

Village Board Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2016

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

Gordon L. Bellinger from Vietnam Vets of America, Niagara County Chapter 268 presented the Board with two checks totaling \$750.00 that were donated to this Chapter in memory of Francis Daniel “Frank” Zuhlke who was a member of the Vietnam Vets of America and also a resident of the Village of Youngstown for over 25 years. Mr. Bellinger requested that the funds be put toward a camera system that the Village will be installing at the Veteran’s Memorial at Vet’s Park. Mr. Bellinger also commented on the various organizations that Mr. Zuhlke volunteered for, namely the Niagara Pioneer Soccer League which he was a coach for over 20 years.

Mrs. Zuhlke was also in attendance and thanked Mr. Bellinger and all the members of the Vietnam Vets of America that were on hand for this presentation. Mrs. Zuhlke stated that she was deeply moved by this contribution and stated that she knew “Frank” would be very proud.

The Village Board thanked the members of the Vietnam Vets of America and Mayor Reynolds stated that they are in the process of looking for security cameras for the monument.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for Public Comment: Ms. Jane came forward and presented three events that she would like to go on the calendar of events for this summer. The one event which Ms. Jane was asked to hand in for Sue McNaughton was for the YYC, was for the Canam Regatta Village Appreciation Party to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016. The other two events will be hosted by PYRBA – Mermaids of Mighty Niagara to be held August 20, 2016 and the Labor Day Parade to be held September 5, 2016.

With no other public comment Mayor Reynolds moved on to reports.

Chief Schuey stated that car 223 is currently being dismantled and the new car is in the process of being purchased.

DPW Superintendent Muller stated that they removed the benches from South Dock and have been restoring them. They took down all the Christmas Lights. Superintendent Muller had a meeting with Lewiston’s DPW to discuss what they do as far as the grease traps at restaurants and he was informed that they put a \$350.00 fine and possibly six months in jail if grease goes into the sewers. Superintendent Muller also stated that the restrooms in the Village Center need remodeling and he plans to make the women’s room ADA compliant and the men’s room will remain as is but with new fixtures, dry wall, tile, plumbing, etc.

Building Inspector Stevens stated that he completed the required 24 hour training for this year. He stated that there are a number of updated and additional codes that New York State had done. He also stated that there is a new set of books

available at a cost of \$300.00 and due to the fact that he attended the meeting he will receive them free of charge.

Grant Writer Rotella had Mayor Reynolds sign a letter to State Senator Robert G. Ortt, regarding the Municipal Facilities Capital Funding Program 2015. In the letter Mayor Reynolds thanks him for allowing the Village to submit a brief list of capital projects and stated that we would like to add a few more projects for potential grant funding consideration, such as:

Water Meters – Orion Remote Read Water Meters and the corresponding computer reader.

Youngstown Police Department – Items to help secure our Village Boundaries as well as provide local assistance to Niagara County and neighboring municipalities.

Water Line – Replacement of 2,900 linear feet of 6” water line on the north side of the NYS Department of Transportation right-of-way for Lockport Street (Rt. 93). Also included would be the removal of existing sidewalk, new 8” water line, new service connections, site restoration and sidewalk construction.

Recycling Equipment – Replacement of one of the DPW Dump Trucks.
Grant Writer Rotella also commented that last Tuesday he and Deputy Mayor Lockhart presented the sidewalk to project the Niagara Greenway Commission and it was voted unanimously consistent so we can submit it.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received in the amount of \$171.19. So noted
2. Niagara County Sales Tax received in the amount of \$36,735.06. So noted
3. Just a reminder about the Lion’s Club “Meet and Greet” to be held February 6, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. So noted

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period January 14, 2016 – January 28, 2016: General - \$31,693.27, Water - \$0.00, Sewer - \$1,179.81 and Trust - \$0.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
2. Request from Paul Beatty Jr. to speak on behalf of Christine Sirianni, about a 5K Run she is planning on Saturday June 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Fort Niagara State Park.
Mr. Beatty stated that Ms. Sirianni represents the Association of Down Syndrome and the race will mainly take part in Fort Niagara Park. He stated that the runners/walkers will exit the Park on the north entrance and maybe cut through Falkner Park and back to the Fort. He stated that they will work with Chief Schuey and the Fire Police. Chief Schuey commented that he will also coordinate with the

Park Police. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

3. RFP for the Cold Storage. Mayor Reynolds asked the Board what they would like to do. The Village does have a grant coming but he is not sure when it will be made available. This will supply the funding to tear down the Cold Storage. Mayor Reynolds also stated that with doing the RFP now instead of waiting until it is torn down, we might get someone who will tear it down themselves and then the funds can be re-purposed to use towards the waterline project. Motion to release the RFP for the Cold Storage with a bonding of \$150,000.00 and returned to the Clerk by March 10, 2016 was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

4. Motion for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Resolution for use of Village Facilities. See Attached. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

5. Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Lease Agreement with the Youngstown Yacht Club for another year commencing February 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

6. Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Agreement for the period of January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016 for the Town of Porter. The Village of Youngstown's Agreement runs for the period of June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

7. Approval of Budget Amendments to adjust and balance the 2015-2016 General, Water and Sewer Funds. Mayor Reynolds stated that the Amendments for the Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax, CHIPS and Contingent Accounts for the General Fund will have a total of \$65,717.00. The adjustments to the Water Fund total \$1,523.00 and the adjustments to the Sewer Fund total \$6,655.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

8. The next Board Meeting will be held on February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Following tonight's regular meeting the Village Board will be going into a Work Session.

Old Business

1. A request from David Kreger, Program Director of Soccer Shots of Buffalo. Mayor Reynolds asked the Clerk to find out if this was for local kids. Clerk Treasurer Tripoli called David Kreger and he stated that it is for kids from Lewiston, Youngstown and 1 from Niagara Falls, the ages are 3-4 years old. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

2. The purchase of 17 tables for the Village Center. Recreation Department agreed to contribute \$500.00 toward the tables. DPW Superintendent Muller stated that

he will find room in the Village Center to store the tables. Trustee Adamson suggested 8 foot tables and DPW Superintendent will go to Sam's Club to purchase as many tables as \$500.00 will get them.

3. Trustee Adamson presented an updated Village Use Form at the January 14, 2016 meeting. Are there any thoughts or additions? The Clerk's Office added to Trustee Adamson's thoughts. Mayor Reynolds stated that since Attorney Caserta was absent we will table this until we get Attorney Caserta's thoughts.

4. Village Phone Service – Verizon to Time Warner. Clerk Treasurer Tripoli talked to Dawn Beckner from Time Warner and asked if the rates would go up after one year. She stated that the rate of \$34.99 per line would stay in effect for three years and at that time they may raise them to \$44.99 per line. She also stated the rate would never go over \$56.99 per line which is still a savings compared to Verizon. Mayor Reynolds stated that this might not be a good idea because if we lose power in the Village Center we won't have phone service. This is tabled until the next board meeting. The Clerk will call Verizon to see if they can offer us the same deal.

5. Service Contract for the Village Boiler. We have received one bid from Danforth. Steve's heating and Cooling – going to come this week or early next week to give us a bid. The Clerk also contacted O'Connor who we presently have to see if they wanted to give us a bid. This is tabled until the next meeting.

6. Security Cameras for Veterans Memorial. Trustee Suitor reported that he and Trustee Comerford are checking into Smart Edge Technologies – that's who the Fire Company has and Trustee Suitor and Comerford are going to meet with them to see the different options we can have.

New Business

1. The Clerk's Office also checked into getting prices for our water deliveries for the DPW and the Clerk's Office. We presently have Crystal Rock and we received a bid from W.B. Mason. Below are the comparisons:

	<u>Crystal Rock</u>	<u>W.B. Mason</u>
Price per Bottle	\$5.00	\$3.25
Monthly Rental Fee	\$5.00 - \$7.00	\$4.99
Fuel Surcharge	\$3.95	\$0.00

It would average around \$113.64 per year for the DPW and the Office.

Motion to accept Mason was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Reports

Trustee Adamson reported that the Recreation Commission met on Monday, January 25th, 2016. The date for the Nancy Price 5K Run will be May 7th, 2016. Walkers will start at 9:45 a.m. and runners will start at 10:00 a.m. Trustee

Adamson also reported that in addition to the regular race, this year they will be having a mini race in Vets Park for younger kids. They would like to have the streets swept before the race and they will be organizing the event with the Village Police and the Fire Police.

Trustee Adamson also reported that they set the date for the Celebrity Bar Tending Event. It will be held at the Stone Jug on April 16 or 30, 2016. They are going to try to line up around thirty (30) celebrity bartenders. Trustee Adamson stated someone from the commission may be able to get Ryan Brothers from the Buffalo Bills to be one of the bartenders.

Trustee Adamson also commented that the Recreation Commission is looking into getting a new 55 inch TV for the Rec Center.

Trustee Suitor stated that earlier in the meeting he commented on the cameras for the Veteran's Memorial and that was all he had to report.

Trustee Comerford reported that he & the Mayor attended the Business Association Meeting and they are planning the Neil Riordan St. Patrick's Day Parade. They also had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of the Mug & Musket and the Stone Jug on December 13, 2015. The next Business Association meeting will be on April 12th, 2016 at the Mug & Musket.

He also stated that on March 19th, 2016 the Youngstown Lion's Club will be holding their "Cash Bash."

Trustee Comerford also asked the Clerk to check the Village Web Site – the Board Meeting Minutes don't seem to be posted past November 2015.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that he attended a meeting to review the LWRP draft that was held on January 18th, 2016 and they got about half way through it. The next meeting will be February 15 or 22, 2016. LWRP is basically the Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan.

Mayor Reynolds stated that we are currently looking into different Insurance Companies for the Village non-union employees to see if we can cut our costs down for this coming fiscal year.

Mayor Reynolds also stated that he attended the public hearing meeting in Niagara Falls on the de-watering of the Falls and he stated that he doesn't think it will have any impact of the tourism at this point.

He also mentioned that we have to come up with dates for the upcoming events for 2016. After a brief discussion the following was determined:

Community Picnic – August 6, 2016

Christmas in the Village – December 10, 2016 – Mayor Reynolds will verify with Ms. Peggy Hanson on the food basket drive so we do not book the same day.

Folk Festival – Trustee Comerford will get in touch with Claudia and Marcia about the date.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to the public again.

Mr. Aaron Day stated that the next meeting for the Porter – Youngstown - Ransomville Business Association Meeting will be held on February 15, 2016 at the Dory. In May the Fort will have a Community Day and it will be opened to all Niagara County to discuss what will be going on during 2016. He stated that he thinks it is May 23, 2016 but will let us know for sure when he finds out.

Mr. Day also stated that there may not be a Contraption Race this year.

Mayor Reynolds stated that with no further public comment he asked for a motion to close the regular meeting and go into the work session. Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 7:50 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,