

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 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, Comerford and Sutor, DPW Superintendent Muller, Engineer Lannon, Building Inspector Stevens, several residents and Lew-Port students.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Donna Huggins of Main St. stated many buses are coming to the Village to go to the jet boat and the Village is missing out on places for these tourists to spend their money due to the lack of signage. She also reported the Heritage Preservation Committee was very impressed with the Village. Mayor Reynolds stated he heard many good comments regarding Youngstown. Janice Bush of Third St. commented on the need for bathroom signage and to have the bathrooms open during the DPW work hours. Bob Reese of Main St. stated the bathrooms at the river are open now but weren't always. Deputy Mayor Lockhart confirmed that the bathrooms at the river are open 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. He then stated the Falkner Park bathrooms are open until the DPW crew leaves work for the day in an effort to prevent vandalism after hours. The Deputy Mayor referred to the 15 minute parking area on Water St. which is convenient for anyone using the bathrooms. A brief discussion took place regarding a guide to direct tourists to the area.

Building Inspector Stevens stated he has submitted his monthly report for September. Five building permits were issued for work valued at \$26,525.00 and \$220.00 in fees were collected. He also reported the storm water report has been completed with the help of Deputy Mayor Lockhart.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his monthly report. 215 patrol hours were worked, 725 miles logged, 15 Village calls, 18 Town of Porter calls, 20 calls outside the Village, 7 UTT's issued, 3 parking tickets issued and 2 arrests made.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his report for September. Leaf pick-up has begun and brush pick-up has ended for the season. Fire hydrants have been checked, stripping Main St. has been completed and road cuts and paving should begin next week, weather permitting.

Engineer Lannon submitted his monthly report. He stated he has met with Verizon and Time Warner Cable who have agreed to hopefully move the utility pole on Water St. this fall so the walkway can be done in the spring. Mr. Lannon also reported a LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) kick-off meeting has taken place recently with Greg, a co-worker preparing paperwork and scheduling a November meeting with committee members and Renee Parsons from the State. Mr. Lannon discussed the \$60,500.00 LWRP grant which is a 50% matching grant and stated sub-contracting work could be handled by CRA Engineering. Trustee Adamson discussed using money left over from the South Waterfront Dock repairs for the LWRP work. Deputy Mayor Lockhart agreed with the use of such funds for the project. Deputy Mayor Lockhart then motioned to authorize CRA to begin work with \$50,000. being used to start the LWRP work, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The Deputy Mayor stated the Village must keep note of those attending meetings as this counts toward in-kind service credit. Mayor Reynolds stated he would like to have a meeting with the Village's LWRP committee. Engineer Lannon stated Greg would attend the meeting.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the September 25, 2014 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Noble America-\$12.11, Vonage-\$5.15, National Grid-\$2,554.20 and Niagara County Sales Tax for August-\$33,200.63 down \$49.44 from same period last year. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending September 30, 2014-General Fund-\$5,423.99, Trust Agency-\$350.00 and for period ending October 9, 2014-General Fund-\$34,160.48, Water Fund-\$24003.03 and Sewer Fund-\$735.66 were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
2. Authorization to increase petty cash fund amount to \$200 from the current \$100 was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. The Deputy Mayor explained the petty cash would not need to be replenished as often by increasing the amount.
3. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson questioned when the demolition of the Cold Storage site would begin. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board had previously given a 90 day extension to the developer and demolition should begin after that time period. Trustee Adamson noted that demolition was long overdue.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

REPORTS

Trustee Comerford stated he had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported the Village has been participating in emergency mitigation training with Niagara County and the next meeting will be held on October 23, 2014. The training is mandated in order to apply for FEMA funding if an emergency should occur.

Trustee Suitor had nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Adamson reminded everyone of the upcoming Halloween party and parade sponsored by the Recreation Department. He reported work on the veteran's memorial kiosk should be completed next week with the names being added by Mike Riordan. Trustee Adamson said there was nothing to report from the Youngstown Business Association at this time. Trustee Adamson discussed a legal waiver regarding the Frey property so the Village is not liable if someone were to fall on the stairs. Mayor Reynolds stated he has talked to Attorney Caserta regarding the matter. Because the steps are on Village property, an easement agreement is being worked on in which the Frey's will pay the Village a yearly fee and will totally indemnify the Village. A discussion also took place regarding the fence being lowered to comply with Village code and the Frey's will remove two sections of the fence on the north end of the property. Building Inspector Stevens will advise the Frey's of their need to grade and seed the area and no parking will be allowed.

Mayor Reynolds reported he attended the community meeting with the Youngstown Business Association, Fort Niagara and other group's representatives to plan events for 2015. The Mayor stated if two events are scheduled for the same day, different times will be scheduled so to complement each other, not compete with each other. A group of 70 visitors from the National Heritage Committee recently visited Youngstown as well as

Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara and were very impressed with our Village and what we have here. The Mayor then reported the first annual folk festival was successful although due to the weather and wind, it had to be moved from Falkner Park to the Village Center gym and parking lot. The event featured crafters indoors with a farmer's market and food served by the Youngstown Lion's Club and the Mug and Musket outdoors. Continuous music play indoors and out during the festival. Good comments came from many in attendance and the event will be scheduled again for next year.

The Mayor asked for public comment again. Dottie Riordan of Second St. suggested that a pedestrian crossing sign be placed at the south end of Water St. as there are many tourists now in that area. DPW Superintendent Muller stated there is such a sign at that location but will check on its visibility in the morning.

With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer