

# Village of Youngstown

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## Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – November 8, 2018

**PRESENT:** Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Zastrow, Trustee Fox, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Sergeant Ullery, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella, Clerk-Treasurer Brown.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Reynolds with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

### **PRESENTATION:**

Doreen Enman, representing St. John's Episcopal Church presented a check to Mayor Reynolds in the amount of \$10,160.14 representing funds collected from their Senior Van Drive to benefit a new van for the Senior Transportation Program. Mayor Reynolds expressed his appreciation and presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT--all comments shall be kept to 3 minutes and directed to the Village Board of Trustees.**

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to public comment. Rick Lohr, 435 Main Street, spoke stating that he supported the points Sue MacNaughton made previously in regards to keeping the Village. Mr. Lohr stated that he feels the Village provides valuable services that would be lost if the Village was forced to dissolve. Mr. Lohr stated that the Village of Youngstown offers a peaceful, beautiful place to live and has called it home for 40 years and does not support dissolution. A round of applause followed his comment.

Mike Stella, 358 Carrollwood Drive, and operator of the Mug & Musket, 418 Main Street spoke stating that the Secretary of State Department is available to assist in preparing information about a decision for dissolution. Mr. Stella continued that he feels the emotion should be taken out of the process. Mayor Reynolds stated that in order to review the procedure, a dissolution plan does not account for that process until after a vote. Mr. Stella replied that was correct and most places find the pitfall to be the time needed to prepare figures. Mr. Stella stated he would support the Board pursuing a study.

James Hildreth, 924 River Road spoke stating his move to the Village of Youngstown was the best thing and best savings he ever had. Mr. Hildreth stated many other locations have much higher rates and do not provide the beauty and value living in the Village of Youngstown does. Mr. Hildreth's comments were met with a round of applause.

Shawn D'Luhly, 110 Jackson Street spoke, stating that if the Village was dissolved the taxes in the Town of Porter would reflect an increase due to shift of work entailed. Ms. D'Luhly continued that the Town of Porter would not take the Village on free, and services would be lost to the Village residents.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** Chief Schuey was absent, but turned his report in. Sergeant Ullery reminded everyone that the Police will check on homes if the owner is away. Anyone in the Village wishing to utilize this service should obtain and fill out the form, available at the Clerk's Office for this service.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Superintendent Muller reported that the dump truck is still in for repairs. Superintendent Muller continued advising that the new boiler is in and working, with some tweaks being performed to the system. The DPW will pick brush up one more time due to the last wind storm. Superintendent Muller advised all the playground chips have been delivered to Lion's Park. The DPW will be working on sewer issues on Glenvale Road and heat repairs at the garage. Superintendent Muller reported the water reads on the main line have been consistent and within range.

**ENGINEER:** Engineer Lannon reported that everything is quiet on the engineering front. Engineer Lannon reported that work with the LWRP has been going back and forth with the Department of State and will continue to be monitored.

**GRANT WRITER:** Grant Writer Rotella reported that he continues to work on locating the waterline grant money from DASNY. Grant Writer Rotella reported that he has been calling and has encountered a great deal of run around. Trustee Zastrow stated that a call should be made daily if necessary. Grant Writer Rotella reported that he is working on a few Police grants and the archive grant for the Clerk's Office. Grant Writer Rotella advised the Board he must turn a report in on the Greenway grant and needs a decision from the Board by the December meeting on how the grant will be used.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Building Inspector Stevens turned his report in. Building Inspector Stevens stated that the trees that were posing a safety issue on personal property have been taken care of. Building Inspector Stevens reported that the abandoned vehicles have all been taken care of; with one remaining that still has time to be removed.

**ATTORNEY:** Everything he has is covered in the Agenda area.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Board Minutes from October 25, 2018 was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email correspondence received from Mike Stella requesting the Board schedule a forum to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of dissolving the Village.

Mayor Reynolds stated that officially there is nothing on the table at this point and to schedule a forum at this time would be premature.

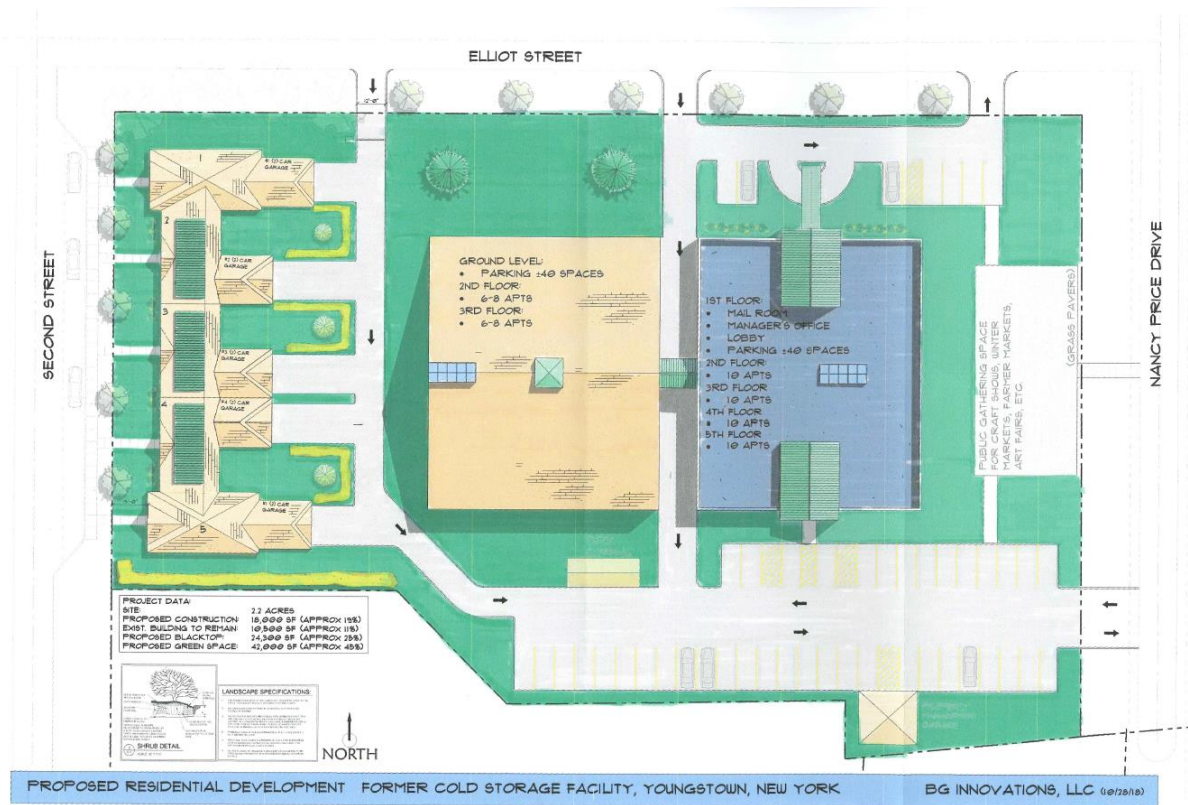
Letter of thanks from the Youngstown Free Library Board of Trustees for granting the full use of the storage area off the community room and the benefit it will provide the Library by freeing up the storage area.

So noted.

**AGENDA:**

**PRESENTATION:**

Robert Gallucci from BG Innovations LLC made a presentation of a concept plan for the Cold Storage site. Mr. Gallucci referred to a drawing of the planned development while making the presentation. The design includes a mixture of residential, loft and apartment living with parking. Mr. Gallucci is seeking a short term commitment from the Village Board that responds to his letter of intent. Mr. Gallucci conveyed the desire to work with the neighbors and Village on the project and the potential of using a portion of the cold storage building in the design.



**ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS**

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period of October 26- November 8, 2018 in the amount of \$63,418.45.

General:	\$61,998.75
Water:	\$ 1,097.84
Sewer:	\$ 319.86
Trust:	\$ 2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,418.45</b>

Motion to approve the abstract of audited vouchers was made by Trustee Fox, seconded by Trustee Zastrow. All in favor, motion was carried.

**ITEMS:**

Authorization for the Mayor to sign the renewal of the Independent Health Medicare Encompass E plan for January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.

Motion was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockhart. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for the Mayor and Board to sign the returned Village taxes in the amount of \$9,537.85 on 11 properties for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to send to Niagara County Real Property Tax Service for reimbursement.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the Village will be celebrating Christmas in the Village. There will be a Christmas market, Santa will be visiting, there is food, crafts, music and horse and carriage rides to enjoy at the Village Center. Come out and enjoy all the activities and visit our business district for some shopping and dining.

So noted.

The next Board meeting will be, December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

The Village Board will enter into a work session immediately following the regular Board Meeting.

So noted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Deputy Mayor Lockhart discussed a plow quote with Superintendent Muller. Superintendent Muller is working on obtaining the information. Superintendent Muller advised the Board that the gym doors are still in need of replacement. The lowest bid was \$3,500.00. Superintendent Muller stated if the doors are not replaced, a new door arm will at least have to be replaced at this time. Superintendent Muller will check to see if the quote received is still a valid price.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Trustee Fox reported on the NYPA street lighting project. Trustee Fox has been in contact with several Towns and Villages to review information and their decision process between NYPA and National Grid. Trustee Fox will email the Board with details from the proposals. Both proposals will save the Village money and both are good deals. The issue comes down to maintenance of the street lights. National Grid will maintain the lights while NYPA will not.

Trustee Zastrow inquired about the status of the new senior van. Trustee Fox replied that he has encountered a few issues with the dealership. The dealership has a white one available, or we

can order one that would take approximately 4-6 weeks to arrive. Trustee Fox advised it would be a newer van and it may be our best answer. There was discussion on color and cost. Trustee Fox confirmed ordering would not increase the price as the dealership will honor the bid. The Board decided that a new van would be ordered in red. Trustee Fox was checking on running boards. Trustee Fox thanked Councilman Adamson and Clerk Hibbard that were in the audience from the Town of Porter for their support with obtaining a new van for the program and again thanked St. John's Episcopal Church for their fund drive efforts.

Trustee Zastrow continued that the hydrant pit located at the River is still not functioning properly. The Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company had the NYS Police dive team come in to locate and inspect the pipe in the River. The dive team could not locate the pipe and cannot identify what the problem is with the system. Mayor Reynolds stated there were some old drawings of the system that may show where the pipe is located. Superintendent Muller asked if pressurizing the system would help with the problem. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated he would be leery of putting that kind of pressure on the system. Trustee Zastrow stated that the dive team would be back for another try at locating the pipe. Grant Writer Rotella stated the drawings may be stored downstairs.

Trustee Comerford reported that approximately 300 people participated in the Recreation Departments Halloween Parade with 125 children in attendance. Trustee Comerford thanked the Police Dept. for their participation. Trustee Comerford further reported that Toddler Time will return on November 16, 2018 in the gym at the Village Center. Open gym has also started, with crafts also being offered. Trustee Comerford also stated Christmas in the Village is moving along and he will be distributing flyers.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart met with Mayor Reynolds and Engineer Kaiser from GHD to further discuss the comments received from the State on the LWRP. Discussion followed on all the requirements of the comments received from the State and the funds and work required to completed the LWRP. The Board was in agreement that at this time the LWRP would not be pursued any further. A Master Plan approach will be looked at for future action. Deputy Mayor Lockhart thanked the DPW for hauling the playground chips to Lion's Park for placement in the safety zone.

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Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting up to public comment. Tim Adamson 510 Church Street stated that he was pleased to listen to the proposal by BG Innovations for the Cold Storage site. Mr. Adamson stated he understands what is entailed in these types of projects and has his fingers crossed something could be worked out.

Rick Lohr, 435 Main Street stated he was pleased to see that BG Innovations was trying to utilize part of the Cold Storage Building in its plans. Mr. Lohr stated he works with historic buildings often and it is best to include the use at the beginning of the design.

Mike Stella, 358 Carrollwood and operator of the Mug & Musket on Main Street stated he will be inviting a representative from the State Department to do a lecture and provide guidance on how to objectively handle dissolution. Mr. Stella will inform the Board when the State Department representative will be in town.

James Hildreth, 924 River Road stated that he encourages everyone to check on the rates of other municipalities and what is provided for their tax dollar. Mr. Hildreth stated the rate in the Village of Youngstown is a good rate with good services, check around and “you will hug your house” once you do.

Jane Richardson asked the Board why the Village would dissolve. Mayor Reynolds stated for the record that the Village is not considering dissolution and does not support dissolution. Ms. Richardson asked why anyone would want to dissolve the Village. Mayor Reynolds advised there is a group that believes they can save money. Ms. Richardson stated the Village has been here longer than anyone and should not dissolve. Ms. Richardson stated that the Cold Storage is a historical landmark and should be part of the plan for the design at the Cold Storage site.

With no further public comments, a motion was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Fox at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into the work session. All in favor, motion was carried.