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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes-March 25, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Reisman, Attorney Caserta, Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Sergeant Ullery, Officer Varney, Clerk-Treasurer Brown, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Freiermuth, Kyle Heath, Liam Robinson, Charlotte Clark, Sonora Miller, Sarah Ambrosia.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. by opening the public hearing and asking for any public comment on the police reform.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice of Public Hearing

By order of the Youngstown Village Board of Trustees a public hearing on the adoption of the Police Reform Plan per Executive Order 203 will be held on March 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The policy can be reviewed at www.youngstownnewyork.us. Contact the Clerk's Office for meeting link info.

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

With no public comment, Mayor Reynolds left the public hearing open and moved on by addressing the attendees stating that the Board continues to work on re-opening the building for use as Executive orders permit. The Board feels the building could be opened by the end of April and continues to work towards that goal. Mayor Reynolds addressed Charlotte Clark who had requested to speak.

Charlotte Clark from the Town of Porter spoke stating she is a resident of the TOP, Friends of the Library member and advocate for the library. Ms. Clark stated she was pleased to hear about the end of April thoughts on the building opening. Ms. Clark asked the Board to share communications as the plan moves forward. Ms. Clark stated they have a petition with close to 400 signatures supporting the opening of the library. Ms. Clark stated she would like other members to be able to be on the agenda for the April Board meeting. Mayor Reynolds noted Ms. Clark's comments were noted.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Reynolds called for a motion to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Trustee Quarantillo made a motion to close the public hearing on the police reform, 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.

ACTION of the Board on Police Reform:

Motion to adopt the Village of Youngstown Police Reform 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.

ITEMS:

Eagle Scout candidate Liam Robinson-update to proposal on a dog park at Veterans Park.

Liam Robinson addressed the Board with updates on his proposed dog park project. It was noted that Mr. Robinson visited the Lewiston dog park and viewed the obstacles and set up. The cost would be \$3,800-\$5,800. There has been donations received and contacting businesses and people for donation of materials and funds are part of the Eagle Scout project. The largest costs are the dog waste disposal systems and benches, trash cans. Kyle Heath spoke stating he spoke with Superintendent Muller about upkeep issues. Mr. Heath stated the DPW does not have an issue with spraying or mowing the area. Mr., Heath confirmed the Village has a dog ordinance for picking up dog waste with fines if it is not done. Superintend Muller stated they would not be responsible to take on cleaning inside the park for dog waste. The Board asked if the Recreation Commission would volunteer to clean up, Mr. Heath stated the Recreation employees could probably add this to their tasks. It was also discussed that the area is not large enough for a small dog and large dog area and that perhaps different days could be designated for each dog size. The Board asked if the obstacles were approved safety grade materials. Liam will check into this. Clerk Brown asked Mr. Heath if he received the insurance requirements for the park, and he confirmed he had. Trustee Reisman asked about the location in relation to the Mercy Flight

landing pad and what implications there could be with that. Mr. Heath thought if there was a call the Fire Company could alert the park to clear. Trustee Quarantillo suggested Liam have a conversation with the Chief of the Fire Company regarding the park in relation to the landing pad. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board is still not sure a dog park is the way to go for the Village liability, cost, maintenance, and enforcement wise. Mayor Reynolds asked Mr. Robinson what the next step is. Mr., Robinson stated if the project was approved he could start fundraising and secure his approval through his troop and council. Mr. Robinson will gather the further information the Board is asking for the next meeting.

Trustee Quarantillo-update on memorial for Stan Bailey.

Trustee Quarantillo reported that she sent an email to the Board with a description of the sign the family would like to place at the park. The sign would be 10x12 with a logo and dedication saying imprinted. Trustee Reisman asked if that would be large enough to be noticed. Trustee Quarantillo stated it is what the family asked for and cost may be a factor. Mayor Reynolds cautioned that we be sensitive to the cost of the plaque when communicating with the family. The Board is in support of the idea. Trustee Quarantillo will continue to work with the family.

Mayor Reynolds reported that he was approached by the Business Association in regards to them using a grant they receive to purchase flags for Main Street. The Board was appreciative and supportive of this idea. There may be further funds to help replace snowflakes. Superintendent Muller asked if they could be wreaths or something different than snowflakes. Superintendent Muller will speak with the Butera's regarding this request. Superintendent Muller also confirmed to the Board he would handle the dead trees on Main Street.

Trustee Quarantillo asked Mayor Reynolds if they would be speaking about the basketball nets. Mayor Reynolds advised not at this time as there was still information pending. Mayor Reynolds is waiting for a call from the NCDOH.

Budget review. Tentative budget adoption date is April 8, 2021.

The Board discussed ways to increase the contingency line. Deputy Mayor Fox asked if the lawn mower could be financed. Discussion on the AED request resulted in noting the current AED has a new battery and is working. As the flags will be purchased by the YBPA funds for the flags can be re-allocated as well. The Board agreed to move van payment money (A7620.2 \$5,000.00), AED funds (A3120.2 \$1,695.00), flag funds (A7550.4 \$1,250.00), lawn mower funds (A7140.2 \$22,000.00) to contingency and handle needed items in other ways. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will update the budget sheets. The budget hearing will be April 8, 2021 where the Board can then adopt the budget.

Mayor Reynolds stated that he and Engineer Lannon spoke with the REDI commission. DASNY dropped the ball on reviewing the change of scope. They acknowledged they have it now and things should move forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and include the Budget hearing and adoption. The next work session will be April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will enter into Executive session following the work session today regarding contractual matters.

So noted.

With no further business motion to suspend the regular meeting was made at 8:15 p.m., to enter into Executive session 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.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter into Regular Session was made at 9:25 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford.

All in favor-Aye	Opposed-none
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Trustee Quarantillo made a motion, seconded by Trustee Comerford, to approve the Boards choice of Police Chief.

All in favor –Aye	Opposed-none
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