

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 23, 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, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada and five residents.

The Mayor asked that all electronic devices be silenced and then asked for public comment. Aaron Dey of the Dory reported on a shuttle that would run through the Village and travel to Fort Niagara. He also stated he is looking for a place to store the portable docks once they are removed from the water. Mr. Dey inquired about possibly using a back lot area at the waterfront. Insurance binders would be provided as well as a fee for the dock storage. Deputy Mayor Lockhart suggested that in consideration of providing rides to residents or others in the area, a possible agreement for dock storage might be arranged. Mr. Dey stated the trolley would run down Main St. and if there was an open seat, residents could catch a ride in the business district. He also stated the docks will be pulled out of the water in mid-November and neatly stacked for winter storage. Also mentioned was the matter of RCR Yachts storing boats in the aforementioned area. Deputy Mayor Lockhart then motioned to allow the jet boat company and marina store the docks for the 2014-2015 winter season at the Village owned site at the cost of \$1.00 and in consideration that residents and tourists would have use of the trolley shuttle. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. Mr. Dey announced the marina will soon have a name change. Attorney Caserta noted the agreement will be drafted with that name.

Building Inspector Stevens was absent.

Police Chief Salada stated he had submitted his monthly report at the previous meeting and noted that of the 35 response calls, 15 were in the Village, 2 outside the Village and 18 calls were responses to the Town of Porter.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent. Garbage tonnage for September - 50.92.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

Attorney Caserta reported he has reviewed the contract for grant funded recycling rollout carts and found it to be in order. He also reported he has talked to the Frey's attorney who stated the Frey's are currently away. Trustee Adamson asked when the Frey's will be cutting the two sections to the north and lowering the fence. Mayor Reynolds stated he did not know the progress status at this point. Trustee Adamson commented on the stalling of project work. The Mayor stated that if an agreement is not in the Village's hands by October 31st, the fence comes out and moved to the Frey property. Attorney Caserta also reported Mr. Burke, developer of the Cold Storage site has had the property surveyed at his expense.

The minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Time Warner-\$87.84, Choice One Communications-\$18.47, AT&T-\$2.36, Accent-\$6.58, Birch Communications-\$6.33 and Niagara County Sales Tax for September-\$42990.00, up \$7,257.30 from the same period last year. So noted.
2. Town of Porter Highway Garage is no longer accepting electronic waste. Currently, no further information has been received regarding drop-off sites in the area. So noted. Mayor Reynolds added that Niagara County is no longer collecting such waste and if a collection site is resumed, that information will be made available.

3. Tire Collection will be held this Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Ransomville Fire Hall parking lot located at 2521 Youngstown Lockport Rd. from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This is open to Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter residents only. Tires with or without rims will be accepted. So noted.
4. Halloween parade and party sponsored by the Recreation Department will be held Saturday, October 25, 2014 with the parade beginning at 12:30 p.m. and party to follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Village Center. So noted. Chief Salada will have an officer scheduled to work during that time.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending October 23, 2014-General Fund-\$35,356.91, Water Fund-\$1,348.48, Sewer Fund-\$863.44 and Trust Agency-\$630.00 was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
2. Halloween Trick or Treating hours to be set. (Last year's hours were 4:30-7:30 p.m.) Trustee Suitor motioned to set Trick or Treating hours for the same as last year's, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
3. NYS Retirement Resolution which allows unused accumulated sick time to be added to service credit. Mayor Reynolds explained this would affect only full time employees in the NYS Retirement System who receive sick days. No pay is given for unused sick days at retirement but service credit is given by NYS. The plan will cost the Village \$592. a year but would be a savings for the Village as the cost for each full time employee to use just one sick day a year would be over \$1,000. Trustee Suitor stated that it is well worth it to approve the resolution. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated other municipalities have adopted the resolution and agreed it was worthwhile. Trustee Adamson then motioned to approve the adoption of the NYS Retirement Resolution, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
4. Authorization to transfer funds from the Unemployment Fund to the General checking account and to amend the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$858.50 for payment of unemployment insurance bill was approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
5. Surplus equipment is being sold by bid process. Items were advertised in the Niagara Gazette on Sunday, October 19th and will be advertised again on Sunday, October 26, 2014. The Village Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and items are sold in 'as is' condition. So noted.
6. Letter requesting compensation for sewer line damage to resident's basement. Deputy Mayor Lockhart gave the history of the incident stated in the Main St. resident's letter. He stated a private plumber used a camera in the line but the Town of Lewiston was called to use their camera for a better picture. It showed the main was fine except at the house connection where there was damage and the line was open. The Village dug the area, replacing the lateral. The Village never took responsibility for that damage. The Deputy Mayor stated the previous homeowner had backups and could have used a power roter. The pipe is in good shape except at the house lateral where the pipe was blown out when cleaned. Attorney Caserta asked when the problems started. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated problems began in February. On August 14th, Bryk Plumbing put a camera through the line and within days, the Town of Lewiston was called to put their camera through the line. It found the house lateral to be damaged, likely done when the pipe was cleaned. Mayor Reynolds suggested he and the Deputy Mayor visit the home owner and have a sit down discussion.
7. Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling State Assistance Program Contract-recycling roll-out carts. Mayor Reynolds stated he has talked to Modern Corp. and

they would be able to accommodate the collection from the 65 gallon carts by switching the truck sent to do Youngstown's pickup.

8. Request from Niagara Hospice Alliance asking for the Village to approve support of the September 19, 2015 Mighty Niagara Half Marathon/Hospice 5K Dash for their DOT application and which runs through Youngstown was approved by motion of Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
9. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

Mayor Reynolds stated a quote for one day of on-site training from Harris Computer Systems for the Village Office staff was received late this afternoon. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to accept the quote agreement for all office staff to be trained, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion took place regarding the Board meeting schedule for November and December due to the holidays. All agreed to hold only one meeting in both months and if a second meeting was necessary, it would be scheduled. Meetings were set for November 13 and December 18, 2014.

REPORTS

Trustee Comerford reported he met with a Carrollwood Dr. resident regarding the uncut lot next to the resident's home. Trustee Comerford advised the resident to put the complaint in writing and submit to the Village. Trustee Comerford was also approached by a resident regarding the stop sign on Elm St. at Lockport St. not being easily visible and asked that the sign be moved. Deputy Mayor Lockhart asked if a bush was blocking the sign with Trustee Comerford replying negatively.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported the DPW crew has begun leaf pickup and paving is scheduled to begin on Monday. The Deputy Mayor stated he will meet with Mr. Britton of CRA Engineering regarding water issues in the Village referring to a swale area on Brookshire Rd where overgrown trees have limited access to cleanup. Trustee Adamson stated the years of overgrowth causes problems when not cleared away. Mayor Reynolds discussed having a community meeting sometime this fall for the standing water issues to be addressed. The Village gym or Cora Gushee room could be used to hold such a meeting.

The Mayor reported the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) committee has been formed adding the LWRP has not been updated since the late 1980's. The Village has grant funding for the project. He also reported that Deputy Mayor Lockhart, the LWRP committee and Renee Parsons from the Department of State will meet so the project can move forward. The Mayor explained the LWRP is the Village's master plan and that our local waterfront encompasses the entire Village. Committee members include the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Planning Board Chairwoman Peggy Hanson, Zoning Board Chairwoman Marge McCollum, Building Inspector Stevens, Mark Fox and Tom and Kathleen Murphy. Mayor Reynolds noted that Mr. Murphy is a maritime attorney. He also added that community input will be allowed. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that by updating the LWRP, future grant opportunities open up for the Village.

Mayor Reynolds again opened the floor to the public. Aaron Dey announced it was Trustee Adamson's birthday and "Happy Birthday" was sung.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported he had attended the Niagara County Hazard Mitigation meeting yesterday and information can be obtained on the County's website.

Aaron Dey also reported a Canadian newspaper recently featured an article on CWM which stated the facility was located in Youngstown. Mr. Dey contacted the paper stating that although the article had already been printed, he requested the paper take to the article off its website as the facility is not in Youngstown.

With no further business Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. The meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer