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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – January 9, 2020

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lockhart, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Zastrow, Trustee Fox, Attorney Caserta, Superintendent Muller, Chief Schuey, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella (7:09 p.m.), Clerk-Treasurer Brown. **EXCUSED:** Mayor Reynolds.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that Mayor Reynolds was unable to attend tonight's meeting as he was representing the Village at the Lake Ontario Preparedness Group meeting. Deputy Mayor Lockhart opened the meeting to public comment.

Tracy Lloyd of Lake Street addressed the Board regarding signage on Lake Street near Jackson. Ms. Lloyd stated there have been several accidents and perhaps larger signs would be helpful. Ms. Lloyd was advised that the area is a County road and therefore, the County DOT would have to address her concerns. Ms. Lloyd continued with a complaint regarding a noise ordinance, seeking direction from the Board on how to handle her issue. Deputy Mayor Lockhart as well as Attorney Caserta sighted the code requirements, and instructed Ms. Lloyd on how to proceed. With no further public comment Deputy Mayor Lockhart moved on to departmental reports.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Schuey turned his monthly report in. Chief Schuey stated the police department is ok with the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon set for September 19, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller reported that they had repaired a water line break on Applewood Drive and have been cleaning out storm sewers. Trustee Zastrow asked what the smoke was from the Swain Road area. Superintendent Muller reported a house is going up in that area and they were burning brush.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon reported on the REDI project. The Geotech portion is beginning the week of 1/20/2020. Engineer Lannon reported that there are two public and two private areas and access has been granted but a formal right of way access will need to be obtained. Engineer Lannon continued that they will need financial information from the Village for the report as well. Engineer Lannon will also meet with Building Inspector Stevens regarding the construction of the North Dock. Reporting is due in February.

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer Rotella submitted his monthly report. The water line contract continues to be held up. Best case is payment a few months out. Grant Writer Rotella advised he would be working with the Clerk's Office on the NYS archives grant to handle historical records.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens turned his monthly report in. Building Inspector Stevens will be attending his yearly conference for credits. Building Inspector Stevens reported that he continues to work on the tree issues.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta reported that based on the previous discussion regarding easements for the Townhouses of Youngstown, a new easement has been created between the Village of Youngstown and Townhouses of Youngstown granting Townhouses of Youngstown access as needed for repairs.

Motion to approve Mayor Reynolds signing the easement was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried,

CLERK'S OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the December financials were distributed to all department heads and were provided to the Board.

MINUTES

Approval of, or changes to, the Board Minutes from December 12, 2019.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Fox, seconded by Trustee Zastrow. All in favor, motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice that the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon/Hospice 5K Dash will be Saturday, September 19, 2020, and requesting approval for the event to travel through the Village of Youngstown.

Motion to approve the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon/Hospice 5K Dash going through Youngstown was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Notice from Williamson Law that they will institute a 2% increase on support contracts beginning in January 2020. This will result in an \$81.64 increase for the year for the four programs utilized and provides unlimited phone and internet support, on-line program backups, program updates, data import and transfer and licensing fees.

Motion to approve contract renewal was made by Trustee Fox, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Correspondence from the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co providing notice of the incoming officers for 2020.

So noted.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from December 12, 2019-January 9, 2020 in the amount of \$75,028.26.

General:	\$54,694.69
Water:	\$19,963.71
Sewer:	\$ 396.86
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$ 75,028.26

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

ITEMS:

Deputy Mayor Lockhart read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION TO Recommend that International Joint Commission Plan 2014 be rescinded.

Whereas, Lake Ontario and the Niagara River Basin, a national and international resource; and

Whereas, our Municipal Harbor and Marinas are a vital, economic and recreational resource to our Municipality, the Village of Youngstown and the County of Niagara; and

Whereas, the lake levels are managed by the St. Lawrence River Board of Control under the jurisdiction of the International Joint Commission comprised of commissioners from both the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, the adoption of Plan 2014 by the International Joint Commission (IJC) has substantially contributed to the damage being caused along the lakeshore including our harbor and marinas; and

Whereas, the Village of Youngstown, its residents and local businesses are once again incurring substantial damage to the property along and around the Village of Youngstown which has threatened not only the economic vitality of the area but also the life and safety of residents and visitors to the Village of Youngstown while at the same time causing severe property damage in and around the Village of Youngstown; and

Whereas, the Village of Youngstown, in conjunction with the County of Niagara have experienced significant expense as a result of efforts to keep the high water from further impacting the Village of Youngstown; and

Whereas, the flooding experienced again this year threatens municipal infrastructure; and

Whereas, it is conceivable and reasonable to expect future flooding as was experienced in 2017, 2019, and now 2020 which is caused in great part by PLAN IJC 2014,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Village of Youngstown as follows:

1. The International Joint Commission immediately rescind and suspend Plan 2014 and fall back to Plan 58DD. The Village of Youngstown further requests that any plan developed to succeed these plans protect the interests of the municipality, the first responders, visitors and residents
2. As provided in treaty forming the International Joint Commission, funding to municipalities and riparian property owners must be provided to plan and implement flood prevention, mitigation, response and recovery commensurate with anticipated increases in flooding, erosion and damages.
3. Any committee or task force created to review mitigation and safety plans fronting the Great Lakes must contain a representative from the Village of Youngstown.

Motion to adopt the resolution as read was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Fox. Deputy Mayor Lockhart polled the trustees, all in favor motion was carried.

Authorization for the Mayor to sign an easement agreement with Townhouses of Youngstown on Jackson Street between Main Street and Lake Street.

Completed in department report area by Attorney Caserta.

Approval of hire for the Deputy Clerk position based upon the recommendation of the Clerk-Treasurer and Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart made a motion for approval for the Clerk to hire the Deputy Clerk at the noted rate previously approved, based on the decision of the Mayor and Clerk. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fox, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

BUILDING USE:

Request from the Town of Porter Recreation Dept. to hold Yoga classes for 2020 on Tuesday's from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., and Wednesday's from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., in the Cora Gushee Room. Insurance is on file. This is a renewal of use.

Motion to approve the building use was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from the US Coast Guard to use the gym on Monday's from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. starting January 13, 2020 through the end of 2020. This is a renewal of use and insurance is on file.

Motion to approve the building use was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The recreation program will begin its winter program January 14th on Tuesdays and Thursdays with arts and crafts and basketball; then from February 11-March 5th arts and crafts and hockey. The toddler program runs Fridays from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

So noted.

The next Board meeting will be February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted. The next work session will be January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Fox report that he is continuing to work on the lighting project. Trustee Fox has been in contact with National Grid regarding some mismarked poles and brightness of some lights. The street lights in the Carrollwood Drive area are not part of this project. Superintendent Muller advised there are conversion kits to change the lights to LED. Superintendent Muller will look into the expense of the kit. Trustee Fox also reported his contact from DASNY will assist in any way he can to push the water line grant through when it reaches his area.

Trustee Zastrow reported that the dry hydrant on the waterfront that the fire department has will need to be included in the plans for the construction and repairs for the REDI project. Engineer Lannon noted he would make sure to include this.

Trustee Comerford reported the Christmas in the Village was very wet due to the rainy weather. The horse and carriage were not able to participate. Trustee Comerford reported that the Library counted 350 visitors. Trustee Comerford reported that some feedback was to perhaps have more volunteers assisting people with direction from the gym vendor area to the other activities in the building. Trustee Comerford thanked that Recreation Department, Board, Police, and DPW for their assistance with the event. Trustee Comerford also reported that there were more and new vendors this year as well.

Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that the lake level outflow have increased in the back half of 2019-2020 and is currently 9 inches higher than this same time last year. Deputy Mayor Lockhart reported that the shipping industry has an effect on levels in the St. Lawrence as well and decisions based on how much flow to release. They may have the lake freeze and then release water so it flows under the ice to avoid ice jams. The potential for flooding could be worse for 2020. Deputy Mayor Lockhart stated that the are meetings scheduled with Niagara County Emergency Management to create a plan for this year to handle flooding as the REDI project may not be completed in time to help with this years flooding potential.

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Deputy Mayor Lockhart opened the meeting to public comment. With no public comment motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Trustee Comerford at 7:45 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.