

Village Board Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2016

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m. Also present was Trustee Adamson, Trustee Sutor, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee Comerford, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Police Sargent Ullery, Building Inspector Stevens, Grant Writer Rotella and a few interested residents.

Before opening the meeting to the public Mayor Reynolds introduced Mr. Frank Guitierrez and two Border Patrol Officers, Senior Agent Dean Mandel and Supervisory Adam Matuszewski to inform the Board and the public in attendance about the U.S. Border Patrol Citizen's Academy which will be starting classes June 24, 2016 and ending July 29, 2016 at the Niagara Falls Station. The classes will last for six consecutive Thursdays, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This is for local residents interested in learning about the mission of the Border Patrol. This academy will cover various legal and operational aspects of their job and provide first-hand experience with the same equipment and tactics used by agents every day.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public:

Mrs. Bush from Third Street wanted to thank everyone for the help provided with the gardens throughout the Village. Mayor Reynolds thanked the Garden Club and the Peace Garden Club for taking their time to help beautify the Village.

Mr. Olsen from Main Street wanted to thank the Board for presenting a Resolution supporting the Town of Lewiston in opposing the siting or operation of commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities in Niagara County. He cited that this is a major health issue to all residents.

With no further public comments Mayor Reynolds went on to department reports.

Police – no report.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported that the air-conditioner in the Historical Society and Board Room will be fixed tomorrow. The chips in the playground have all been replaced. The curbs on Carrollwood Court are sinking so he will be getting an estimate on fixing that problem. Informed the Board that the push mower needed to be replaced and the Board approved the purchase of a new one. Building Inspector Stevens stated that he is working on resolving the issue of unmowed lots throughout the Village. He will be sending out letters to owners.

Grant Writer Rotella reported that the reimbursement for the new Police Car should arrive in about three weeks. He finished the paperwork for the grant to purchase six new bullet proof vests for the Police Department. He also informed the Board that the applications are out for the consolidation grants – he would like to get together with the Board and decide what they would like to go after. Trustee Adamson thanked Grant Writer Rotella for the Constitution Park Grant and stated that the work will begin in June.

Attorney Caserta stated that Town of Porter Attorney stated that when the Carrollwood Sub Division was purposed over to the Village it restricted their access to get back in there and they asked that they would still be able to have access to that area.

Minutes from the May12, 2016 meeting was approved by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

Correspondence

1. Franchise Fees in the amount of \$100.87. So noted

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period May 13, 2016 – May 26, 2016: General - \$59,204.78, Water - \$297.65, Sewer - \$596.71 and Trust - \$331.65. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

2. Approval of new water/sewer rates effective June 1, 2016: Water – from \$3.30 to \$3.35 and Sewer – from \$5.27 to \$5.32. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

3. Approval of a 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 2016-2017 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 1st thru July 1, 2016. During the period of June 1st thru July 1st taxes may be paid without additional charges. Take further notice that on all taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2016 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, 2016 will be turned over to Niagara County for collection. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Trustee Adamson 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, 2016, and the Village hereby agrees to pay to the Fire Company thereafter the sum of one hundred four thousand eight hundred forty two dollars (104,842.00). Motion to approve this was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

5. Approval of a Resolution supporting the Town of Lewiston where hazardous waste and PCB truckloads pass in front of the local hospital, numerous residences and the Lewiston Porter Schools. Please see attached! Motion to approve was made by Trustee Suitor and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

6. Board approval for Appropriation Transfers in the amount of \$116,747.84. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

7. The next Village Board Meeting will be June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – this will be our Organizational Meeting. Following the regular Village Board Meeting the Village Board will be holding a work session. Mayor Reynolds also added after the work session the Board will be entering executive session for contractual items.

Old Business – None

New Business – Deputy Mayor Lockhart brought up the fact that soon paving will be starting and we will have tons of millings so he suggested that if someone would like to purchase the millings the DPW can drop it off at their house and we would charge \$3.00 a ton. In the past we charged \$5.00 per ton but Deputy Mayor Lockhart suggested changing that to \$3.00 per ton. The Board tabled this until the next meeting.

Trustee Adamson then pointed out that this will be Trustee Suitor's last Board Meeting and thanked Trustee Suitor for his service to the Village and mentioned he will be missed and wished him good luck!!

Trustee Adamson also stated that he is in agreement with the residents that something has to be done about the un-kept properties. It was stated that this issue will be discussed in the work session.

Reports

Trustee Comerford thanked the ladies who planted throughout the Village and also pointed out that next year he hopes more help will be available.

Trustee Comerford also stated that Deputy Mayor Lockhart and he are working on a plan to have a dog park at Vets Park. He stated that they spoke with Recreation Director Cudmore and she suggested using one of the baseball diamonds that they no longer use. They also will check into pricing for a fence. Trustee Comerford stated that there are petitions circulating around the Village. So far they have sixty-eight names in favor of this.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart wanted to remind everyone about the events happening this weekend at Fort Niagara: Fort Niagara and the VFW will be bringing a Huey to the Fort. Also on Monday there will be a Memorial Celebration at the 1812 Cemetery starting at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Adamson wanted to point out the nice article that ran in the Gazette on May 22, 2016 about the Recreation Department.

Trustee Suitor stated that the life rings are in and DPW Superintendent Muller will be picking them up and hanging them at the River.

He also stated that it has been great being on the Board for the Village the past eight years.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public again:

A resident from Main Street thanked the Board for passing the resolution to support the Town of Lewiston for the safety, health and general welfare of the residents. She also commented about the bus fumes from the Jet Boat and stated that they are really bad some days at her house.

A small discussion then took place between certain residents about the buses idling on Water Street and the safety of citizens walking down from Main Street to Water Street.

With no further comments from the public Trustee Comerford motioned to close the regular meeting and move into work session, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. 8:09 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer