

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2015

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Suitor, Comerford, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, DPW Superintendent Muller, Attorney Caserta and Police Officer Quarantillo.

Mayor Reynolds then read the Public Hearing Notice – for the purpose of considering and hearing all interested persons concerning the proposed Local Law No. 2-2015 to amend Section 232-12F of the Village Code in relation to the parking of vehicles on Water Street is hereby prohibited in any of the following locations between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for a period of no longer than two (2) hours. The angle parking spaces immediately south of the dry hydrant on the east side of Water Street extending south to the southern tow away zone on Water Street.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for public comment. A few residents expressed concerns about who will enforce this law and will the buses abide by the signs. Mayor Reynolds assured them that the police will be ticketing any buses that do not follow the law. Spokespersons for the Jet Boat Mr. Dey and Mr. Beaty also commented that they will be stepping up and making sure the buses just drop off the tourists and then park the buses on Third Street across from the Fire Hall until it is time to pick up the tourists. They also stated that they hope to have the shuttle service up and running very soon. Ms. Lloyd from South Lake Street wanted to thank the DPW for all the work they did on the peace garden and getting the sprinkler system up and running again!

With no further public comments Mayor Reynolds continued with the meeting.

Police Officer Quarantillo reported the new car is in service. He also stated that seven officers just completed a Narcan Class to help someone who over-doses. Officer Quarantillo also stated that they will be adding more patrols on the weekends and they will be enforcing the two hour parking on Water Street. Also on August 2nd, 2015 the Lewiston Police, Niagara County Sheriff and the Youngstown Police will be holding a meet and greet, child safety car seat check at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart made a motion to approve the 2007 Police Car to be sold for surplus and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported that next Tuesday and Wednesday they will start cleaning sewers. They are also installing the park bench that was donated by the Historical Society on Main Street.

Building Inspector Stevens was absent but Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that the property across from the Village Hall is in the process of installing a fence around the dumpster and the car that was sitting in the parking area without a license plate has been removed. There was also a complaint of a residence on Lockport Road that is not following the Property Maintenance Code. This will be looked into.

Grant Writer Rotella stated that he is following up on the issues stated at the last meeting. He needs the Deed for the Cold Storage and Attorney Caserta stated he will get that to him immediately. He also needs the budget and description for the Water Street Project. Mayor Reynolds asked him to give Engineer Lanon a call for that.

Attorney Caserta had nothing to report at this time.

Minutes from the May 14, 2015 Board Meeting were approved by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received from Time Warner Cable - \$88.91, Ting Inc. - \$.18, Nextiva, Inc. - \$1.19, AT&T Communications of New York - \$2.36 and Vonage America - \$4.65.
Niagara County Sales Tax - \$34,701.33 up \$3047.63 from last year. So Noted.
2. Letter from Modern Disposal Services, Inc. stating effective July 1, 2015 Modern will implement the Consumer Price Index increase of 1.2 percent. Therefore, effective July 1, 2015 the annual rate per unit will be \$131.31. We are now paying \$129.75 per unit for a total increase of \$1.56 per unit. So noted.

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period ending May 28, 2015: General - \$41,683.18, Water - \$5,809.97, Sewer - \$1,268.19 and Trust Agency - \$20.76. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
2. Letter from PYRBA Promotions/Event Committee requesting Main Street to be closed for a parade from noon on September 7th until 2:00 p.m. The parade is planned to start at Fort Niagara State Park and end at First Presbyterian on Church Street. The approval from the Church has already been granted.
A Representative from the VFW then spoke up and stated that the VFW would like to also be a sponsor and part of the parade. He stated that he will get a letter into the Village Office requesting the same as above. Mayor Reynolds then stated this request will be tabled until we receive the VFW letter and all parties get together to work the details out.
3. Letter from Rick Lohr, Shawn & Bernadette Weber and Sue MacNaughton requesting the closing of Main Street on Thursday, July 23rd from Lockport Street to Hinman Street from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the Regatta Kick Off Party previously known as the Youngstown Level and now the Annual Youngstown CANAM Regatta. All necessary licenses will be in place for beverage and food vending. They are also requesting additional trash barrels along the street and the Portable Potties. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
4. Motion for the Mayor to sign the Fire Protection Contract for the term of twelve (12) months from and after June 1, 2015, and the Village hereby agrees to pay to the Fire Company thereafter the sum of one hundred two thousand seven hundred ninety dollars (\$102,790.00). Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
5. Motion for the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Village of Youngstown and the Niagara River Anglers Association, Inc. to enter into an Agreement whereby the Anglers seasonally occupy a portion of the North Dock Building for the purpose of spawning and stocking of the Niagara

River. This agreement shall be in effect from May 1, 2015 and run year round in the year 2015. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

6. Approval to Amend the Village of Youngstown 2014-2015 Budget By Decreasing The Appropriation Expense Accounts and Increasing The Appropriation Expense Accounts for Transfer to Other Funds. General in the amount of \$101,630.93, Water in the amount of \$8,779.68 and Sewer in the amount of \$43,173.41. List of actual accounts to be attached to the minutes of this May 28, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
7. Resolution to authorize the collection of taxes: Take notice that the Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Youngstown, New York has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and that taxes will be collected as follows: at the Village Office, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, New York on each Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from June 2nd through July 1, 2015. During the period of June 2nd through July 1st taxes may be paid without additional charges. Take further notice that on all taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2015, five percent (5%) will be added through July 31st and one percent (1%) will be added thereafter. Any unpaid taxes as of the close of business on October 31, 2015 will be turned over to Niagara County for collection. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
8. Approval for Steve's Heating and Cooling to install a heater/air-conditioner in the Village Office for the price of \$2,800.00. We received three (3) estimated and Steve's Heating and Cooling came in at the lower price. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
9. The next Village Board Meeting will be June 11, 2015. So noted.

Motion to close the Public Portion of the Meeting was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. Public Portion of the Meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

Old Business

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned for the Board to move ahead and investigate pricing and moving forward with the purchase of the large recycle bins for the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Deputy Mayor also stated that the Board needs to think about the Waterline Project on Lockport Street. Some of the questions he put before the Board were how far down Lockport Street do they want to go and get the specs together to send it out to bid.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports

Trustee Comerford stated that the Lions Club is looking into holding an Eye Clinic for toddlers from the age of 2 – 5. This is so they can be tested before they start kindergarten. They were thinking of holding it in the Village Board Room sometime in August. The Lions Club has a special camera that can detect any eye problems in kids before starting kindergarten.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated getting back to the LWRP at the last meeting they had was potential for grant money to move the DPW. If the Board wants to pursue this project, the budget will have to be amended for certain items that were included for up-grades to the present DPW Complex.

Trustee Adamson reported June 14th is Flag Day and Lewiston Porter School has a ceremony in the middle school and there's a group of Veteran's coming from Pittsburgh, PA, and also a group of Marines will be coming this year and they were looking for something to do while here in Youngstown. Mr. Emerson from Fort Niagara has offered free tickets for the Fort and Arron Dey and Chris Bohnenkamp, from the Jet Boat Company, offered the Veteran's coming from Pittsburgh to ride the boat free of charge and the rest of the seats available can be sold at discount price and that money will go towards a Vet's Charity. Also included in the free boat ride will be our local Veteran's.

Trustee Adamson reported that in 2016 there will be two Heuy Helicopters coming to Fort Niagara for an event that will cost about \$20,000.00 to put this on. The Jet Boat Company agreed to any empty seats on the boat to be sold off at a discounted rate and the proceeds will go to help fund the Heuy Helicopter series at Fort Niagara.

Trustee Adamson thanked the Jet Boat Company for their generosity in helping the Veteran's.

With no more reports, Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting back up to the public and a discussion then took place about open burning in the Village and the use of fire pits in resident back yards. According to the local law it is unlawful to burn anything in the Village. The Village Board along with Attorney Caserta are working on updating this local law and hope to have a draft of this update for the next board meeting in June.

Mrs. Riordan from The Historical Society will be hosting an annual fourth grade historic tour, will be June 10th, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. there's approximately 200 children coming and they will start at Falkner Park, so Mrs. Riordan asked that the bathrooms be opened that morning.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session for negotiations, was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. The Village Board Meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Motion to re-enter into regular board meeting at 9:05 p.m., was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Motion to accept the Teamsters Union agreement was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Motion to increase the wage of Brian Harrison from \$9.50 per hour to \$11.00 per hour was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Motion to allow St. John's Church to use our tables and chairs for their annual Strawberry Festival was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer