

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2017

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m. Also present were Trustee Adamson, Comerford, Zastrow, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Attorney Caserta, Engineer Lannon, Code Enforcement Officer Stevens, Chief Schuey, DPW Superintendent Muller, Grant Writer Rotella and a few interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public for comment; with no public comments he went on to department reports.

Chief Schuey handed in his December 2016 report and commented on numerous complaints about people running the light on Main Street. He stated that he will have his officers keep a watch on that.

DPW Superintendent Muller handed in his report for December 2016 and stated that there were three water main breaks, they put up new signage on Main Street and next week they will be taking down the Christmas lights around the Village. He also stated that they will be ordering racks for the shop to hold pipes that they will be using for water main breaks which will run around \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his report for December 2016 and had no other comments.

Grant Writer Rotella handed in his December 2016 report and stated that the Water Street Improvement Greenway Application presentation to the Niagara ADHOC Committee was made on Wednesday, October 12th, 2016. We were awarded \$100,000.00 in funding. The presentation to the Host Standing Committee to be scheduled for January 31st, 2017 at the NCIDA at noon. The Arts Grant application was submitted for \$2,975.00 and we were awarded \$1,000.00.

Engineer Lannon handed in his December 2016 report and stated that the Water Street Sidewalk Project received \$100,000.00 funding from Niagara River Greenway and the next step is to obtain geotechnical information for design purposes. He will be having a meeting with the Lion's Club to go over plans for Lion's Park. The LWRP – the draft report was submitted to the committee/NYS for review and just waiting further direction from NYS regarding SEQR. The Cold Storage Building – a short EAF was prepared and submitted for building demolition. Route 93 Waterline – RMP to Cherry Street is complete; lawn, sidewalk (concrete to replace binder) and final top course to be completed in Spring of 2017.

Attorney nothing new to report, will address issues as they arise.

Minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting – motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received in the amount of \$3,603.62 for the month of December 2016. Niagara County Sales Tax received in the amount of \$30,807.12 for the month of November 2016 – down \$3,027.02 from same period in 2015. Mortgage Tax Distribution received on December 15, 2016 in the amount of \$9,557.46. CHIPS payment received on December 16, 2016 in the amount of \$41,749.46. So noted.

2. The Village of Youngstown will be hosting the Veterans Municipal Outreach Program on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. As the date gets closer the Clerk's Office will post flyers around the Village stating Veterans can call the Village Office to set up an appointment. So noted.

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period December 9, 2016 – January 12, 2017: General - \$44,382.63, Water - \$8,151.02, Sewer - \$8,990.42 and Trust - \$500.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

2. A request from Jeanne Leccese – the new Executive Director of the Niagara River Greenway Commission, who would like to meet with the Board during a Village Board Meeting to provide an update on the Greenway. She stated that it would take about 15-20 minutes. The Clerk will see if she is available for the next Board Meeting January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

3. Request from Claudia Andres to fill the vacant position on the Village of Youngstown Planning Board. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

4. Approval of the new fee schedule as discussed at the November Work Session and tabled from the December Board Meeting. Motion to accept was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

5. Approval for the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer to sign the Financial Statement from Brown & Company, LLP for fiscal year ending May 31, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

6. Request from Niagara County Industrial Development Agency to hold a Free Business Workshop on June 21, 2017 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Cora Gushee Room. They expect around 12-15 people to attend. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

7. Request from Danielle Dworzanski to use the soccer field at Veteran's Park for 4-6 Monday nights starting the end of May and going through July. They do have insurance and she states that if Monday's aren't good they are very flexible with days. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

8. The next board meeting will be January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. followed by a work session.

Mayor Reynolds also added that the Board will be entering into Executive Session tonight following the Work Session for personnel and litigation issues.

Old Business

1. Bid specs for recycling – do we want to keep it every other week or weekly? Tom sent bid specs from 2012 do we want to go with them? We will need wordage for the newspaper? The Clerk will get the ad in the paper and state that bid openings will be February 7th, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

New Business

1. Letter from Donna Huggins/One Main Street, Villa #2 concerning safety on the Lower Niagara River during Duck Hunting Season. It was determined that the DEC and the Coast Guard have been notified and there was nothing else the Board could do due to the fact that it happened on the River.

Reports

Trustee Adamson reported the Recreation Christmas in the Village went very well and had a good turnout. Starting the first of the year (2017) the recreation toddler program will be held on Monday's and Friday's instead of just Friday's as was in the past. He also reported that there will be open gym nights starting next week to be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Recreation is also getting basketball start-up.

Trustee Adamson also stated that Mr. David Graff called him after the December 8th, 2016 meeting and stated that he is withdrawing his decision to turn the Cold Storage into a theater.

Trustee Adamson also suggested that the light posts and wooden electric poles haven't been painted and cleaned up in six years and he would like to spear-head that project this year.

Trustee Zastrow commented that the Youngstown Business & Professional Association was awarded a grant from Niagara County Legislator Clyde Burmaster \$1,500.00 for a new WEB CAM for the Park at the water.

Trustee Comerford reported that the Youngstown Business & Professional Association announced at the meeting that they now have 75 members since Pat Stack who is owner of Somewhere Restaurant has joined. He also stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 18th followed by Cash Bash.

Trustee Comerford also stated that there will be a meeting between the Lion's Club and the Engineer on January 16th, 2017 to discuss renovation plans for Lion's Park Anniversary.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart confirmed that Greg Kaiser will be the Engineer who will spear-head the project at Lion's Park.

With no other reports Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting back up to the public.

With no public comment, motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter into work session was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 7:40 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Work Session and enter into Executive Session was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried. 8:34 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 9:16 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. 9:16 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer