

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2015

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee's Adamson, Suitor Comerford, DPW Superintendent Muller, Chief Schuey, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon and some interested Residents.

Mayor Reynolds then read the Public Hearing Notice:

Tentative Budget for 2015-2016, for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2016. Compensation will remain the same as the past seven years for the Mayor which has been set at \$7498.00, for the Deputy Mayor at \$6151.00 and for each of the three Trustees at \$5656.00. A copy of the tentative budget is available at the Village Clerk's Office and may be inspected Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

He then asked if there are any comments from the public. Mayor Reynolds then stated that the tax rate per thousand will be 6.9427 down .01 from last year. Tom Pryce, from Mary's Lane asked why there was no line item in the budget for economic development and Mayor Reynolds explained that the previous developer backed out of the deal and we are trying to get a grant to demolish the building and also we will be putting out a new RFP to see if we can draw a new developer.

Lisa Fittante from Jackson Street would like the Board to look into her water billing issues. She states that she has been having trouble with her water reads ever since the DPW installed a new water meter. Her bills go from high to low and would like to have more consistent water billing. Mayor Reynolds stated that they will look into it and get back to her.

With no further comments from the public the Mayor went on with the meeting.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his report – Total estimated cost for the Month of March - \$40,762.00. Total Collected for the Month of March - \$150.00, and there is one incomplete permit. He also stated the with the weather getting warmer he is getting more calls for permits.

Police Chief Schuey handed in his report for March and stated that he is in the process of updating the policy and procedures for the police department and asked the Board to let him know if they have anything to add to it. Chief Schuey also stated the he needs to update the bullet-proof-vests which will cost around \$4000.00. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to grant the \$4000.00 to update the vests for the police department, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

DPW Superintendent Muller handed in his report for March. Three homes on Main Street and Water Street had pipes freeze, had Bryk Plumbing help, filled potholes, worked in Village Center will start working outside as the temperatures warm up. Mayor Reynolds stated that Superintendent Muller will need to work on drainage with Engineer Lannon. DPW Superintendent stated that the South Dock pavers are sinking and will need to be repaired.

Engineer Lannon reported that the utilities are in the process of being transferred from one pole to the other for the Water Street Walkway. Also the DEC had approved the Oak/Elm Subdivision and with the offset credits totaling 85,000

gallons per day while the project requires a total of 140,000 gallons per day leaving a balance of 55,000 gallons per day for the developer to complete.

Attorney Caserta will address issues during the Executive Session.

Approval of the minutes from March 26, 2015 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation - \$2,627.38, Vonage America - \$4.89. So Noted.
Received from NYS DOT CHIPS Refund in the amount of \$32,532.01. So Noted.
2. Mayor Reynolds then informed the public that the Town of Porter served the Village for non-payment of Sewer Bills. He then went on and explained that over the years the Town of Porter was over-charging the Village for the sewer usage. So Noted

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending April 9, 2015 – General Fund - \$40,519.58, Water Fund - \$17,517.93 and Sewer Fund - \$681.16, was approved by motion of Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and Carried.
2. Letter from Terry Collesano, Mayor of the Village of Lewiston asking for a contribution to the July 4th Fireworks which will be held on Saturday, July 4th, 2015 at dusk (rain date of Sunday July 5th). In the past we have contributed \$500.00 toward this event. Motion to approve the \$500.00 was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and Carried.
3. A question from a resident who would like to donate a tree for the park in honor of Denny Greene who was a past Mayor, are we accepting any new trees for our parks? DPW Superintendent stated that we have no more room in Falkner Park for trees. Mayor Reynolds stated that the Board will look into potential sites around the Village and get back to resident. The Mayor will also find out what kind of tree the resident would like to purchase.
4. The next Village Board Meeting will be April 23, 2015.

The Village Board of Trustees will enter into Executive Session following the Board Meeting to discuss litigations. So noted.

Motion to close the Public Portion of the Meeting was made at 7:26 p.m. by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and Carried.

Old Business

New Business – Deputy Mayor Lockhart commented that the Village will be drawing up another RFP for the Cold Storage hoping to see a new use or a re-use of the area. Trustee Adamson also stated that we need to make it easier for the builders and we are trying to get grant money to demolish the building.

Reports

Trustee Comerford asked Police Chief Schuey if the police officers wear reflective vests while on duty? Chief Schuey stated that, no they do not because there are times when they do not want to be seen.

Trustee Comerford also stated that the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company would like to use our message board.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that the CHIPS money we receive this year will be put to sidewalk use this year. He stated the DOT in Buffalo stated that all roads and sidewalks must be ADA Compliant, which will limit the amount of sidewalks we can do.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart also stated that he was talking to Terry Keller from the DEC and Lockport Street is scheduled for repaving the 2017-2018 budget year. Deputy Mayor Lockhart suggested that we replace the water lines before the scheduled year. He suggested that we get bids this year and replace them the following year.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that he is working on the drainage problems on Elm Street.

Trustee Suitor stated that the new email system for the Police will be up and running in 2-3 weeks. This will make the State Certified.

Trustee Adamson stated he attended the Recreation Meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015, and they are in the process of getting their summer programs scheduled to start in the parks. He also reminded the Board about the Celebrity Bar Tending Night at Lewiston Event Center on Saturday, April 11th, 2015. There were students in the audience from Lewiston Porter School and Trustee Adamson reminded them to apply for the Nancy Price Scholarship and also the Neil Riordan Scholarship and the Niagara Pioneer Soccer League Scholarship.

Trustee Adamson also stated that the Street Dance is scheduled for June 25th, 2015. They would like Main Street blocked off from Lockport Street (93) to Church Street for the Car Show.

Mayor Reynolds asked the Board for a motion to suspend payments to Bernie Rotella, Grant Writer for failure to fulfill his agreement to attend one Board Meeting a Month and for not providing the Village Board with a Statice Report. Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and Carried.

Mayor Reynolds then asked if anyone from the Public had any comments. With no further comments motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and Carried. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Motion to close the Executive Session was made by Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and Carried.

Motion to close the Village Board Meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Sutor and Carried. Both Meetings closed at 8:29 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer