

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2015

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Comerford, Sutor, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Chief Schuey, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Gregory Keyser sitting in for Village Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella and a few interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to the public. With no comments or questions from the public Mayor Reynolds went on to Department Reports.

Police Chief Schuey stated that he handed in his report for the month of November. There were 11 Village calls throughout the month, 3 out of Village calls, 0 Arrests, 23 traffic stops warning, 4 traffic stops tickets and 127 premise checks for a total of 168 for the month.

DPW Superintendent Muller handed in his November report – picked up leaves, cleaned gutters, getting plows ready, closed restrooms at Falkner Park, put up Christmas lights around the Village, swept roads and had 2 water main breaks.

Building Inspector handed in his November report – 2 completed permits for a total of \$70.00 collected and 2 incomplete permits.

Grant Writer Rotella handed in his report for the month of November. Came in late and will address the Board at the end of the meeting.

Engineer Keyser handed in the November report that Engineer Lannon had completed – LWRP the updating of the first 4 sections is complete, quarterly reports are due at the end of December, Pay request was submitted for the LWRP work that has been done through December and the next LWRP meeting will be in early January.

Attorney Caserta stated that he had a request to codes in the Village if a Food Truck were to come. He will be looking into Amherst and Buffalo laws concerning this and advise the Board.

Approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting were made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received – Time Warner Cable - \$91.84, Vonage America - \$4.10, Nextiva, Inc. - \$3.09, Ting, Inc. - \$0.15 and AT&T Communications - \$2.80. So noted.

2. Memorandum from Niagara County Treasurer's Office stating on December 15, 2015, they will be releasing the Mortgage Tax Distributions. The Village of Youngstown will receive \$10,045.04, and increase of \$2,124.86 from last year. So noted.

3. Received from New York State Office of the State Comptroller \$19,300.00 for the DEC Grant for half of the total cost of the Recycle Totes. So noted.
4. Niagara County Water District Gallonage Report from October 30, 2015 – November 30, 2015 – 3,140,000 gallons an increase of 470,000 gallons from same period last year. So noted.
5. Just a reminder the Christmas in the Village will take place this Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. So noted.

Agenda

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period November 12, 2015 – December 10, 2015 – General - \$79,088.07, Water - \$37.71, Sewer - \$23,859.69 and Trust - \$0.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
2. Starting January 1, 2016 Key Bank informed the Village that they will be charging us service fees on our accounts. Mayor Reynolds and Clerk Treasurer Tripoli had a meeting with our Key Bank Representative and he suggested that we move our savings accounts to NYCLASS which has been serving local governments since 1989, to save the Village charges on those accounts and we will also be able to collect interest on these accounts. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried. The Clerk was advised to call our Key Bank Representative and inquire if there will be a charge on Checking Accounts also.
3. Motion to amend the amount of unpaid taxes that was sent to Niagara County on November 1, 2015 from \$17,367.34 to \$16,951.41 due to the Nextel tax payment received in the amount of \$415.93. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
4. Motion to approve a request from Kathryn Zasucha, Recreation Director of the Town of Porter to use the gym on Wednesday, February 3rd and the 10th from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. for a program entitled Safer Self Women Only Empowerment. This is a free self-defense program instructed by Bob White. Motion to table this for further discussion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
5. Motion to approve another request from Kathryn Zasucha to use the gym on Saturday, January 9th, February 6th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for a free kids karate program instructed by Bob White. Deputy Mayor Lockhart and Trustee Suitor tabled this for further discussion and was carried.
6. Next Board Meeting will be January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
The Board will enter into Executive Session for Litigation purposes.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – Trustee Adamson motioned to accept a request from Richard Lohr, 435 Main Street, to seek Village Board approval to complete the installation of a generator to supply temporary power to the few major commercial properties on Main Street. This will entail running new electrical from the generator to a distribution box. (See details and drawings attached) The motion was seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to be made available to the DPW, Petty Cash in the amount of \$50.00, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that on January 13, 2016 at the Protocol Restaurant there will be a training class for Confined Space Awareness and he would like to send the DPW to this training. Motion to accept was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that he talked to Modern Disposal concerning residents purchasing a second recycle tote at a cost of \$25.00 and Modern stated that they will allow 2 recycle totes at a property. Due to Grant Writer Rotella stating he would like to discuss this topic with the Board further the motion was tabled.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that upon Thyssenkrupp's inspection of the elevator in the Village Center, it was recommended that a new sensor system be installed to prevent the doors from closing on young children who might wonder on to the elevator. Right now if a young person were to stop in the door way the doors would still close causing injury to the youth. Motion to approve the new system at a cost of \$2,600.00 was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. DPW Superintendent Muller was asked to contact Thyssenkrupp to set up the new system.

Trustee Adamson stated that there is a vacant spot on the Recreation Commission and at the Recreation Commission's last meeting they approved Michelle Deutschman to fill the vacancy and made a motion for the Village Board to approve her also. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

DPW Superintendent Muller then told the Board that he has a questionnaire to fill out for National Grid asking when the Christmas Lights will be coming down that are on their poles. The Board suggested February 1, 2016. So noted.

Reports

Trustee Suitor reported that he is in the process of looking into purchasing security cameras for the Veteran Memorial.

Trustee Adamson reported that Christmas In The Village is all set for Saturday. Recreation has some good activities lined up for the kids and there was no more room for any more Vendors.

He also commented that the Recreation did a good job this past year. The girl's baseball program was up 40% from last year and the Falkner Park Children's Program also had an increase of participants thanks to the Tina Oddy and her great work organizing the program. Tina has also been working with the Boy

Scouts making 4 new Picnic Tables for the Park. Trustee Adamson stated that the Recreation Department deserves a big applause and thank you!

Trustee Adamson also wanted to thank the Police Department for their great job they did this past year!

Trustee Comerford wanted to thank the DPW for all the hard work they did throughout the year! He also reminded everyone that Friday, December 11, 2015 will be the Lions Christmas Lighting Contest. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that he has been in contact with Rich Reese about refining the manholes. Planning has begun for the paving projects for 2016. This year the sidewalks were done and up to compliance on William and Brookshire so these will be the paving projects for 2016.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart also reported that the American Red Cross is holding a disaster training program and will be free of charge. He asked the Clerk to post a flyer on the Board in the Village Center.

Mayor Reynolds reported that he received a call from a concerned resident about all the feral cats around the Village. Mayor Reynolds stated that even if they are caught all that is done is spayed or neutered and placed back where they were. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated he will look into this.

With no more reports Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to the public again. A resident from Main Street stated that the Jet Boat starts running at 7:00 a.m. and the buses and tourists are still roaming in residents' yards. Mayor Reynolds stated that the Board will be looking into this over the winter before they start up next year.

With no more comments at 8:08 p.m. Trustee Suitor motioned to adjourn this portion of the Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session was made at 8:50 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular Board Meeting at 8:51 p.m. was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer