

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –JANUARY 8, 2015

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustees Comerford and Sutor, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Stevens, Village Engineer Lannon, Planning Board Chairwoman Peggy Hanson, several Planning Board members, Zoning Board Chairwoman Marge McCollum, several Lew-Port students and many interested residents. Trustee Adamson was absent.

The Mayor asked for any public comment. Aaron Dey of the Dory suggested making a loading and unloading zone on Main St. possibly in front of the Village Diner for passengers getting out of cars in an effort to help prevent falls. Mayor Reynolds stated the Village Board is looking at parking issues in the Village. With no further public comment, the meeting continued.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report for December. \$178,000.00 in work was completed and fees in the amount of \$464.00 were collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report for December. 162 patrol hours were worked, 489 patrol miles logged, 13 Village calls, 10 Town of Porter calls, 12 calls outside the Village, 4 UTT's issued, 2 parking tickets issued. No arrests were made. The Chief reported the investigation continues on the damage done to Veteran's Memorial.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported work has been completed on a heating problem at the Village Hall. Electrical updates for the Library are in progress including the replacement of an electrical box.

Engineer Lannon stated the developers interested in the Oak and Elm St. property are reviewing the existing plat plans.

Attorney Caserta asked the Village Board to enter into Executive Session following the Board meeting for a litigation matter which has come up.

The minutes of the December 18, 2014 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Utility taxes received from Time Warner Cable-\$87.34, Consolidated Edison Solutions-\$18.52, SelecTel, Inc.-\$.33, Niagara Mohawk-\$2,391.55, Vonage-\$5.11, AT&T-\$1.45, National Fuel-\$1,354.61, Noble Americas-\$10.96, Nextiva, Inc.-\$1.19 and Niagara County Sales Tax distribution for November, 2014-\$32,825.96, up \$3,254.57 from the same period last year. So noted.
2. A defensive driving course will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Village Hall / Cora Gushee Room. For more details or to register, call 940-6606. So noted.

### **AGENDA**

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending December 31, 2014-General Fund-\$20,947.00, Water Fund-\$1,366.67 and Sewer Fund-\$652.75 and for period ending January 8, 2015-General Fund-\$18,703.25, Water Fund-\$15,125.68, Sewer Fund-\$176.33 and Trust Agency-\$335.00 were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

2. Cold Storage preliminary site plan approval. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board would not be approving the Cold Storage preliminary site plan tonight and are sending the matter back to the Planning Board for a public meeting where they will get public comment. The Planning Board's recommendations will then be given to the Village Board, hopefully in time for the next Village Board meeting scheduled for January 22, 2015. Engineer Lannon stated that assuming all goes well, the next action would be to consider the environmental impact of the plan which appears to be a negative declaration and the final action would be the Village Board's approval. He also advised the Board that the developer stated he would pay for any advertising and postage cost incurred.
3. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated the Village provides cell phones to some Village employees. Some phones have mechanical issues and he suggested consideration of a stipend to employees that use their own phone. He stated the current charges for four phones are approximately \$30.00 each per month and suggested a possible \$15.00 stipend per month for employees using their own phone. Contract issues were briefly discussed.

### **REPORTS**

Mayor Reynolds reported Kathy Zasucha, Town of Porter Recreation Director discussed using the Village gym for a youth program during the winter break as the Stevenson School in Ransomville is not available. The program could be a joint effort with the Village of Youngstown Recreation Department. Kathy will contact Youngstown Recreation Director Kim Cudmore so programming conflicts will not occur. The Mayor also reported he has talked to Trustee Adamson and Mayor Reynolds will be taking over as the Youngstown Business Association liaison. He stated he has been working with the Village tourism committee and would like to now have the committee work with the Business Association.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart and Trustees Comerford and Suitor had nothing to report except they all had wonderful Christmas and New Year holidays.

With no further business, Trustee Comerford motioned to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

At 7:49 p.m., Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to come out of Executive Session and return to regular session, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. With no further business, Trustee Comerford motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. The meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon  
Clerk Treasurer

