

# Village of Youngstown

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## Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes – March 8, 2018

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **VILLA CONDINIMUM**

Attorney Caserta updated the Board that he continues to prepare the complaint and will file it before the statute runs out.

#### **EASEMENT ON CARROLLWOOD**

Attorney Caserta and Building Inspector Stevens discussed the easement. Building Inspector Stevens reported that he met with the property owner several days ago and did a “walk through” with him pointing out the wetlands and woods. Building Inspector Stevens has not received any formal paperwork to begin any process for the temporary easement on the property. There is a State ditch that runs through the property, and the State will need to be contacted regarding requirements and maintenance of the ditch. Also DEC approval will be needed for the wetland area on the property before any easement can be granted. Attorney Caserta reported that he spoke with the property owner’s Attorney, and they are looking for the easement to place a driveway so they can begin to bring equipment in for site work. Trustee Fox stated the property owner needs a plan that should be turned into the Building Inspector and Board for review. With the wetlands and State ditch there are requirements that may be in place that will prevent access from certain points. Trustee Fox stated if there are reasons that access cannot be made from Brookshire Road, the property owner should show the Board those reasons performing his due diligence before any easement is granted. Attorney Caserta will speak with the property owner’s Attorney.

#### **NIAGARA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

Deputy Mayor Lockhart researched water rates further comparing being a member of the water district and not being a member. The water rate is \$1.80/thousand gallons through the River Road meter, through Niagara County. The meters through the Town of Porter is \$1.98/thousand gallons (Niagara County Charge plus 10%). Being a member will add .74/thousand on homeowner’s taxes. For a \$100,000.00 home that would amount to \$74.00/year. After the calculations, it would cost a homeowner approximately \$30.00 more a year if we belonged to the water district. An advantage would be perhaps since it is a cheaper water rate, homeowners could use more water without concern of a larger cost. Deputy Mayor Lockhart would like to compose a

letter to the water district seeking their number calculations. Trustee Fox inquired if the businesses and residents pay the same rate. Deputy Mayor Lockhart confirmed they did. The Board was in agreement for Deputy Mayor Lockhart to compose a letter to the Niagara County water district.

### **ENSOL**

Trustee Fox updated the Board that he phoned William Joseph to follow up on the proposed project, but Mr. Joseph has not been back in contact with Trustee Fox. The project may not happen until next year at this point in time. Discussion ensued regarding the Lake levels again and potential for flooding and damages in the coming year. The Businesses that may be affected have been notified. The lack of boating was already an issue last year. There have been small payouts from FEMA for effected homeowners. The process could take a few years as funds have been diverted based on emergencies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget discussions proceeded. Review of the General account revenues that were set with the last work session was reviewed and the total is \$1,220,769. This is down \$97,556 from last year's budget. The Board continued with revenues in the Water and Sewer funds. Water was totaled for \$179,308, and Sewer was \$199,450. The General account expenditures were then reviewed and set. Superintendent Muller will be providing the DPW code amounts. The codes for Police and Recreation were turned in by the department heads and noted in the budget. The Recreation Department also submitted their proposed raises for the 2018-2019 year. The Board discussed the need for a monthly report from the Recreation Department that would total how many people are participating in the programs they offered. Thoughts from the Board continued that each Department should be turning in a report and the reports that are currently being turned in should provide solid detailed information. This will be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. The Board and the Clerk-Treasurer set the remaining amounts in the General account codes. The salary and benefits codes still need to be set, as well and Water and Sewer codes. Water and Sewer codes will be provided by the DPW Superintendent as well. Work will continue on the budget by the necessary department heads.

### **ITEMS ON HOLD PENDING FINANCES**

- Air Conditioner for Historical Society, Board Room and Mayor's Room
- Boiler for the Village Center
- Gym Doors (from entrance of parking lot)
- Steve's Heating and Cooling-Garage break room
- Advantage Security-DPW Garage

### **ADJOURN**

With no other business, motion to adjourn the work session was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart. All in favor, motion was carried at 9:42 p.m.