

Village Board Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2016

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Zastrow, Comerford, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Attorney Caserta, Engineer Lannon, Code Enforcement Officer Stevens and many residents interested in the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 240 Lockport Street for the purpose of considering and hearing all interested persons concerning the following:

Route 93 Waterline replacement project and:

Chapter 232 of the Village of Youngstown Code – Vehicles and Traffic:

- *Traffic Issues

- *Traffic Control on Water Street

- *Parking

Dated: August 1, 2016

Cynthia J Tripoli, Clerk Treasurer

Mayor Reynolds stated that we have two public hearings tonight and he opened the public hearing with the Route 93 Waterline replacement project. He then asked for public comment. A resident then asked what this project is about. Mayor Reynolds went on to explain that it will cost about \$600,000.00 to replace the waterline from the Robert Moses Parkway up to Cherry Street. The Board decided to do this section first due to the fact that this is the section that has had the most waterline breaks.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart then explained that the financing for the project will be through a Ban which is a short term financing and will carry the Village through the end of the project. Then at the end we will know how much we need to complete the project and we will then go with a long term Bond. The revenue required to meet the annual debt service payment will be recovered by a quarterly charge per service connection within the Village. There are currently 798 service connections in the Village and the quarterly charge per service connection is estimated to be approximately \$13.00. As a result, it is estimated that a typical single-family household will pay approximately \$52.00 per year, over a 15 year period.

Another question that was asked from the public was when the project will take place. Deputy Mayor Lockhart explained that the project will have a starting date of mid-October with the conclusion being late November. The DOT is anticipating re-surfacing Route 93 the summer of 2017, so that's why the Village is doing this now.

With no further comments on the Waterline Project motion to close the public hearing on this project was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the second public hearing on – Chapter 232 of the Village of Youngstown Code – Vehicles and Traffic: Traffic Issues, Traffic Control on Water Street and Parking.

Numerous members of the public spoke up and voiced their opinions. Some of the comments included:

*It is not right to just name tour buses that go down to Water Street – there are also delivery trucks that go up and down Water Street.

*Possibly some tours of the Village could become available for the tourists that do not ride on the Jet Boats.

*Possibly a sidewalk could be put in going down and up Water Street to make it safer for walkers.

*We as a Village must embrace tourists, does not believe this should be an issue.

*The new law seems fair with the exception of the time frame of April 1st through November 1st.

*Tour bus drivers should inform tourists of our customs.

*The tourists enter onto private properties and something should be done about this.

*Possibly try to get Greenway Money to redo and add a walkway to Water Street.

*Several restaurant owners spoke up and do benefit from the tourists that are brought in on the buses.

*It was noted that since it was suggested that people use the stairs by Hinman Street more tourists are using the stairs and not walking up Water Street, which is a much safer way to come and go from Main Street to Water Street.

With no further comments Mayor Reynolds asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Chapter 232 of the Village of Youngstown Code was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried. 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Reynolds then moved on with the Board Meeting:

Public Comments: A resident from Carrollwood asked that if there is road work done on a street could the DPW put a sign at the end of the street stating that there is work being done so the residents who live on that street will know there is work being done.

Another resident from Main Street commented on a distressed property at 304 Main Street and asked that something be done.

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

Chief Schuey was absent but handed in his July report. There were 26 Inside Village Calls, 3 Out of the Village Calls, 2 Arrests, 88 Traffic Stops Warning, 18 Traffic Stop Tickets and 367 Premise Checks for a total of 504 calls for the month.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but handed in his July report. Deputy Mayor Lockhart also stated that Superintendent Muller wanted to know if a broken fence at the end of the parking lot here at the Village Center could be taken down. Also he will be re-striping the roads – not to exceed \$2,000.00. And the DPW has also been replacing fire hydrants and flushing them.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his report – there were 8 building permits completed for a total of \$85,200.00 and a total of \$485.00 collected.

Grant Writer Rotella was absent but handed in his report: Water Street Improvement Greenway Application: A meeting was scheduled for August 12, 2016 but was cancelled and rescheduled for September. No definitive date given. CFA: A Park improvement under the LWRP/Coastal Resources was submitted for a dog park, playground equipment and trail, and trolley hub cutout was submitted.

