Bob Reese expressed concerns for safety with vehicles parking half way up Water St. hill. Mayor Reynolds stated the matter will be looked into.

Building Inspector Stevens stated the Village has been given bollards which boats use to tie up to and which now need to be concreted into place. Mayor Reynolds stated Mike Fox found the bollards which are over 100 years old and has donated them to the Village. One came from Coney Island.

With no further comments, Trustee Comerford motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting closed at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer