

## Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes-July 9, 2015

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Suitor, Comerford, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Attorney Caserta and Police Chief Schuey, Building Inspector Stevens and some concerned residents.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to the public. The Lions Club presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Mayor Reynolds for the purchase of security cameras for the memorial at Veterans Park. Any funds left are for security cameras for Faulkner Park. Mayor Reynolds thanked the Lions Club for their support and donation.

Several residents spoke regarding the tourists and tour busses asking what happened to the shuttle service. Mayor Reynolds advised that the Board has spent a great deal of time working with Jet Boat Adventures so everyone is safe and the process runs smooth. After speaking about and researching the shuttles, it was noted that it would take two shuttles to one tour bus to drive the tourists to the dock. This would mean increased traffic flow and more wear and tear on the roads. The Board and Jet Boat owners are working to reach a solution.

Jeff Ritter from the Lewiston Sewer Treatment Plant advised the sewer use agreement has been delivered for the Mayors signature. Mr. Ritter also extended an invitation for a Tri-Community meeting at the Sewer Treatment Plant on 7/22/15 at 6:00pm regarding capital maintenance issues.

A resident from Main Street advised that he has noticed a drop in his water pressure. This will be checked.

A Lockport Street resident inquired about docking and electric fees for vessels that dock for any length of time at the village dock, using the village power. The Board has been reviewing this issue trying to determine who would collect the fees and how it would be monitored. A suggestion of a lock type box set up may work, with the police department checking to see if anyone is docked there on the weekends. The Board will review this further.

With no further public comment, the Mayor continued with the meeting.

Police Chief Schuey advised he turned in his monthly report. There were 28 calls for the Village. There were 7 calls for outside the Village. One arrest, 32 traffic stop/warnings, 11 tickets, 158 premises checks with a total of 237 calls for June.

DPW Superintendent Muller was excused from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that the DPW had been mowing and working on the sanitary sewers. Deputy Mayor Lockhart listed excess equipment Superintendent Muller advised could be sold, motors, plows the old police car. Deputy Mayor Lockhart

motioned for the equipment to be grouped and sold at surplus, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart to purchase a resin shed for the peace garden to replace the current one that is damaged at a cost of \$350.00, this was seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Building Inspector Stevens reviewed his report ,12 building permits for \$305.00 were issued and he advised that property maintenance for abandoned or foreclosed properties continues to be an issue in the village. He advised he felt better codes were also needed to tarps on roofs and the “bagsters” that are not being collected in the village. Motion was made by Trustee Adamson to give homeowners two weeks to clear the bagsters or a fine would be issued, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart to draft wordage for lawn mowing and work with the Building Inspector on clarifications necessary, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Grant Writer, Bernie Rotella advised he is on the budget & scope for water street sidewalk.

Engineer-absent

Attorney Caserta: Spoke regarding trees in the village and past practice of checking for disease or damage. Board will discuss.

Minutes from the June 11, 2015 Board Meeting were approved by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Correspondence:

1. Utility taxes received from – Noble Americas - \$9.80, Nextiva, Inc. - \$1.19, Ting Inc. - \$.15, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. - \$2,273.03, AT&T Communications-\$2.36, Time Warner Cable- \$90.99, National Fuel Gas - \$1,652.10, Vonage America-\$4.60. Noted.
2. Niagara County Treasurer Office Sales Tax Distribution for the month of May 2015 - \$32,272.27.  
Noted.
3. Niagara County Water District Gallonage Report for period of May 29, 2015 to June 30, 2015 – 4,330,000 Gallons – an increase of 1,340,000 gallons from same period last year.  
Quarterly Gallonage Report for period of March 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015 – 11,920,000 – an increase of 4,610,000 gallons from same period last year.  
Noted.

Agenda:

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending July 9, 2015 – General – \$122,632.10, Water - \$2,083.95, Sewer - \$679.36 and Trust Agency - \$1,850.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

2. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the 2015-2016 Agreement with the Youngstown Free Library. Motion was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
3. Resolution to authorize Chief Schuey to name Lois Jircitano as the Grant Writer for the Village of Youngstown Police Department. Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
4. Notice from State of New York Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control State Liquor Authority stating that the Stone Jug LLC is applying for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License. Motion was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
5. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Village of Youngstown and the Mug and Musket, Inc. to place Bistro Tables outside of its premises. Motion was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.
6. Request from Youngstown Yacht Club to close Water Street on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 a.m. through the evening of Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, for the CanAm Regatta. Motion was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
7. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the 2015 Lewiston-Porter Sewer Use Agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
8. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the New York Grants Gateway Registration Form for Administrator. Motion was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
9. Authorization for the Clerk Treasurer to distribute the 2014-2015 remaining Fund Balance of \$25,605.11 as follows:
  - Account Number: H-3 Police - \$3,000.00
  - H-5 Senior Van - \$5,000.00
  - H-7 Sidewalk/Bike and Walking/Paths - \$3,000.00
  - H-9 Storm Sewer/Drainage - \$10,000.00For a total of \$21,000.00 with a remaining balance of \$4,605.11 to be designated for use. Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
10. The next Village Board Meeting will be August 13, 2015. So noted.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Trustee Adamson inquired about the recycle totes, there is a 50/50 grant, Clerk Treasurer Tripoli is working on the quotes now.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned for authorization to obtain quotes on the sidewalks/flares on Williams & Brookshire. Also for the DPW to start the drainage work on Elm not to exceed \$4,000.00 funds coming from H-9 account, seconded by Trustee Comerford.

Reports:

Deputy Mayor Lockhart advised he met with Major Santiago from the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is interested in setting up a satellite location in the Village Center. Asking for Board support, Board in agreement, Deputy Mayor Lockhart will contact Major Santiago to move forward.

Trustee Adamson advised Recreation is having a good year and he and Trustee Comerford met about the Village picnic and ordered necessary items.

Trustee Comerford advised that he ran into an issue on Water Street on June 27. A private bus was blocking the road he asked them to move and was told no. Mr. Finkle advised he would contact the bus company and take care of the issue.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart advised that the “person” figure they have for the crosswalk is heavy to move, Niagara County stripped the crosswalk. After discussion it was decided they would leave the “person” out at all times, Police Chief Schuey advised it may help slow people down. Deputy Mayor Lockhart also advised that a large 80 foot yacht tried to dock during bad weather and wondered if we needed a policy for size and length specifications. It was noted that the Coast Guard Station can take large vessels if necessary.

With no further reports Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting back up to the public. Mr. Finkle of RCR Yachts was acknowledged by Mayor Reynolds for his donation of \$1,000.00 to the recreation Department. Mr. Finkle advised he appreciated all the efforts in working with the Can Am. Mr. Finkle advised the Can Am is open to anyone that would like to participate and enjoy the festivities.

Mr. Dey of the JetBoats advised they will still have tourists there with the road closure. There is a stairway to use. A resident spoke regarding the issues with the tourists and private property. Chief Schuey advised her to contact the police if the tourists are on private property.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session for negotiations was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. The Village Board meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Motion to end Executive session made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Sutor at 9:42pm and carried. Motion to close Board Meeting by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford 9:43pm and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wendy Brown  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cynthia Tripoli  
Clerk Treasurer