

Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2016

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Zastrow, Comerford, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Attorney Caserta, Chief Schuey, Engineer Lannon and Building Inspector Stevens and a few interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds then asked Mr. Emerson to read a Resolution for Brian Dunnigan. (See Attached) Mr. Emerson then went on to say that on July 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. the Fort will be dedicating a new historical marker about the Battle of La Belle Famille which took place here in the Village. He stated that this has been a joint project of Old Fort Niagara, Niagara County Historic Office, Town of Porter Historical Society and the Youngstown Heritage Tourism Committee. Mr. Dunnigan is the one who researched this project and determined the battle originally took place here and this is why we are also honoring him. Motion to accept the resolution on behalf of the Village of Youngstown was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Mayor Reynolds then moved on with the meeting and asked for public comment: Ms. Huggins from Main Street commented that this past weekend was the soccer tournament at Fort Niagara and she thought the tour buses were going way to fast considering the amount of kids and spectators that were here for the tournament.

Ms. Noonan from Main Street wanted to bring to the attention of the board an article that was in the Sentinel July 2nd, 2016 concerning New York State Historic Properties Tax Credits: Commercial & Homeowner Program. She encourages the board to explore the possibility of creating a historic district for the Village of Youngstown.

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

Chief Schuey handed in his June report – 18 Inside Village Calls, 3 Out of the Village Calls, 3 Arrests, 75 Traffic Stops Warning, 21 Traffic Stops Tickets, 367 Premise Checks for a Total of 487 Calls for the Month.

DPW Superintendent was absent – no report.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his June Report: there were 2 incomplete permits, there were six completed permits for a value of \$30,180.00 and a cost of \$300.00. Building Inspector Stevens also commented that a vacant property on Elm Street has been broken into on numerous occasions and he asked the board if he could have Engineer Lannon enter the house for an inspection to determine if it should be condemned. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

Grant Writer Rotella handed in his report for June: 1. Water Street Improvement Greenway Application – waiting to hear from the Greenway AD HOC Committee for presentation. 2. NYEDP Grant #3927: still need the map plan & report. 3. Youngstown Police: Grant money received for new police car. 4. CFA Project: Park

Improvements: Dog Park at Veterans Park, Lions Park Improvement – Playground Equipment and Loading Zone Cut Off on Main Street.

Grant Writer Rotella also read a Resolution for Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program – Village of Youngstown's LWRP Park Improvement Project. (See Attached) Motion to accept the resolution was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Grant Writer Lannon handed in his June report: Water Street Sidewalk – Funding sought from Niagara River Greenway/ revised/updated construction cost estimate provided \$120,000.

LWRP – draft report being prepared/semi-annual report submitted on July 8th, 2016.

Route 93 Waterline – contract documents approved by NCHD/map & plan prepared/ discuss schedule for advertisement. After a discussion motion to approve the draft for bids with an August 11, 2016 date to open bids was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. Motion for Engineer Lannon to proceed with advertising for the bids was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. Motion to accept August 11, 2016 as the date to hold a public hearing was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson.

Attorney Caserta had nothing to report.

Motion to approve minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received in the amount of \$3,634.13 for the month of May 2016. Niagara County Sales Tax received in the amount of \$30,729.56 for May 2016 – down \$1,542.71 from same period last year. So noted.
2. A reminder this Friday, July 15th – 2nd Time Around will be playing at the Friday night concert series. On July 29th Waterstreet Quartet and August 5th Celtic Circle Ceilith Band will be playing. There is no concert on July 22nd due to the Can-Am Challenge Regatta. So noted.

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period June 17, 2016 – July 14, 2016: General - \$43,852.77, Water - \$18,530.20, Sewer - \$115.83 and Trust - \$3,100.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.
2. Board approval for Appropriation Transfers to close Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of: General – \$55,372.25, Water - \$4,719.35 and Sewer - \$1,346.85. Authorization for the Clerk to transfer remaining balances in Capital Fund Accounts for fiscal year 2015-2016: General - \$20,000.00 and Sewer - \$68,767.00 to the Village of Youngstown's Capital Savings Accounts. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

3. Request from Friends of the Youngstown Free Library to hold a bake sale at the August 5th, 2016 Village Concert at Falkner Park. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

4. Request from Niagara University who is working on a Disaster Preparedness Grant from Niagara County and they would like to set up a table at the Friday night concert at Falkner Park to hand out information brochures on this grant. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

5. Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the agreement with Brown & Company, LLP to serve as independent auditor for the Village for fiscal year 2016-2017. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

6. Request from Michael Dowd, Attorney at Law, to confirm access is available from the street end of Carrollwood Drive, owned by the Village, to the 38 acre+ vacant parcel directly east of the Carrollwood Subdivision. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson with the stipulation that access will be provided as long as this remains for a single resident home only. Seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

7. Permission for the Clerk Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Treasurer to attend the Niagara County Municipal Clerk's Meeting to be held in Wilson on Thursday, July 21, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

8. Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Special Event Permit Application for the New York State Liquor Authority for the Youngstown Arts and Music Festival. Trustee Adamson stated that before this is approved that there should be a fenced area for alcohol. Motion to approve with the stipulation that alcohol be served in fenced off area only was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

9. Request from the Youngstown Yacht Club to close Water from July 22nd – July 24th, 2016 for the CanAm Regatta. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

10. Permission for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Western New York Stormwater Coalition Agreement. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

11. Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Agreement between the Village and the Youngstown Free Library. Motion was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

12. The next Village Board Meeting will be August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Following the regular Village Board Meeting tonight the Village Board will be holding a Work Session and then an Executive Session for Litigation.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the August 11, 2016 Board Meeting will also be a Public Hearing for the Waterline Project and for the law for buses.

Old Business

1. Benches at the dugouts at Vets Park. – When the DPW has time. Tabled for now.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to set August 11, 2016 date to hold a public hearing on Chapter 232 of the Village of Youngstown Code, seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

Reports

Trustee Adamson stated that Trustee Comerford and himself are working together on the community picnic which is scheduled for August 6th, 2016. Vendors and events are all in line.

He also stated that at 611 Main Street there is a rotted Chestnut Tree and branches fell two times and knocked down the power lines. Attorney Caserta commented that the DPW Superintendent and the Board need to do a tour of the Village and make a list of branches or trees that need to be cut down.

Trustee Comerford stated that the security system is in place at the Fire Department.

Events for the community picnic are all set and mirrored as in the past. He also stated that Sanger Farms has added on a new addition and urges everyone to stop by and check it out!

Deputy Mayor Lockhart commented that an event that the Youngstown Yacht Club sponsored was expecting around 12 boats and ended up with about 50 due to the Trolley being able to take families from Youngstown to Niagara Falls. He also stated that Niagara County Health Department stated that they will not come out and pick up rabid raccoons. Paving begins on Monday, July 18, 2016. There will be no brush pick-up that day.

With no more reports Mayor Reynolds asked again if there were any comments from the public:

Ms. MacNaughton invited everyone to the CanAm Street Dance on July 21, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m. with live music.

With no other public comments motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter into work session was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:22 p.m.

Motion to close the work session and enter into executive session was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 9:09 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 9:52 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer