Village of Youngstown



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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reynolds called to meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. by opening the floor to public comment. With no public comment Mayor Reynolds moved on to Departmental reports.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

POLICE: Chief Schuey was absent but turned his monthly report into the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller reported that they continue with repairs to the yellow dump truck and have had to go over the estimate provided. The truck should be finished Monday. Grinding is ready to be scheduled, the estimate is \$9,500.00. Superintendent Muller reported brush pick up is completed and if the Board approved the grinding can be done. Superintendent Muller updated information for the sign at Veterans Park noting that he has found a less expensive business to make the new sign.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon reported the REDI group has provided comment on the scope of change to the project and more information is needed. There is a call Friday to discuss things further and provide more clarity. A main point is the easements needed from the private property owners and the issue that the Village would need to take responsibility for installation of the walls when needed.

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer Rotella was absent but submitted a report to the Board.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens reported that he has a property maintenance issue that is being handled. Discussion would be in Executive session.

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ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta stated his items would be handled on the agenda items or in Executive session.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the drives for the Office computer failed and are being ordered to be repaired. Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that Scott Little from Beacon/Lock City completed his training on the new software system with the Office and DPW. January reads and billing should be completed with the new system. Mayor Reynolds added that the Village's decision to add an offsite back up system was beneficial as the loss of the drives resulted in potential data loss. The offsite system saved the information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice to Mayor Reynolds announcing that Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Brown received her Registered Municipal Clerk certification from the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks. Certification is presented to Clerks in the State that have completed the highest standards of education and training required by the Association.

Mayor Reynolds extended congratulations to Clerk-Treasurer Brown on her accomplishment. The rest of the Board extended congratulations as well. So noted.

Letter from Beverly Van Deusen requesting a letter of support from The Village Board in regards to the proposed remediation plan for the Niagara Falls Storage Site by the Army Corp of Engineers during the public comment portion of the process due by January 5th.

Mayor Reynolds provided the details to the Board and advised he supports creating the letter of support. The discussion of the Board was in support of the letter as well. Motion to approve a letter of support was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken:

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

MINUTES

Approval of, or changes to, the Village Board meeting minutes from November 12, 2020.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken,

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from November 13-December 10, 2020 in the amount of \$89,217.16.

General: \$86,556.43 Water: \$ 1,390.21 Sewer: \$ 1,270.52 <u>Trust:</u> \$ 0.00 Total \$89,217.16

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

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

ITEMS:

Request from the YYC for vehicular closure of Water Street from 6:00 a.m. on Friday July 23, until the evening of Sunday July 25, and again on Friday July 30 until the evening of August 1, 2021 as the YYC has been chosen to host the Lake Yacht Racing Association (LYRA) Annual Regatta. Correspondence was sent to the Board 11/16/2020 providing details.

Motion to approve the use was made Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Reisman. Roll call was taken:

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

Mayor Reynolds called for a motion regarding the grinding. Deputy Mayor Fox made a motion to approve the grinding, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken:

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company will be driving Santa through the Village on Saturday December 19th starting at 2:00 p.m. Come out and wave at Santa as he makes his way through the Village!

So noted.

The Village Board will enter into Executive session following the regular Board meeting for contractual matters. The next Village Board meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Comerford reported that the Recreation Commission will gather Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in Falkner Park to decorate the gazebo. Mayor Reynolds added that Recreation Director Gruarin spoke with him regarding stations in the park but given the restriction in place regarding COVID-19 it would not be possible at this time. The plan is to build on the decorations each year in the park. Recreation is also encouraging snowmen building in the park or at home with pictures submitted.

Deputy Mayor Fox reported that the Lake Ontario Preparedness group has asked him to participate as a member. An explanation that the municipalities in the area affected by waterfront flooding and the Greenway are all meeting with each other to share ideas and promote each place for visitors and businesses.

With no further Board reports, Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to public comment.

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

Amy Witryol, Lewiston, spoke regarding the approval of the letter of support for the proposed remediation plan for the Niagara Falls Storage Site by the Army Corp of Engineers during the public comment portion of the process due by January 5th. Ms. Witryol expressed her thanks to

the Board for support such an important clean-up for our area. Ms. Witryol also expressed her thanks to the Board for all their efforts and hard work especially during a very difficult year to handle things and always looking out for the good of the community. Ms. Witryol offered congratulations to Clerk-Treasurer Brown on her achievement as well.

With no further public comment, Trustee Quarantillo made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into Executive session at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Trustee Comerford. Roll call was taken.

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

Motion to adjourn Executive session and enter into regular session was made by Trustee Quarantillo at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Trustee Comerford. Roll call was taken:

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

Deputy Mayor Fox made a motion to authorize Mayor Reynolds to enter into an agreement with the proposed buyer of 701 Nancy Price Drive, Youngstown in the amount of \$125,000.00. Motion was seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken.

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.

With no further business, motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made at 8:11 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken.

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

Trustee Quarantillo-yes Trustee-Reisman-yes

All in favor motion was approved.