

## Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2017

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:03 p.m. Also present was Trustee Adamson, Zastrow, Comerford, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Code Enforcement Officer Stevens, Grant Writer Rotella and a few interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds then introduced Mr. Aaron Dey who gave a presentation on the Discover Niagara Shuttle. He showed a short video of the different spots that the Shuttle takes people from Niagara Falls to Fort Niagara. Mr. Dey stated that the Shuttle will be up and running starting weekends in May from 9:00 a.m. through midnight. This will allow people to have dinner and attend events and not worry about the Shuttle closing early. He also stated that the Niagara Shuttle will be free this year again, but they are looking for sponsors in order to keep it up and running in the years going forward. The Mayor thanked Mr. Dey for his update on the Discover Niagara Shuttle.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to the public and with no public comment went on to Department Reports:

Police Chief Schuey was absent.

DPW Superintendent Muller had nothing new to report.

Code Enforcement Officer Stevens stated that he will be on vacation from March 6, 2017 – March 12, 2017 and asked the Board's permission for DPW Superintendent Muller to overlook any permits that may come in during that time. The Board approved this request.

Grant Writer Rotella reported that for the Tree Grant Program the Clerk will need to include in the minutes the attached Resolution.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

Attorney Caserta stated that the grant to demolish the Cold Storage is put on hold in order for the Village to prove that we have tried numerous requests for usage of this building to save it from being demolished. Attorney Caserta stated that he will put the different requests in writing and get it to Grant Writer Rotella tomorrow so he may forward it on to the State.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2017 Meeting was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. Utility taxes received in the amount of \$98.80 for the month of January. Sales Tax Distribution in the amount of \$32,827.08 – down \$1,132.24 from last year at this time. So noted.

### **Agenda**

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period February 9, 2017 – February 23, 2017: General - \$10,340.70, Water - \$0.00, Sewer - \$306.98 and Trust Agency - \$0.00. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to accept the Resolution to complete a comprehensive tree inventory and assessment project of trees located within the Youngstown right-of-way along streets and municipal properties. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

2. Request for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend a presentation/workshop on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon for Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program and American Fact Finder Workshop to prepare for the 2020 Census. Motion to accept was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

3. Request from Bill Scully, Niagara Pioneer Soccer to use the Soccer Room on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon for soccer registration. Motion to accept was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Zastrow and carried.

4. Request from Friends of the Youngstown Free Library to hold their annual “Dessert and Wine in the Stacks” event on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, between 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the library. They are also applying for a one-time Temporary Beer and Wine Permit from the New York State Liquor Authority to be able to serve the wine that is planned. Motion to accept was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

5. Motion to approve/deny Modern’s Bid for the Collection, Hauling and Disposal of Mixed Municipal Solid Wastes, Bulky Wastes, White Goods and Collection, Hauling and Processing of Recyclables. Motion to accept was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Board is accepting Alternate Bid #2 which states Recyclables will be collected every other week (on the same day as waste) in 65 gallon capacity carts. Carts will have wheels and will have the necessary features to be emptied using mechanical lifting devices on contractors collection vehicles at a price of \$145.91 x 700 units = \$102,137.00 Annual Amount. Mr. Joe Hickman, Sales and Municipal Accounts Manager of Modern Disposal Services, Inc. thanked the Board for choosing Modern for so many years and also stated that the Village’s waste reduction is down about 1% from last year and the recycling is up about 21%.

6. Tabled from February 9, 2017 meeting, approval to hold all Street Dances in the Parks starting 2017 based on discussion at Work Session held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for safety/security issues.

Mayor Reynolds stated that a meeting was held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 between some Business owners and Trustee Adamson and Comerford and Police Chief Schuey. Trustee Adamson then stated that it was determined that the events will be able to stay on Main Street with certain conditions that Chief Schuey

stipulated: 1.) The organization that is responsible for holding the event must have six members assigned along with the nine to ten police officers that will be patrolling to insure safety 2.) The Youngstown Volunteer Company has agreed to park trucks at the ends of the Streets 3.) The Bounce House must be set up in the middle of the event and the Car Show must be on Hinman Street only.

Trustee Comerford also stated that after the event the chairperson for the event must meet with Chief Schuey to compare notes on how successful/unsuccessful the event was.

Motion to approve to keep the Street Dances on Main Street was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

7. Request from Nick and Mary Hazlett to acquire a paper street/empty parcel of land that is currently owned by the Village of Youngstown tax map #45.15-3-29, so they may use it as their driveway. Motion to table this until Attorney Caserta and the Board could go over the map of this area was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

8. Request from the Youngstown Business Association to purchase 17 new flower baskets at the price of \$110.00 each for a total of \$1,870.00 to be split between the Business Association and the Village. These baskets are guaranteed to last for 10 years and will not need to be watered daily. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

9. The next Board Meeting will be March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Following tonight's Board Meeting there will be a Work Session.

### **Old Business**

1. Tabled from January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting three requests from Riverview Fitness: Discussion moved to Work Session.

### **New Business**

Trustee Adamson commented on the Governors idea to build a hotel on Goat Island, which was turned down, and he suggested maybe another site might be Fort Niagara. He asked the Board's opinion on writing a letter in support of this. Mayor Reynolds thought it was a good idea!

### **Reports**

Trustee Adamson stated that the new benches are in for the baseball dugouts and the DPW will be putting them together.

Trustee Comerford wanted to remind everyone of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 followed by Lion's Club Cash Bash to be held in the Village Centre Gym.

With no other reports Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting again to the public: Ms. Huggins commented that she thinks the idea that Trustee Adamson had for the Fort is very good.

Mr. Dey stated that our DPW did a good job when they set up the Discover Niagara Shuttle poles. He stated that in other areas they are down and have to be put back up again.

With no other public comments motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into the Work Session was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. 8:05 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Work Session and return to the Regular Meeting was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:49 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Trustee Zastrow and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:49 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer