

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2015

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee's Adamson, Sutor, Comerford DPW Superintendent Muller and a few Resident's.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for public comment; Donna Huggans asked the Board about the vacant property at 347 Main Street and what the next step would be to apply for a grant so the Village might be able to purchase the property. The Mayor stated that the Village Grant Writer Bernie Rotella would have to be notified. A discussion took place and will be addressed later in the meeting under Old Business.

Bruce Spira from Third Street asked the Board to do something about the dumpster and the dead bushes at the apartment building on the corner of Lockport Street and Third Street. He stated that it is against the law to have an open dumpster sitting out without a fence around it and the bushes next to it have been dead so they should be removed. Jack Bush seconded the request. With no more comments from the public the Mayor went on with the meeting.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported that they have been fixing water main breaks, snow removal on streets and sidewalks, took Christmas lights down on Main and Lockport Streets, working in the Village Center to fix the stairs leading down to the recreation center.

Police Chief, Building Inspector and Engineer were absent – no report.

Attorney Caserta stated that he had nothing to report.

Minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received from Vonage America c/o EZtax Services, Inc. - \$4.94. Franchise Fees received from Time Warner - \$26980.71. So noted
2. Mayor Reynolds read a letter from Chief Salada dated 03/11/2015 informing them of his resignation from the Village of Youngstown Police Department. So noted

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending March 23, 2015 – General Fund - \$47,064.08, Water Fund - \$8,382.02, Sewer Fund - \$565.12 and Trust Agency - \$39.20, was approved by motion of Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
2. DPW Superintendent Muller updated the Village of Youngstown Spring Clean-Up Program Flyer for 2015. Does the Board want to have an insert put into the Sentinel Paper for the last week in March? This was tabled for further discussion.

3. Letter from David Stayner – 277 Wingate Place asking for relief from his water bill in the amount of \$1328.35 due to the water used over years that was recorded on his inside meter but not recorded on his outside meter which slowed down over years due to weather, spiders, etc. Mayor Reynolds noted that we must follow past procedure, and due to the fact that the Village must pay for the water we cannot give any resident relief from water bills. It would not be right to have tax payers pay for individual residents water bills.

Old Business

Motion to proceed with the Greenway Grant to pursue the purchase of 347 Main Street was made by Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Adamson. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that there are so few lots on Main Street left and is not in favor of taking it off the tax role. He also stated that the Village has two parks 250 feet up the road and is not in favor of the Village purchasing this vacant property. Mayor Reynolds also stated that he agrees with Deputy Mayor Lockhart, since there are so few vacant properties left on Main Street this has the potential for a business to move in and it would stay on the tax role.

Trustee Adamson then stated that the grant money should be used first for infrastructure in the Village. He stated that we need to add a walk-way on Water Street and install new water lines on Lockport Street.

Trustee Sutor then amended his motion to state that the grant money be used for infrastructure in the Village first before considering it to be used to purchase 347 Main Street. Seconded by Trustee Adamson – role was called – 3 yeas and 2 nays

New Business – None

Reports

Trustee Comerford stated that two residents approached him and asked about installing a Dog Park in the Village. They stated that the back portion of Vets Park would be a good place to have it.

Trustee Adamson stated that Lewiston's Dog Park cost \$60,000.00.

Trustee Adamson informed the Board that the Celebrity Bar Tending Fund Raiser will be held on April 11, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., at the Lewiston Event Center Bowling Alleys in Lewiston. This will benefit the Nancy Price Scholarship Fund. He asked the Board if each one could possibly provide a basket for the basket auction. They will also offer games at a reduced rate of \$1.50 per game. Also the Nancy Price 5-K Run/Walk will be held on May 9, 2015, at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Hall. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:45 a.m. for walkers and 10:00 a.m. for runners. Trustee Adamson stated that they will need Police to secure corners and also an Ambulance available. Mayor Reynolds stated that he will take care of that.

Trustee Adamson stated that the Friday night open gym is winding down. He also stated that Recreation Director Cudmore is working on the budget for next fiscal year and so far there will be no increases.

Mayor Reynolds stated that during spring recess the Town of Porter Recreation and the Village Recreation had open gym here at the Village Center and it was well attended.

With no more reports Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for public comment.

Donna Huggans stated that she will get in-touch with Grant Writer Bernie Rotella about the Greenway Grant Money.

The next Board Meeting will be March 26, 2015. This will be a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering Section 232-10B of the Village Code to include Bus Parking Prohibited in Designated Locations.

With no further business Trustee Adamson motioned to close the meeting and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. The meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer