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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – September 10, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, , Trustee Zastrow, Attorney Caserta, Chief Schuey, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella, Clerk-Treasurer Brown, Recreation Director Guarin and several members of the public.
ABSENT: Trustee Lockhart, Superintendent Muller.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was held via ZOOM due to COVID regulations. Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. by opening the meeting to public comment.

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

Shawn D’Luhly of Jackson St expressed her gratitude to Officer William Varney of the Youngstown Police Department. On September 5, 2020 Office Varney was dispatched to a resident’s home where he performed life saving measure to clear the airway of a 9 month old child. Chief Schuey stated he would pass the information on to Office Varney. Mayor Reynolds also extended his appreciation of Officer Varney’s efforts.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Schuey turned his monthly report in. Chief Schuey also recognized Officer Varney. Chief Schuey also reported that Sergeant Ullery and his wife welcomed a baby boy today. Congratulations were extended.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Mayor Reynolds reported that Superintendent Muller spoke to him about renting a lift for a month to trim trees in the Village. The cost would be \$1,900.00 and represents a cost savings by keeping the equipment for a month and not having to re-rent it. Trustee Zastrow asked if there was enough work to warrant renting the equipment for a month. DPW MEO Eric Wieland was on the call, and answered Trustees Zastrow’s questions. MEO Wieland advised there are many trees in the Village that require trimming and the rental would be well used. The Board was in agreement of renting the lift.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon reported that he has been working with the Department of State on the updated plan of walls that are detachable. There are questions of storage,

ownership and installation (who installs and when). The report should be submitted by 9/14 with approval by mid-October and design at the end of November with bid awarded in January 2021. Trustee Zastrow asked several questions on various costs assigned to materials. Engineer Lannon stated that the cost is coming in similar to the first project. After discussion, it was decided that a pole barn would be added to the project to store the panels. Engineer Lannon will work with Attorney Caserta on obtaining authorizations and sign offs needed from the private property owners along the waterfront area.

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer Rotella reported that the application for the Greenway funding for the Villages portion of the REDI project cost has been submitted and received. There is a presentation on 11/10 at 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM, which Bernie will attend and ask who from the Village would participate as well. The CF application is in limbo at this time and NYS Achieves grant is still on hold.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens reported that there had been several complaints regarding the North Dock and three boats that have been docked at the Village docks most of the summer. Mayor Reynolds stated the boaters should be checking with the Village if they plan to stay any length of time. The Board discussed the fact that there are no signs posted stating a time limit. The Board discussed charging fees to doc, signs and policies. Deputy Mayor Fox stated that this was something the Board will need to address for next season. There may be issues with charging to dock as it changes how the Village dock would be classified which brings regulations, Attorney Caserta will talk with Tom Murphy regarding this. Building Inspector Stevens also reported that there are some issues with signs the Yacht Club are posting about staying out of any area. The sign insinuates that it is the public road the Village owns. There is a building permit submitted but not approved as the sign is not a legal sign. Deputy Mayor Fox will talk to the Yacht Club regarding this.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta reported that he has received the notice that the YYC challenge for their assessment has been assigned to Supreme Court in Erie County. Attorney Caserta is challenging their notice as well as is the Town of Porter as there is no legal justification for the change of assessment from \$900K to \$400K.

The Youngstown Fire Company is requesting a meeting to discuss the issues not met in the fire contract. Mayor Reynolds is to advise Attorney Caserta of a day that works for him in the next two weeks.

Attorney Caserta reported that the Executive order was extended to October 4th that allows for virtual Board meetings. There was discussion regarding logistics of the next meeting. It was decided to wait for the outcome of the Village elections and certifications. There are several items that must be planned to hold the in person meeting including contact tracing, disinfecting, and meeting location.

Attorney Caserta stated that he would like to publically thank Trustee Timothy Lockhart for his years of service to the Village adding his knowledge and effort with the sewer contract with the Town of Porter was invaluable. Mayor Reynolds added that he would also like to thank Trustee Lockhart for serving as Deputy Mayor and being such an important part of things in the Village, Mayor Reynolds commented on the amount of work done behind the scenes for the Village by Trustee Lockhart. Trustee Lockhart's knowledge of water and sewer has saved the Village residents a great deal of money over the years. Mayor Reynolds stated he was sorry Trustee Lockhart was not able to attend tonight's meeting to hear the acknowledgments.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the August financials were sent to the Board. Auditor Pat Brown continues to work on the annual report and stated things looked good to date. The Clerk's Office is prepared for the election on 9/15 and continues to handle

RECREATION: Recreation Director Guerin reported that the Recreation Commission met and have discussed plans regarding Recreation programs as we move forward. Thoughts are there would not be open gym, but perhaps families could rent the gym for a [period of time for use. Masks would be required and disinfecting would need to take place. Thoughts are families would even bring their own equipment in to use. Recreation Director Guarin also reported that another consideration is that tables could be set up for a study type area that allows students to come in and work on homework in a study hall type set up. Thoughts are also that perhaps some type of craft tables could be set up as well. Plans will continue to be worked on and will coincide with the building plans. Mayor Reynolds thanked Recreation Director Guarin for thinking outside of the box for ideas during these times. Trustee Comerford added the next Recreation meeting is 9/28/2020.

MINUTES

Approval of, or changes to, the Village Board meeting minutes from August 13, 2020.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox.

Roll call was taken:

Mayor Reynolds-yes

Deputy Mayor Fox-yes

Trustee Comerford-yes

Trustee Zastrow-yes

All in favor, motion was carried.

AGENDA:

BSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from August 14-September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$17,813.13.

General:	\$16,512.91
Water:	\$ 0.00
Sewer:	\$ 300.22
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 1000.00</u>
Total	\$17,813.13

Motion to approve the abstract of audited vouchers was made by Trustee Zastrow, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Roll call was taken:

Mayor Reynolds-yes Deputy Mayor Fox-yes Trustee Comerford-yes
Trustee Zastrow-yes

All in favor, motion was carried.

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Board of Trustees came together via phone poll on September 7 to approve a resolution that had to be completed for an application for funds from the Greenway committee towards the Village portion of the REDI project. Mayor Reynolds stated the resolution was approved as noted.

RESOLUTION:

On September 7th the Board of Trustees held an emergency session to pass the following Resolution:

Village of Youngstown
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
September 7th, 2020
 For Niagara River Greenway Commission Program
Youngstown Water Street Shoreline Stabilization & Mitigation Project

I, Wendy Brown, Village Clerk of the Village of Youngstown located at 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY 14174, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a special Village Board meeting of the Village of Youngstown held on September 7th, 2020, and is incorporated in the original minutes of the said meeting and that the said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to continue seeking additional funding through the Niagara County Greenway AD HOC Committee to complete the Youngstown Water Street Shoreline Stabilization & Mitigation Project. This project is located along the Water Street on RT 18F.

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to provide this type of project to residents at the lowest possible cost to the Village and Village taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to apply for financial assistance from the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board commits to providing the required local matching funds to insure the timely implementation of the proposed project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes and submits an application to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for Consistency and the Niagara County Ad HOC funds for the Youngstown Water Street Shoreline Stabilization & Mitigation Project in the amount of \$10,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign all documents and agreements related to the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC application.

RESOLVED, That Raleigh Reynolds, as Mayor of the Village of Youngstown, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC, and execute a project agreement for such financial assistance to the Village of Youngstown for the proposed Youngstown Water Street Shoreline Stabilization & Mitigation Project.

Mayor Reynolds polled the Board.

Mayor Reynolds- yes	Deputy Mayor Fox-yes	Trustee Comerford-yes
Trustee Lockhart-yes	Trustee Zastrow-yes	

All in favor, the resolution was passed on September 7, 2020.

BUILDING USE:

Request from the Friends of the Library to use the gym the week of Nov 2- 7, 2020, for the annual fall book sale. Insurance is on file.

Motion to approve the book sale was made by Trustee Fox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Discussion was initiated by Deputy Mayor Fox with concern over the number of people that may be attending this even inside the gym. Attorney Caserta stated the Friends of the Library would have to agree to comply with all current mandates regarding gatherings and social distancing. Attorney Caserta stated that a plan would need to be submitted and approved by the Board. Contingent on the plans approval, the Board agreed to the use. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-yes	Deputy Mayor Fox-yes	Trustee Comerford-yes
Trustee Zastrow-yes		

All in favor, motion was carried.

ITEMS:

Request from Kathy Stack, Church Street, for consideration in purchasing property from the Village.

The Board discussed the request. Attorney Caserta stated it was park land and would pose issues. The Board was in agreement they did not want to sell park land. The Board advised that Ms. Stack should pursue a variance request for her building.

Request from Jean Keating, Town of Porter for a Wi-Fi “hot spot” with seating around the green area at the Library.

The Board discussed the request. The Board determined that as the winter months are approaching, the request would not be considered at this time. The Board added that there is WI-FI available in the parking lot still from the Library and the Library has not established a hot spot as of yet. The Board felt that hopefully as winter passes the request would not be needed in the Spring as things would be back to normal.

Request from Christine Foster, Westwood Ave, for a street sign posting ”children at play”.

The Board discussed the request. Clerk-Treasurer Brown added that Superintendent Muller stated they had one, but that the DOT states the signs are not effective. Trustee Zastrow felt the sign could be added. Deputy Mayor Fox stated he felt it would create a flood of sign requests for all the neighboring streets and people would rely on the too much. Chief Schuey reminded the Board about the woman on Main St that had her own signs done. Chief Schuey stated he could provide her information and perhaps she and Ms. Foster could work together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Village elections will take place Tuesday September 15, 2020 with polling hours from 12 noon-9:00 p.m. in the gym at 240 Lockport St. There are two Trustee positions that are open to be filled.

So noted.

There will be a Village Board work session on September 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board previously discussed the meeting for 9/24 and it will be determined if, how and where the meeting will occur.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Zastrow asked for an update with the Villa Condo lawsuit. Attorney Caserta stated that we were still in the discovery phase.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Comerford reported that the dedication of the new Historical Society's Underground Railroad sign took place 9/5 and was a great success. The Lion's Club will be holding a chicken diner fundraiser on 10/17/20 look for details and support the Lion's Club.

Trustee Zastrow mentioned the Lion's Club chicken diner fundraiser as well.

Deputy Mayor Fox reported that he met with Greg Stevens of the Greenway Commission regarding the bike path that will run through the Village. Most likely it will come from Lewiston via River Road, or the old railroad bed next to the parkway at the end of Third St. /Church St. There may also be a place to park bikes on Second St/Hinman St. Details are still being worked out but it looks positive this will happen.

Deputy Mayor Fox continued that he looked further into the Color Mural discussed at last month's meeting. Many of the business owners are reluctant to have a large number of visitors drawing on the wall on their properties, Deputy Mayor Fox added that his wife suggested perhaps the Village could put some posts in Falkner park with the Board for people to visit and use. Cathy from the Youngstown Village Diner stated she would be willing to store supplies at her business for people to obtain.

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. Shawn D'Luhy of Jackson Street stated she felt the Village should give Officer Varney an accommodation for his heroic act. Mayor Reynolds agreed and thanked her for the good thought.

With no further public comment, Trustee Zastrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Trustee Comerford. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-yes Deputy Mayor Fox-yes Trustee Comerford-yes
Trustee Zastrow-yes

All in favor, motion was carried.