

Village of Youngstown Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2017

Due to Mayor Reynolds being absent, Deputy Mayor Lockhart opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were, Trustee Adamson and Comerford, Attorney Caserta, Chief Schuey, Sargent Ullery, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella and a few interested residents.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart then introduced Anthony DiMiglio from AMD Environmental and Harold Hibbard from Metro Services who were asked to attend the meeting to inform the public that the Ice House at the Cold Storage does have asbestos but it is the organically bound kind that when the demolition of this building takes place they will continually pour water on it from a hydrant and they stated that this is the safe way to demolish the building. They will be leaving the concrete pad and stated that the total demolition will take a week to ten days.

Attorney Caserta stated that after inspecting this building earlier that afternoon, it is a disaster waiting to happen and it must come down immediately due to the safety issue.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart then thanked Mr. DiMiglio and Mr. Hibbard for attending the meeting.

Deputy Mayor then opened the meeting to the public:

At this time many residents from the community voiced their concerns about the Village Police Department. There were pros and cons and many asked the Board to review the Police Procedures. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that anyone who has a concern with the Village Police to get in touch with Chief Schuey and discuss the issues. Chief Schuey also confirmed that he is open for discussion with anyone who had concerns.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart then went on to department reports:

Police – Chief Schuey handed in his June report: there were 54 Inside Village Calls, 27 Out of the Village Calls, 5 Arrests, 51 Traffic Stops Warning, 36 Traffic Stops Tickets and 601 Premise Checks for a Total of 769 Calls for June 2017.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but handed in his June report: Picked up Brush, Cut Grass, Worked on the Sewer System on Main Street, Paved Road Cuts, Read Water Meters, Ordered New Safety Equipment and Cleaned up the Parks. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that the paving of the streets has been delayed two weeks due to problems with the equipment. He also stated that the South Dock has shifted due to the high water level and the DPW will be keeping records of how much it is shifting. He stated that there are also problems with the North Dock.

Building Inspector Stevens handed in his June report: There were five permits completed for a total of \$59,450.00 and a cost of \$325.00, there was one pool permit for a total of \$795.00 and a cost of \$35.00 and there are three incomplete permits. Building Inspector Stevens stated that many property maintenance

issues have been taken care of. He also commented that the Cold Storage Building is a safety issue and recommended that it be taken down as soon as possible.

Engineer Lannon handed in his June report: **Water Street** – Geotechnical report for walkway completed, Geotechnical report for roadway stability in progress – final report expected by mid-August. **Red Brick HVAC** – Project cost estimate submitted for review. **Conceptual Plan for Lion's Park** – Draft concept plan under review by Village/Lion's Club. **LWRP** – Report under review by NYS.

Grant Writer Rotella handed in his June report: **CFA Youngstown Park Improvement Project** – is ready and will be submitted next week. The CFA grants are due July 28th and he anticipates the award announcements by Thanksgiving. This grant is being submitted through NYS Parks and is a 50% matching grant. The total cost of the project is \$102,250.00. **DASNY** – with the determination that the cold Storage is of historical significance, the Board needs to change the funding to the waterline project. Motion to approve a resolution to change the funding to the waterline project was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. Grant Writer Rotella stated that he will get in touch with the Clerk for the resolution. **Greenway** – Grant Writer Rotella strongly recommends that the Village Board choose another project since the budget for the Water Street Sidewalk Project has doubled. As soon as the Board decides on another project Grant Writer Rotella will submit the request to the Niagara County Ad Hoc Committee. **Tree Inventory** – pending.

Attorney Caserta commented on an email that the Clerk forwarded to him that afternoon from Kathleen L. Steinman, Executive Director of Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, this agency assisting New York State Administer the Lake Ontario Recovery fund for Niagara County. They are trying to outreach to as many individuals as possible and would like to schedule meetings in the Village of Youngstown so folks are aware of the grant funds available through NYS. Attorney Caserta recommended that the Board approve a room in the Village Center to hold the meetings. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that the Village Board Room would be available for their use.

Minutes from the June 15, 2017 Meeting: motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Correspondence

1. Gross receipt tax received for the month of June 2017 in the amount of \$4,056.28.
Sales Tax received for the month of May 2017 in the amount of \$30,702.60, down \$26.96 from 2016.
Mortgage Tax received for distribution on June 22, 2017 in the amount of \$7,540.71 down \$603.57 from 2016. So noted.
2. Just a reminder on Friday, July 21st Alex Rene Big Swing Band will be playing. On July 28th there will not be a Friday night concert due to the Youngstown Yacht Club Can-Am Regatta. On Friday, August 4th – 2nd Time Around will be playing and on August 11th Celtic Circle Ceilidh Band will be playing. So noted.

3. On July 27th the Youngstown Yacht Club will be holding their Annual Street Dance Kick Off Party for the Can-Am Challenge Regatta. So noted.

4. Also the Community Picnic will be held Saturday, August 12th starting at noon at Falkner Park. The Youngstown Business and Professional Association will be holding a Free Ice Cream Sundae Station. Also The Youngstown Annual Fishing Derby will be starting at 9:00 a.m. So noted.

Agenda

1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period June 16, 2017 – July 20, 2017: General - \$90,122.09, Water - \$19,576.46, Sewer - \$6,623.19, Trust Agency - \$2,700.00, and H2 - \$28,736.66. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

2. There is one open seat on the Village of Youngstown Zoning Board and the Clerk received two applicants to fill this position – Ms. Jodee Riordan and Mr. David Gratz. Motion to accept one of these applicants. Motion to approve Mr. David Gratz to fill the position of the Zoning Board was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

3. Request from Lawrence and Krista Puzan to hold a party in Lions Park on Saturday, August 12th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The Puzan's backyard abuts Lions Park so Krista mentioned it will mostly be in their yard. Insurance has been provided. Motion to approve with the condition that no tents or structures be put in Lions Park was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

4. Request from Youngstown Yacht Club Can-Am Regatta Committee to hold their Annual Street Party on Thursday, July 27th, 2017 on Main Street (Lockport to Hinman) starting at 6:00 p.m. Insurance has been provided. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

5. Request from Youngstown Lions Club to hold a Lions Club Family Picnic on Saturday, July 29th, 2017 at Lions Park starting at 11:00 a.m. Insurance has been provided. So noted.

6. Motion for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Annual Engagement Letter with Brown & Company, LLP for fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

7. The next Village Board Meeting will be August 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Following the regular Village Board Meeting the Village Board will be holding a Work Session. After the Work Session the Board will be holding an Executive Session for Litigation and Personnel Matters.

Old Business - None

New Business – Trustee Adamson made a motion to demolish the Ice House at the Cold Storage as soon as possible, seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Motion to set an unscheduled executive session for the Board of Trustees to go over applications to fill a full-time vacancy position on the Department of Public Works was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart asked the Clerk to poll the Board Members for dates and times.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that since no agreement has been made with the Niagara Jet Adventures concerning leasing the Village area adjoining the Niagara Jet Adventures, he motioned to return the \$12,000.00 check that Niagara Jet Adventures had sent the Village. This was seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The Clerk will send the check back.

Mr. Aaron Dey and a representative from the VFW were in attendance concerning the agreement language for the Youngstown Niagara Benefit Fair per the June 15th, 2017 Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned that approval will be pending on Attorney Caserta's recommendation. Seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Trustee Adamson then asked that Chief Schuey have eight officers on hand that day for street control for the Labor Day Parade. Chief Schuey stated that he would.

Reports

Trustee Adamson reported that during June 2017 the Recreation Department hosted many tournaments and they went very well. The Falkner Park Summer Program will be ending on August 25th, 2017. The Recreation has agreed to help out with the Community Picnic. Trustee Adamson also stated that everything is ordered for the Picnic.

With no other reports, Deputy Mayor Lockhart opened the meeting to the public for comment.

With no comments Trustee Comerford motioned to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter into work session, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. 8:23 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m. Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to go back into the regular board meeting and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart motioned to give the Clerk permission to order the Toshiba Copier, which has the State Bid for \$6,699.00. Seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter back into the work session was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:46 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:47 p.m.

Motion to adjourn executive session and enter into regular board meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:55 p.m.

Motion to approve DPW Superintendent to hire a part-time seasonal worker was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter into executive session was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. 8:56 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the executive session and enter back into regular board meeting was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:57 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made by Trustee Adamson and seconded by Trustee Comerford and carried. 8:58 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Cynthia J Tripoli
Clerk Treasurer