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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes– February 28, 2019

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

The work session was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Reynolds at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Caserta will research permits needed and policy for bistro or picnic tables on walkways in the Village.

Although Attorney Caserta was absent, he reported he is in the process of researching the requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding charging a fee to property owners when unpaid water/sewer, or any charges the Village must relevel to their property taxes through Niagara County occur.

The Board discussed the work involved in placing relevel's on the tax roll. The Board was in agreement that there should be an administrative fee recouped to place relevel items on the tax roll. This process is consistent with how other Municipalities are handling relevel items. This item will be moved to the Board meeting for handling.

Discussion regarding payment for the maintenance portion of the Senior Van program from the Town of Porter (Nov17-Nov18 out of pocket cost \$17,833.00). TOP share would be \$8,916.50.

The Board discussed the January 2018 payment from the TOP and commitment to sharing the cost this year. Mayor Reynolds will contact Supervisor Johnston to discuss.

Discussion regarding the NYCLASS savings account marked Water Front Pier/Boat Launch. This account holds \$66,882.52.

The Board discussed the classifications of the accounts in NYCLASS. All accounts are useable by the Board at any time with a motion. Deputy Mayor Lockhart discussed the idea of appropriating the funds if they are needed in another area. Building Inspector Stevens discussed the building located near the North Dock. The Building is in need of some updates. Trustee Fox and Building Inspector Stevens will contact Superintendent Muller to look at the building and see what type of repairs may be needed. The funds will continue to remain in NYCLASS under water front pier/boat launch at this time.

Discussion of Town of Lewiston Water Treatment increase from \$3.50/thousand to \$3.55/thousand.

The Board discussed the increase from the Water Treatment plant of five cents. The Board discussed the current rate of \$5.37 for sewer, noting that \$1.87 is the Village portion for sewer and the \$3.50 is the treatment plant. The Board noted that they need to pass the increase from the water treatment plant on to the users in the Village as the Village cannot absorb the increase. This item will be moved to the regular Board meeting agenda for action.

Additional discussion: Discussion continued by Deputy Mayor Lockhart regarding converting the BAN for the waterline project into a Bond. Deputy Mayor Lockhart discussed the lack of action by the Senate on the Waterline Grant. Discussion continued that it does not look favorable that the grant will be received in time to utilize the funds for the payment due this year. Deputy Mayor Lockhart suggested converting to a callable bond so the Village can make more than interest payments and would not be penalized if the bond was paid off early. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will advise Attorney Caserta to start looking into converting the BAN to a Bond.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart advised he spoke with Rollin Hellner regarding the Cold Storage. Deputy Mayor Lockhart updated Mr. Hellner advising the Board would like milestone schedules as 15 years is lengthy. The Village would like to ensure the property is not flipped and that development moves forward. Deputy Mayor Lockhart will be visiting Mr. Heller's current operation to see how it works.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart thanked Building Inspector Stevens for the work on the trees in the Village. With the recent wind storm, Deputy Mayor Lockhart advised the tree take downs were just in time. Mayor Reynolds advised there was a complaint filed from a resident on Second Street regarding the Village trees close to her house. Mayor Reynolds will have someone look at the trees to see if they are healthy.

Chief Schuey advised that Grant Writer-Rotella was working on a grant for a smartboard and computer for the Police Department. Chief Schuey is unsure where things stand and needs an update. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will contact Grant-Writer Rotella for an update. Mayor Reynolds stated that he would like Grant-Writer Rotella to attend a Work Session and advise how the grant process works.

Clerk-Treasurer Brown discussed the concert Ray Barry of Barry Entertainment would like to hold on private property. Building Inspector Stevens confirmed no permit is required. Chief Schuey has some concerns over open container laws. The Board discussed activities happening the dates Mr. Barry provided. Chief Schuey would like to speak with Mr. Barry. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will contact Mr. Barry and provide him contact information for Chief Schuey and advise that no permits are required.

With no further items, motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Comerford at 8:11 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.