

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2017

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustee Adamson, Comerford, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Attorney Caserta, Code Enforcement Officer Stevens, DPW Superintendent Muller, Grant Writer Rotella, Officer Quarantillo who was sitting in for Chief Schuey and a few interested residents. Trustee Zastrow and Engineer Lannon were absent.

Mayor Reynolds then introduced Ms. Jeanne Leccese, Executive Director of the Niagara Greenway Commission. Ms. Leccese then went on to explain the areas that she covers from Youngstown to Buffalo along the Niagara Greenway Trail. She stated that a person could bike or walk along this 37 mile trail. She pointed out that there is a 2.5 mile gap going from Niagara Falls to Lewiston which should be made available in 2018 for use. Ms. Leccese then asked the Board if there were any upcoming projects that she might be able to help them with and also gave each member one of her cards so they may contact her in the future with any inquires or if they need help with any projects.

Mayor Reynolds thanked Ms. Leccese for her time and looked forward to working with her in the future.

Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public and with no comments he moved on to department reports.

Police Chief Schuey was absent and officer Quarantillo had nothing to report.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported that the controller on the lift station on Water Street is slowly dying and needs to be replaced. He received an estimate of \$2,500.00 for a new one and with that Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned for Superintendent Muller to go ahead with the purchase and Trustee Adamson seconded and carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Stevens reported that he finished the required schooling for Code Compliance Officers. He stated as of this date he still has not had any luck in finding anyone to clean up and take care of a vacant house on Elm Street. He also stated that he has had verbal complaints about signage that a resident has put up on his property that butts up to properties on Lockport Street and Glenvale Road. He stated that the size of the signs are not in compliance with our Village code. Attorney Caserta stated that he will talk to the property owner's attorney.

Grant Writer Rotella had another commitment so was not available to report anything.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

Attorney Caserta had nothing to report.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for motion to accept the minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting. Trustee Comerford motioned to accept and Deputy Mayor

Lockhart seconded with a comment that he would like to see the information expanded in the minutes going forward. All in favor and carried.

Correspondence

1. Utility taxes received in the amount of \$250.16 for the month of December 2016.

DWI monies received in the amount of \$2,164.80.

Niagara County Sales Tax Distribution in the amount of \$39,145.08 and increase of \$2,410.02 from same period last year.

Mayor Reynolds then added that he received notification that Legislator Clyde Burmaster presented a Resolution #IL-002-17 at the Niagara County Legislature Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, that was approved in support of complete removal of materials temporarily buried at the Lake Ontario Ordinance Works (L.O.O.W.), Model City, NY.

He then stated that he received a thank you letter from Ms. Peggy Hanson to the Board for all the help with the distribution of the Christmas Baskets and to announce that this was her last year heading up this function. So noted

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period January 13, 2017 – January 26, 2017: General - \$23,945.47, Water - \$1,873.10, Sewer - \$0.00, Trust Agency - \$0.00 and H2 - \$16,859.14. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

2. Three requests from Riverview Fitness:

1. Beginning February 6th, 2017, Weight Loss Seminar Series – Monday's from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Cora Gushee Room – estimated attendance – 10-15.

2. Silver Sneakers Class – Monday & Thursday – 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday – 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Meet in the Cora Gushee Room – estimated attendance – 15.

3. Men's Pick-up Basketball – Monday & Thursday – 6:30-8:30 p.m. through June 15, 2017 in the gym – estimated attendance – 8-10.

They do have insurance but our Recreation Director stated that she has basketball in the gym on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Trustee Adamson commented that the board should take care of the Village's Recreation first. Motion to table this request for further discussion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

3. The next Board Meeting will be February 9th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Following tonight's Board Meeting there will be a work session followed by Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation.

Old Business - None

New Business – Trustee Adamson stated that back in the summer the board talked about replacing the benches in the dug-out at Veteran's Park. At the

Recreation Meeting the committee decided to replace the benches with 4 aluminum benches at the price of \$4,200.00 with shipping and handling. He stated that the funds will come from the recreation budget. Trustee Adamson then motioned to approve the recreation to order the benches and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that the DPW would like to upgrade the lighting in the DPW compound since National Grid has an offer to replace the existing lighting with LED energy saving lights which will cost \$799.98 and will have an estimated payback of fourteen months. Motion to accept this offer was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford not to exceed \$800.00 and carried.

Deputy Mayor also would like to move forward with the thought of re-treeing throughout the Village. He wanted the board's permission to move forward to get an estimate on the pricing of software and a hand held GPS in order to do a tree survey. He stated that there's a grant out there and thinks it's worth looking into. He will get in touch with the Village Arborist to help with this project. The board gave him permission to go ahead.

Mayor Reynolds stated that he received a request from the Business Association to hold the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18th, 2017 at noon on Main Street. They would like Main Street shut down from William Street to Hinman Street for about one hour. They also invited the board members to participate in the parade and if anyone would like to make a float Maloney's has shopping carts available. Motion to hold the parade on Main Street was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried.

Reports –

Trustee Adamson wanted to inform every one of two upstanding young men who are both Sergeants in the National Guard and they were chosen to attend the inauguration in Washington DC – Mr. Brandon Comerford and Mr. Christian Adamson – he stated he was very proud of them both.

Trustee Comerford just wanted to remind everyone that after the St. Patrick's Day Parade the Lion's Club will be holding their Cash Bash in the Village Center Gym.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart Trustee Adamson and the Recreation Department were looking into new playground equipment for Falkner's Park before the snow flies. He also wanted to remind everyone of the Greenway Meeting on Tuesday, January 31st, 2017 at noon at Indian Park.

With no further reports Mayor Reynolds then opened the meeting to the public.

Historical Member Riordan stated that on the third Monday of each month the Historical Society has a meeting in the Cora Gushee Room. This was stated due to the fact that the Riverview Fitness asked to use the Cora Gushee Room on Monday's also.

With no further public comments motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and enter into Work Session was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and carried. 8:09 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer