

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – May 14, 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, Suitor and Comerford, Chief Schuey, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella and some interested Residents.

Mayor Reynolds asked for public comments or concerns.

Mrs. Bush voiced her concerns about the vandalism in Falkner Park – spray painting, etchings in the wood, etc., she stated that maybe more Police Patrol would help the situation. She also stated that the bathrooms need to be opened for use during the day.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Board will look into this.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Spira from Third Street was wondering when something will be done about the apartment complex on the corner of Third Street and Lockport Road that has a dumpster, dead trees and a car sitting in the parking lot with no license plates on it.

Building Inspector Stevens stated that he will take care of this.

Ms. Lloyd commented about the parking down on Water Street, people parking across the sidewalk in front of Main Street Gas & Grille and we need signs to slow down people so they will yield to pedestrians.

Mayor Reynolds and Deputy Mayor Lockhart will look into this.

Several Residents commented about the tour buses going to the Jet Boat Co. on Water Street and just sitting there idling while they wait for the tourists to come back from their jet boat tour.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the buses should be going to the parking lot near the Fire Company and wait for the people there. He stated that the Board has been talking to the owners of the Jet Boats and they are still working out the proper procedures.

With no further comments from the public Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the department reports.

Police Chief Schuey handed in his report for April – 16 Village calls, 5 out of the Village calls, 3 arrests, 32 traffic stops warning, 14 traffic stops tickets and 55 premise checks. Chief Schuey also stated that sometime in July he will be holding a seat-belt check along with a meet & greet of the police department.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but handed in his report for April – Brush pick-up started, they have been cleaning up from water main breaks, worked on equipment, worked on bathrooms at Veterans Park, opened bathrooms at the River and cleaned up the flower beds, cut grass.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his report for April – 5 incomplete permits, 4 completed permits for a total estimated cost of \$74,937.00 and total fees collected \$335.00.

Grant Writer Rotella handed in his report for April – 1.) Water Street Improvement Greenway Application – waiting for project scope and budget, due

July 21, 2015. (2.) ConstitutionPark on Main Street – M020436 (Senator Maziarz) change of scope to NYS DOS has been approved – we must submit a contract for execution. (3.) NYEDP Grant #3927 – change of scope has been submitted and awaiting approval.

Engineer Lannon handed in his April report – Water Street Walkway in progress and gave an estimated cost of \$51,118.00. Deputy Mayor motioned to pursue greenway money for the sidewalk and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. Submit deadline is July 19, 2015.

LWRP – community survey has been distributed – due back May 22nd, committee meeting will be May 18 and a public information meeting will be June 15th.

Oak/Elm Street Subdivision – need to discuss Village PIP & Bonding requirements.

Route 93 Waterline – construction cost estimate prepared for the Board.

Attorney Caserta – Nothing to report at this time.

Minutes from the April 23, 2015 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received from Accent Energy Midwest II LLC - \$5.32, Vonage America - \$4.66. So noted.
2. Notification from New York State Department of Transportation stating the Village of Youngstown will receive \$36,373.05 in CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding which is available from June 2015 forward. The Village of Youngstown also has a total EWR (Extreme Winter Recovery) balance of \$4,517.79 which is available from June 2015 forward. So noted.

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending May 14, 2015 – General - \$34,183.62, Water - \$1,333.47, Sewer - \$1,012.24 and Trust Agency - \$885.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
2. Motion for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Tax Warrant for 2015-2016 Village Taxes to be collected: For the General Fund - \$643,727.00, Formerly Exempts - \$482.94, Unpaid Water - \$4267.28 for a total of \$648,477.22 to be collected. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
3. Motion for the Board to approve a resolution stating that the following properties tax map #45.18-3-9 owing \$1,178.38 and \$45.18-3-40 owing \$1,769.37 in unpaid water/sewer charges, be transferred to Niagara County to be added to the 2015-2016 Village Taxes. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

4. Motion to approve a new air-conditioner for the Village Office at the cost of \$2,800.00 as quoted by Steve's Heating and Cooling which includes the cost of the unit and installation charges. This will be on hold – we need two more estimates.
5. Motion to approve the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the Niagara County Clerk's Association Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 to be held at the Barker Brewing. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
6. Notice from Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Health and the Director of the Niagara County Health Department, asking the Village Board to consider adopting a tobacco-free policy for our parks, and athletic fields. They stated that they will provide free signs for the areas. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
7. Letter from Chris Guard, Commodore Youngstown Yacht Club, asking permission to use the Village Docks at South Dock for their small sailing regatta to be held from the afternoon of Saturday, June 13th to mid-morning on Sunday, June 14th, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
8. Letter from Monica Barner, from the First Presbyterian Church, requesting the use of Falkner Park on Sunday, June 14th, 2015 for an outdoor worship service. They will be using the park from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. She is also requesting that the bathrooms be opened at this time. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
9. Request from the Town of Porter Recreation to use the Tennis Court for adult pickelball to be held Thursdays in June from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. In the case of rain they would like to use the gym. Our Recreation Director Kim Cudmore had approved the use and they also have insurance on file in the Clerk's Office. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
10. Motion for the Board to approve a resolution allowing the Clerk Treasurer to open a Capital account with Key Bank, 764 Center Street, Lewiston, New York. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
11. Motion for the Board to create the following Capital Accounts:

- H-1 Village Center
- H-2 DPW Complex
- H-3 Police
- H-4 Recreation
- H-5 Senior Van
- H-6 Streets
- H-7 Sidewalks/Bike and Walking Paths
- H-8 Waterfront
- H-9 Storm Sewer/Drainage
- H-10 Sanitary Sewers
- H-11 Water

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

12. The Board will enter into executive session for contractual.

13. The next Village Board Meeting will be May 28, 2015. At this time the Mayor announced that usually in June, July and August we have only one meeting, but due to the amount of projects going on we will have two meetings also during those months.

Old Business

Trustee Adamson commented that at the top of Water Street the Frey's have not put up a rail yet. This will be looked into.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated he has three things: 1.) he asked Attorney Caserta to draft language for a local law for two (2) hour parking on Water Street. 2.) A resident who resides at 115 Church Street is doing drainage improvements and Deputy Mayor Lockhart would like the Village to offer him the cost of the stone and pipe to fix this problem. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. 3.) Would like the Board to take a look at the Code for burning in the Village and possibly update it as needed. The one in the Code Book now was set in 1965.

Trustee Adamson stated that the house at 703 Main Street is up for sale by the owner. The current owners have a lease agreement with the Village to use the Village property adjacent to their residence. Trustee Adamson suggested that we reach out to the current owners and inform them that any new owner will not have use to this property.

He also stated that the owner of Rite-Aid be contacted about a storm sewer that needs repair in the parking lot.

Reports

Trustee Comerford commented that someone has been cutting the lawns of the two empty houses on Elm Street and this keeps the neighborhood looking nice.

He also asked the Board if a resident puts in sidewalks are they responsible to pay for them and Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated yes the resident is responsible for payment.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart did not have anything to report.

Trustee Suitor stated that the new email system will be up and running next week.

Trustee Adamson stated that the Nancy Price Run was very successful with 125 runners. He wanted to thank the Fire Company for the use of their building. He also stated that for three weekends starting May 29th there will be travel teams using the park.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Veteran's Memorial is all fixed and the next thing will be to put the names back on. He also stated that we will have a re-dedication ceremony on Veteran's Day, November 11th. He also informed everyone that we did receive enough donations to cover the cost of the memorial.

With no more reports the Mayor asked the public again for comments or concerns:

Ms. Huggins inquired about some construction being done on Main Street and also inquired about the property at the top of the hill on Main Street – are we going to use grant money to purchase it? Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that we have other capital projects that need to be done before we think of purchasing that property. For now that will be on hold.

There were also concerns about the tour buses parking on Water Street and Mayor Reynolds informed the public that the owners have three shuttle buses that will shuttle people down to Water Street. Unfortunately they have not been delivered yet for now Mayor Reynolds stated that the buses will drop the tourists off on Water Street then come back up the hill and park across from the Fire Company until it is time to pick the tourists back up.

Mayor Reynolds also stated that the re-purposing the North Dock Grant has been approved to be signed off on for landscaping on the hill and picnic tables.

With no more public comments, Trustee Adamson motioned to close the public portion of the meeting and enter into executive session. Seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

At 9:15 p.m. the Board entered back into regular meeting and motion was made by Trustee Adamson to close the meeting and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. Meeting closed at 9:16 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J. Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer