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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes– April 25, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Zastrow, Trustee Fox, Attorney Caserta, Superintendent Muller, Chief Schuey, Sergeant Ullery, Building Inspector Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer Brown.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

With no public comment Mayor Reynolds continued through the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice of issuance from the NYS Department of Labor in compliance with Article 16 of the New York State Labor Law advising that Old Fort Niagara has received a certificate from the New York State Department of Labor for an Explosives Magazine Certificate issued for 4/10/2019-4/30/2020.

So noted.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution that the 2019-2020 Village of Youngstown budget be accepted as presented and there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Youngstown the following sum for Village Government for the fiscal year 2019-2020 with a tax rate of \$7.19 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; for the General fund \$684,863.00 and for the Mayor to sign the tax warrant.

Motion for a resolution that the 2019-2020 Village of Youngstown budget be accepted as presented and there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Youngstown the following sum for Village Government for the fiscal year 2019-2020 with a tax rate of \$7.19 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; for the General fund \$684,863.00 and for the Mayor to

sign the tax warrant was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

MOTION OF THE BOARD APRIL 11, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING:

Water/Sewer: increasing the minimum water bill from 3000 to 4000 gallons. Implementing a rate increase to \$4.65/1000 gallons for water and \$6.53/1000 gallons for sewer (currently \$3.65/1000 and \$5.42/1000 respectively). Effective date of increase.

Trustee Zastrow stated he was disappointed in the handling of the water and sewer rate increase by the Board. Trustee Zastrow stated that he asked for budgeted versus actual expenses for three years and received nothing. Trustee Zastrow went on that while there was information for the public hearing the information was not complete enough for a rational decision. Mayor Reynolds stated that he did not agree with Trustee Zastrow. Mayor Reynolds continued that the Board did have actual information for the public on the rates. Mayor Reynolds stated what the Village brought in and what the expenses were and why the rate increase was needed was all covered in the two public hearings. Trustee Fox stated that he felt the information presented was understandable and acknowledged Deputy Mayor Lockhart's work on putting the information together and speaking to the public answering questions at the public hearings. Trustee Fox stated that Deputy Mayor Lockhart was available to Trustee Zastrow if Trustee Zastrow had questions during the preparation of information to present to the public. Trustee Fox and Deputy Mayor Lockhart both acknowledged the work and information that was presented and that the information was understandable. Deputy Mayor Lockhart remains available to discuss questions on the matter.

With no further discussion, Motion to increase the minimum water bill from 3000 to 4000 gallons and implement a rate increase to \$4.65/1000 gallons for water and \$6.53/1000 gallons for sewer, effective with the July 1, 2019 billing covering April, May and June water usage was made by Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization for the Mayor to sign the extension of contract for the collection hauling and disposal of mixed municipal solid waste and processing of recyclables by Modern Disposal from the Village of Youngstown. Original term expires May 31, 2019 and there are up to three additional two year extensions available. The renewal will be the first extension period beginning June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020.

Trustee Fox stated he felt renewal was our best option as the price is rising to handle recyclables. Motion to authorize Mayor Reynolds to sign the extension of contract with Modern Disposal for the first renewal period of June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020 was made by Trustee Fox, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

BISTRO/PICNIC TABLES:

(January 24, 2019) Attorney Caserta will research permits needed and policy for bistro or picnic tables on walkways in the Village.

(February 28, 2019) Although Attorney Caserta was absent, he reported he is in the process of researching the requirements.

(March 28, 2019) Attorney Caserta stated that he believes that the liquor authority should be involved with perhaps a special permit and that there may be ADA regulations for implementation. He stated he would have something more formal for the next meeting.

Attorney Caserta stated that he felt this is a NYS Liquor Authority issue before it is a Village issue. The Board discussed requirements of sketches to be submitted of what the business would like submitted with a special use permit that would have to be approved. The Board discussed issues of trash, cigarette butts, glass outside, and chairs that may not be pushed in causing issues on the sidewalks. Deputy Mayor Lockhart suggested Attorney Caserta draft a letter to the businesses seeking their input on the issue. The Board is in favor of being business friendly on Main Street. Trustee Fox stated the special use permit would probably be the best way to handle any request. Building Inspector Stevens stated he felt this was a Village issue, that the requirement should include a certain number of feet from the curb that items could be located. The businesses would have to follow the requirements for serving outside. Attorney Caserta will draft a letter to the businesses and forward to Clerk-Treasurer Brown for distribution.

CONVERSION OF BAN TO BOND:

Clerk-Treasurer Brown contacted Attorney Caserta who instructed her to check with KeyBank. KeyBank advised that a callable Bond would carry about 25-30 extra points versus a regular Bond. KeyBank would work with the Village as needed to convert the BAN. Information was provided to Attorney Caserta.

(March 28, 2019) Attorney Caserta stated that the Village has until around July 1, 2019 to make a decision on the best solution for the conversation as the next payment is not due until October.

Attorney Caserta stated that he felt July would be a good time to address this item. Trustee Zastrow asked more details about the conversion. Attorney Caserta advised that as Clerk-Treasurer Brown had a relationship with KeyBank, she contact them for details on rates and amounts. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will follow up with KeyBank.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shared Sewer Vac/Jet Truck

Superintendent Muller stated this would be a good thing for the Village to share in. Trustee Fox asked how much use the machine would get. Superintendent Muller advised it is a vacuum as well as a jet truck and would be helpful for sewer issues in the Village. Trustee Fox asked if the use of the truck would be even with the other municipalities that are sharing the equipment. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated there are six municipalities that will share evenly in the truck. Deputy Mayor Lockhart advised that the funds would not be due for approximately a year and feels joining the group for the shared vac/jet truck would be beneficial as the jet truck Lewiston Water Treatment has is a 1999 and is showing wear.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart made a motion to be a party to the grant for the shared sewer/jet truck. Trustee Fox seconded. All in favor motion was carried. Superintendent Muller will contact Supervisor Hillman at the Town of Porter to confirm participation by the Village.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that the Lion's Club has plans to extend the pathway at Lion's Park. They will extend the north end to Brampton Road. The path will be crush and run with screenings. The Lion's Club will provide the materials and will coordinate with the DPW department to install. Trustee Zastrow requested garbage cans at Lion's Park. Superintendent Muller advised he would handle placing garbage pails there. Deputy Mayor Lockhart inquired if a certified operator will have to be available for the work on the path to operate the equipment. Superintendent Muller advised the DPW will be taking the course in May.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Village Office needs keypads installed on both doors that allow access to the Office as there are many keys out there that would allow anyone enter into the Office. To rekey the locks and provide keys would be \$575, to install two keypads would be \$525 through Niagara Lock. Building Inspector Stevens advised they were simple to install and could be purchased at Home Depot. Superintendent Muller will check on prices and work with Building Inspector Stevens for purchase and installation of the keypads.

Trustee Fox stated that he and Deputy Mayor Lockhart contacted the Jetboat to obtain more details on the events they would like to hold. Trustee Fox is waiting to hear back from the Jetboat owners.

Mayor Reynolds opened the work session for any public comment. Mrs. Fox of Lockport Street stated that regarding the liquor issues and outside serving, you must rope off an area where the liquor will be served and no glass can be used. There are also restrictions for smoking. Mayor Reynolds thanked Mrs. Fox.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board will enter into executive session following the work session for Union contract negotiation discussion.

So noted.

The next Board meeting will be May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The next work session will be May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

With nothing further, motion to adjourn the work session and enter into Executive session was made at 7:38 p.m. by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session was made at 8:46 p.m. by Trustee Deputy Mayor Lockhart, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer