

## Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2015

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Suitor, Comerford, DPW Superintendent Muller, Lieutenant Quarantillo, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon and some interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public. A resident from Glenvale Road voiced his concerns about a storage bin at a neighbor's house that has been there for a few months and wanted to know what the Village's Code is on this matter. Mayor Reynolds stated that as long as the resident is doing construction work on his house he can have the storage bin there to store materials until the work is done.

Eagle Scout Candidate Ben Bailey asked the Board to have permission to build two park benches down on the North Dock so he may earn his Eagle Scout Rank. He presented the Board with drawings and measurements and stated that all the materials he would need have been donated so it will not cost the Village any tax payer funds. Motion to approve the building of the park benches was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

With no more comments from the public, Mayor Reynolds then announced that Rehig Pacific Company was the only bidder for the Recycle Carts so the Village will be going with them to purchase our Recycle Carts.

Mayor Reynolds then moved on to reports.

Police Chief Schuey handed in his report: there were 14 Village Calls throughout the month of August, 5 out of the Village calls, 2 Arrests, 27 traffic stop warnings, 9 traffic stop tickets and 206 premise checks.

DPW Superintendent Muller handed in his report for August: installed storm sewer pipe on Elm Street, received 2 quotes for sidewalk replacement throughout the Village, cut grass, watered flowers, etc.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his report: August was a busy month – total estimated costs of jobs was \$36,605.00 and total amount collected was \$440.00.

Grant Writer Rotella handed in his report: Projects that he is currently working on: Water Street Improvement Greenway Application – planning to submit by September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Constitution Park on Main Street – change of scope has been approved by NYS DOS and waiting for executed contract to be returned to the Village by fall. NYEDP Grant #3927 – NYSDASY has requested FORMAL estimates for both the demolition and water line installation.

Engineer Lannon handed in his report: Water Street Sidewalk – new utility pole installed, waiting for funding from Niagara River Greenway. Water Street Condition Assessment – visual condition assessment performed and photos taken; paving appears to have been done in 3 passes, parking lanes are in good condition; center driving lane exhibits signs of deterioration. Ingress/egress sections are worse than level section. LWRP next meeting late September/early

October. Route 93 Waterline – RMP to Cherry Street – survey underway; tentative bidding in early 2016 in anticipation of Spring 2016 construction.

Attorney Caserta willClerk Treasurer discuss issues in executive session.

Minutes from the August 13, 2015 meeting were approved by Trustee Sutor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. Utility taxes received from – Nextiva, Inc. - \$2.85, Time Warner Cable - \$89.73, Ting - \$0.15, AT&T Communications - \$3.27 and Vonage America - \$4.41. So noted
2. Received from County of Niagara Treasurer – Senior Van Program - \$333.33 and DWI Foundation Grant - \$164.00. Sales Tax Distribution for the month of July 2015 - \$34,193.25, down \$10,047.38 from same period last year. So noted
3. Received from Office of the State Comptroller Justice Court Fines - \$100.00. So noted
4. Niagara County Water District Gallonage Report for period July 31, 2015 to August 31, 2015 – 4,470,000, down 760,000 from same period last year. So noted
5. Notification from UniFirst Corporation (our rug service) of an 8% increase in our monthly bill as of August 20, 2015. Our old rate per month was \$77.45 and with the 8% increase our new rate will be \$83.65 per month, an increase of \$6.20 per month. So noted

At this time Mayor Reynolds mentioned the Underground Railroad Historical Walk will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Also the Mighty Niagara Run will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2015 and the Arts and Music Festival will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Falkner Park.

### **Agenda**

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period August 14, 2015 – September 10, 2015 – General - \$71,903.68, Water - \$7,788.10, Sewer - \$3,690.59 and Trust Agency - \$2,400.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
2. A letter from the Youngstown Free Library Trustees requesting the Village to help them in replacing the Plexi Glass on the “Little Library” that was placed in Falkner Park. The Library Trustees also suggest a new location near the map stand at the corner of Main and Hinman Streets because it is well lit and in a walking traffic area. The trustees are open to other locations suggestions if this site is not agreeable. Building Inspector Stevens stated that he has a strong piece of Plexi Glass that he will donate for use on the “Little Library”. The Board will discuss the placement of the box further.

3. Request from Chief Schuey to hire three new part-time police officers. They are Lauren Campbell, Maria Battista and Breanna Catipovic. Chief Schuey also wanted to inform the Board that as of September 11, 2015 Officer James Bissell III will be resigning from Youngstown to pursue employment with the Niagara County Sheriff's Department. Trustee Suitor motioned to approve the hiring, there was no second. To be discussed in executive session.

4. Motion to approve a company from the quotes we had from Niagara Mounument, Cooper Sign and Ulrich Sign for the Plaque to be installed at the North Water Front Dock designating the donation of the Anchor from the Rafferty Family. The Board tabled this; will discuss size with DPW Superintendent Muller.

5. Motion to approve the Clerk to attend the Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association Meeting on September 17, 2015 to be held in Lockport at Donna Eick's. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

6. Motion to accept the proposal submitted by Rehrig Pacific Company for the 64 Gallon Recycle Carts at the bid price of \$45.75 per container. Motion to accept was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

7. Motion for the Mayor to sign an Easement Agreement between the Village of Youngstown and John and Antoinette Reese residing at 553 Northfield Drive, for the purpose of construction and maintenance of drainage facilities on their property. Motion to accept was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

8. The next Board Meeting will be September 24, 2015.

The Village Board will enter into Executive Session for pending litigations.

**Old Business** – Trustee Adamson asked if anything was being done with the Cold Storage, and Attorney Caserta stated that he is finalizing the RFP for bids.

**New Business** – None

**Reports** – Trustee Comerford stated that there is a large growth of poison ivy on the dip on River Road. He asked DPW Superintendent Muller to check it out. He also wanted to thank everyone that was involved in the organizing of the Labor Day Parade.

Trustee Suitor wanted to relay a message from the father of a wedding that was being held at the Yacht Club thanking the Village for allowing the guests to park over two hours in the areas that are designated for two hour parking.

Trustee Adamson wanted to thank PERBA for the donation from the Mermaid Festival to the Ransomville Food Pantry which raised \$1,100.00. He also wanted to thank PERBA for the Labor Day Parade.

Trustee Adamson also informed the Board that Kim Cudmore – Recreation Director, is planning the Halloween Parade for Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The Recreation Director Cudmore called the Clerk Treasurer on September

15, 2015 and stated that at their meeting last night they changed the date of the Halloween Parade to Saturday, October 31, 2015. She also stated that Hockey starts September 15, 2015 every Tuesday and Thursday. The Recreation Commission also set the date for their Children's Christmas Party which will be Saturday, December 12, 2015.

Mayor Reynolds informed everyone that the YBPA was having their Fall Meeting on September 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Youngstown Yacht Club.

With no more reports, Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting back up to the public. Mr. Gifford from Glenvale Road asked if the trees in front of his house can be removed. They are causing the sidewalk to lift and since Niagara Mohawk came and trimmed them they are an eye sore. The trees are on Village property. DPW Superintendent Muller stated that he would take care of them.

With no more public comments, Trustee Adamson motioned to close the meeting and enter into executive session, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. The meeting closed at 8:05.

Due to Chief Schuey coming into the executive session a discussion took place concerning the hiring of three part-time police officers. The Board came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. and motion was made by Trustee Adamson to vote on Agneda Item #3,(the hiring of three part-time officers) and seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Adamson to close the regular board meeting and seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. The Village Board Meeting closed at 9:02 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli  
Clerk Treasurer