Engineer Lannon handed in his report:

Recommendation to award the Waterline Project to Visone Construction, Inc. the bid was for \$586,704.00 – this was the lowest bid out of five that were submitted. Motion to accept was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart made a motion to set the quarterly charge of \$13.00 per quarter which equals \$52.00 per year, on the water billing for the cost recovery on the waterline project, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Motion for Attorney Caserta to seek BAN Financing to finance the waterline project was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to authorize the Clerk to put a minimum charge on all service connections to support the Bond Resolution to finance the Waterline Project, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned that the Village of Youngstown will finance the waterline project initially through a BAN and later to be converted to a BOND at some future date. Seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

Attorney Caserta had nothing to report at this time.

Minutes from the July 14, 2016 were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received in the amount of \$1,167.82 for the month of June 2016. Niagara County Sales Tax received in the amount of \$42,188.64 for the month of June 2016 – an increase of \$1,022.60 from same period last year. So noted

2. Just a reminder on August 12th Alex Rene Big Swing Band will be playing at Falkner Park and August 19th will be Bruce Wojick & Jamie Holka – this is the last Friday Night Concert at Falkner Park. So noted

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period July 15, 2016 – August 11, 2016: General - \$131,632.21, Water - \$711.04, Sewer - \$23,551.35 and Trust - \$3,100.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

2. Request from PYRBA to close Main Street – Hinman to Lockport on August 20, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for Mermaids of the Mighty Niagara Block Party and also from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. they are requesting to have reserved parking

along the south side of Hinman Street for motorcycles and trikes which will be taking part in a Lion's Dice Run that will be ending in Youngstown on the same date. Insurance has been provided. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

3. Request from PYRBA to close Main Street – Fort Niagara State Park to Church Street for the Labor Day Parade on September 5, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Insurance has been provided. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

4. Authorization to close the Village Office on Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to allow the Deputy Clerk Treasurer to attend the Niagara County Clerk's Association Meeting to be held in Wilson at the Wilson Boat House. (The Clerk Treasurer and Deputy Clerk are both off that day). Motion to approve was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

5. Authorization for the Deputy Clerk to go to Fall Training School in Saratoga Springs, September 12th – September 16th. This is NYCOM's yearly training for Clerks and Deputy Clerks. It covers all areas of government operations, municipal laws, employee relations and finance. Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

6. The next Village Board Meeting will be September 8, 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. So noted

Old Business

1. Benches at the dugouts at Vets Park. Tabled from last meeting until they can see the composite benches instead of wood ones. Tabled

2. Set a date for the Village Trustee's, Village Attorney and Village DPW Superintendent to tour the Village to make a list of rotted branches and trees that need to be cut down before winter. Tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to accept the results from the public hearing Chapter 232 – Article X Water Street Multiple Bus Ban with the exclusion of Section C – Number 1 which states buses are permitted on Water Street from April 1st through November 1st of each year and are otherwise prohibited. Seconded by Trustee Zastrow. Mayor Reynolds then asked if there were any comments on this. Trustee Adamson then spoke up and stated he does not agree with this law the way it was written. A short discussion then took place between the Board. With no other discussion on this Mayor Reynolds then asked all in favor – 4 Ayes and 1 Nay and carried.

Reports

Trustee Comerford commented that the turn-out for the Community Picnic good and he would like to thank all the businesses and the DJ who helped Trustee Adamson and himself to make this such a success.

Still working on the Folk Art Festival which will be held in October 1st at Falkner Park

Trustee Adamson commented that the Community Picnic was a success and Recreation Director Cudmore commented on the number of people playing games was the most that have ever played. He commented that he did appreciate all the support from the businesses and the volunteers.

Mayor Reynolds thanked Trustee Adamson and Comerford for the effort they put into the Community Picnic. He commented that they did a good job.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public again:

A resident then asked if the law passed and the Board confirmed that the law passed with the exception of C-1.

It was also suggested that if possible a microphone might be available for the Board and the public when they are speaking.

With no more public comments Trustee Comerford motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting and enter into work session, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried. 9:17

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer