# Village of Youngstown



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# Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – February 11, 2021

**PRESENT:** Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Reisman, Chief Schuey, Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Grant Writer Rotella, Attorney Caserta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Freiermuth, Clerk Treasurer Brown, Recreation Director Gruarin, public: Eric Weiland.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

With no public comment, Mayor Reynolds continued with departmental reports.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

**POLICE:** Chief Schuey turned his monthly report in. Chief Schuey sent a draft of the police reform report to the Board and has not received feedback on it yet. If there is feedback or questions please send as soon as possible as it has to be posted to the public for a week. Once back and adjusted the Board will need to approve it at the next meeting. The Board confirmed receipt. Mayor Reynolds advised there were some grammatical errors to be corrected but that it was done well. Mayor Reynolds is to advise the correction and the reform document will be posted on our website. People can make comments and the Board will have to approve and it should be sent to the State per Chief Schuey by March 1.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Superintendent Muller reported that the benches are completed and the gazebo is also completed. Superintendent Muller reported that the DPW is currently working on installing the new doors in the gym. Superintendent Muller asked if the Board would like the flowers for the baskets this year at the same cost of \$1,081.00. Trustee Reisman stated they looked nice and asked if they were in the budget, Mayor Reynolds stated the Board could decide. Superintend Muller stated Faery's needed to know now as they are planting. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated

the approval would be for the next fiscal year as they bill in June. Trustee Reisman made a motion to approve the flowers, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

Superintendent Muller continued that the International dump truck was in for repairs again. Superintendent Muller stated he had been repairing the lift stations at the River and on Carrollwood. Attorney Caserta stated that Town of Porter Attorney Mike Dowd advised him that the lift stations will need repairing/replacing soon and wanted us to be aware. After discussion it was determined it was not regarding our lift stations, but the lift stations that we use with the Town of Porter at Fort Niagara and Swain Road. Attorney Caserta will speak with Attorney Dowd in more detail.

**ENGINEER:** Engineer Lannon reported that the scope change for the REDI project has been approved and he is waiting for the paperwork. This is a step in the right direction to get the grant disbursement agreement. Engineer Lannon will forward the paperwork for signatures when received. Engineer Lannon did note a key component is the easement agreements being signed and returned from YYC and Mr. Lohr. Mayor Reynolds advised Attorney Caserta to make sure the agreements are in place as soon as possible.

**GRANT WRITER:** Grant Writer Rotella stated that the NYS Archives grant has not been released yet. Grant Writer Rotella advised the next step in the Greenway ad hoc will be a date for a presentation, probably in the next 30 days. It will then go to the standing committee. Grant Writer Rotella stated that Deputy Mayor Fox checked on sidewalk grant, and there is one at 80/20 match, and noted that perhaps the Greenway would fund the 20 percent the Village owed. Clerk Treasurer Brown checked with him on grants for trash totes, those are available at 50/50 match. Grant Writer Rotella asked if mulch would be needed this year for the gardens, Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated yes, it would be good to get that going. The CFA is open for water improvements as well.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Building Inspector Stevens reported that he has been busy but it is small things, sheds, and fences and so on. Building Inspector Stevens advised the Board the balcony is loaded with too many heavy things and things need to be moved. Building Inspector Stevens will work with the Clerk's Office to clear things out, space seems to be an issue including in his office.

**ATTORNEY:** Attorney Caserta reported that he was advised there is a new owner for one of the Villa units that would like to make one unit into two units. Building Inspector Stevens advised he was aware and working with the owner. Attorney Caserta reported

that the YYC has dropped their assessment suit. Superintendent Muller asked if 500 Main St had contacted us back about the sewer failure. Clerk Brown advised they had not. The information will be sent to Attorney Caserta,

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the January financials had been sent to the Board. Clerk-Treasurer Brown also reported that the flood plan has been approved by the DEC and can proceed to the next phase for the public hearing which would be the March meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Brown sated that the Union has not responded to the draft pandemic plan that was submitted to them to date. Clerk=Treasure Brown addressed the storage issue on the balcony with the Board. The balcony is used for storage for many items as there is no further room in the Office. Moving what is currently up on the balcony may be an issue as there are not places left to store things. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board will need to revisit storage in the building.

**RECREATION:** Recreation Director Gruarin turned his plan for the upcoming season to the Board for comment and review. Trustee Quarantillo stated she thought the plans were good. Mayor Reynolds stated that the plans were good and flexible as we may have to make adjustments as well go along based on regulations. Recreation Director Gruarin stated the first thing up was the Nancy Price run and would need to know soon if the Board is in support of the plan as presented. Trustee Comerford advised Recreation Director Gruarin to find out what the final deadline to move forward with organization and registration for the race. Director Gruarin will advise.

### **MINUTES**

Approval of, or changes to, the Village Board meeting minutes of January 14 and work session minutes of January 28, 2021.

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

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you note received from Youngstown-Porter Community Basket program for the assistance from the Village of Youngstown for the support and help with the basket drive this year.

So noted.

Request from Andrew Leardini of Church Street regarding consideration of installation of sidewalks. Deputy Mayor Fox is gathering information and has responded to Mr. Leardini.

Deputy Mayor Fox stated that he has emailed the Board details of costs and grant info that he is currently working on.

So noted.

### **AGENDA:**

# **ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:**

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from January 15-February 11, 2021 in the amount of \$67,758.26.

General: \$37,030.63 Water: \$ 0.00 Sewer: \$30,227.63 <u>Trust:</u> \$ 500.00 Total \$67,758.26

Motion to approve the abstract of audited vouchers was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Reisman. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

## **BUILDING USE:**

Request from Friends of the Youngstown Library to use the gym Monday April 26-Saturday May 1, 2021 for their Spring book sale. Recreation Director Gruarin has approved the use. Insurance is on file.

Motion to approve the use as noted with the understanding that all regulation in place at the time must be followed was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Reisman. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Friends of the Youngstown Library to use the gym Monday November 1-Saturday November 6, 2021 for their fall book sale. Recreation Director Gruarin has approved the use. Insurance is on file.

Motion to approve the use as noted with the understanding all regulations at the time must be followed was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from YBPA to hold the O'Riordan St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday March 13, 2021 at noon. If approved insurance will need to be received.

Motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox for discussion. The Board discussed that the virus is currently more active than it was a year ago. There is also still a 50 person limit on gatherings, and it would not be possible to limit how many people showed up to watch the parade. It was noted that it would only be publicized to YBPA members, however, it was felt by the Board the news outlets could pick the information up and it would be published. As social distancing would not be monitored for enforcement, it was felt that at this time due to the regulations, the parade would not be a safe event. Mayor Reynolds called for a vote on approval of the parade. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-No Deputy Mayor Fox-No Trustee Comerford\-No

Trustee Quarantillo-No Trustee Reisman-Aye

Majority opposed (4-no 1-Aye), the parade was not approved.

# **ITEMS:**

Microsoft 365 update discussion.

Plant Tech \$379.20/yr per person- yearly charge (\$2,654.44 per year for 7 licenses)

Bus based one \$168.00/yr per person- yearly charge (\$1,176.00 per year for 7 licenses)

Buy it \$410.96 per person- **no** yearly charge (\$2,876.72 one-time charge for 7

Licenses)

The Board discussed purchase of the noted packages. The Police department is currently in need. The Clerk's Office and Building Inspector need updates as well. Mayor Reynolds also added to the discussion that the Police Department computers need to become part of the Village

Network as they were previously not part of the group as well as not having Microsoft Office. The Board discussed the best option for the update agreeing to purchase the program. The Police dept. license will be obtained now, and the remaining licenses will be purchased in the next budget year unless it can be covered in this budget year.

Motion to approve purchase if the program as noted and add the police computers to the network was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

Modern Corporation has requested that the Village switch to all recycle pickup on the same day, still a Friday. There would no longer be A week and B week, everyone would go to A week and continue every other week going forward. Request is for this to begin as soon as possible.

Modern would also like to switch the dumpster collection to on call for the winter months. Superintendent Muller has stated it would not be a problem for him. Summer months can return to weekly pick up if needed.

Mayor Reynolds discussed both issues with the Board and asked for their thoughts adding that Modern will notify the residents of the change in recycling. The Board was in support of the change in order to assist Modern with their collection costs. Motion to approve the switch of recycle pick up days to one day for the entire Village and to move to a will call schedule as needed on the dumpster effective no sooner than March 1, 2021 after Moderns notification to residents, was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Village Board will enter into Executive session following the regular Board meeting for contractual matters. The next work session will be February 25, 2021. The next Village Board meeting will be March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Reynolds discussed the email sent to the Board with the Fire co members listed. Mayor Reynolds stated that the Fire Co would like the Village to approve the membership list each year.

Motion to approve the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co member list as noted was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

Everything has been covered in the regular meeting.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to public comment again.

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

With no further public comment motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m. and enter into Executive session was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Roll call was taken:

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter into regular session was made at 9:37 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Comerford\-Aye

Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular session was made at 9:37 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Reynolds-Aye Trustee Quarantillo-Aye	Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye Trustee Reisman-Aye	Trustee Comerford\-Aye
All in favor, motion was carried.		
Submitted by:		
Wendy Brown		
Clerk-Treasurer		