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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – April 8, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Reisman, Attorney Caserta, Engineer Lannon, Superintendent Muller, Clerk-Treasurer Brown, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Freiermuth, Recreation Director Guarin, Karran Swayze, Charlotte Clark, Sarah Ambrosia, Mary Beth Smith, Nadine Tidwell, Judy Freiermuth, Meggie Steyn, Keith Hartloff, Eric Weiland, Sonora Miller, Lauren Morse, Santina Baker, Terry Duffy, Nancy D'Arcangelo, Greg Robertson, John Mies. **ABSENT:** Grant Writer Rotella, Building Inspector Stevens, Chief Suitor/Sergeant Ullery.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reynolds call the meeting or order at 7:00 p.m. by opening the public hearing on the budget.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice of Public Hearing

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning the following: Tentative budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022. Notice is also hereby given that the compensation to be paid to each member of the Board of Trustees from all sources remains unchanged and is as follows: Mayor, \$7,498.00, Deputy Mayor, \$6,151.00 and each Trustee, \$5,656.00. Contact the Clerk's Office for Zoom link. Budget can be viewed at www.youngstownnewyork.us.

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

Mayor Reynolds called for any public comment. Greg Robertson, President of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company spoke noting a concern over the budget amount versus the amount noted in their contract request for the Fire Company. Mayor Reynolds replied they were budgeted a 2% increase over last year. Mr. Roberston was joined by John Mies in discussions with Mayor Reynolds and Attorney Caserta. Attorney Caserta stated the difference in the amounts are covered by in kind services. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Mies did not agree with that point. Mr. Robertson asked Mayor Reynolds to meet again for discussion. Mayor Reynolds and Attorney Caserta agreed to a meeting.

With no further public comments on the public hearing Mayor Reynolds left the hearing open and moved on to the regular meeting public comment.

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

Mayor Reynolds opened the regular portion of the meeting by calling for any public comment.

Mayor Reynolds stated that he was aware of the number of people from the library in attendance and stated that at the last work session the Board stated if the numbers kept moving in the right direction the Board would look at a May 1st opening of the building. Sarah Ambrosia spoke regarding the opening of the building stating she and her friends submitted a petition in support of the opening. Mrs. Ambrosia stated she felt there needed to be better communication regarding the plan and she was disappointed in the Board to date. Mayor Reynolds stated that Mrs. Ambrosia stated she was disappointed in the communication of the Board, but the Board did communicate. The Board has to follow the mandates, the Village is not choosing this, it is required. The Board wants to open things as soon as possible within the mandates we are given which are over 100 in order 202 alone. A lengthy discussion continued between the Board, Attorney and members of the library groups. Questions were raised as to why other municipalities were open. It was noted each location has different considerations and most that are open are operating the way we are, however they do not have libraries in them. At the end of the discussion Mayor Reynolds stated that the points made were all taken and the building opening as of May 1st will continue to be the focus of the Board while facilitating communication.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Absent

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller reported that they are working on brush pick up and the trees are down on Main Street. Superintendent Muller asked if anyone knew if the pools would be filled this year at Fort Niagara. No one had information on this as of yet.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon asked the status of the easements for the YYC and Mr. Lohr. Attorney Caserta stated they would be to them by Monday. Engineer Lannon stated once those were filed we would be in good shape to move forward.

GRANT WRITER: Absent, but sent a report update. Approval was received from the Ad Hoc Committee for \$10,000.00 for the REDI project payment and we are awaiting the last presentation to the Host Committee in May. Contact has been made for the mulch donation with a recommendation of a letter May 1st. The CFA/EFC will open soon.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Absent.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta stated the court dismissed the YYC assessment challenge claim.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the property tax cap and constitutional tax limit have been filed with the OSC. March financials have been distributed to the Board and Department Heads. The water relevy has been completed and is ready to be sent to the County for inclusion to the property taxes.

RECREATION: Recreation Director Gruarin discussed his summer plan and getting pricing for more permanent signs from Modern Sign Shop. Once signs are up, basketball hoops could go up as well. Kids are already in the park at this time. Lewiston baseball may use the field this year and would only need someone to turn lights on and off. Recreation Director Gruarin talked to Superintendent Muller about scraping the field and will work with him. Proposed renovation of the volleyball courts would be easy enough to handle as the sand is still there and if the DPW can help excavate this may be a great offering to the community. Mayor Reynolds stated he is in support of the programs as noted. Trustee Quarantillo noted she was also in support and noted that the person handling yoga will not be located in the Village any longer; Recreation Director Gruarin is working on this. Recreation Director Gruarin also has a way to cap off programs for capacity issues. Santana Baker offered a name of someone that may teach yoga.

MINUTES

Approval of, or changes to, the Village Board meeting minutes of March 11 and work session minutes of March 25, 2021.

Motion to approve the minutes 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.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

With no further public hearing comments Mayor Reynolds called for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Quarantillo mad a motion to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m., 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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of resignation received from Officer Nicholas DeFelice effective April 29, 2021.

So noted.

AGENDA:

ACTION:

Motion to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, 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.

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from March 12-April 8, 2021 in the amount of \$36,807.35.

General:	\$24,924.89
Water:	\$11,738.07
Sewer:	\$ 144.39
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$36,807.35

Motion to approve the abstract of audited vouchers 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.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to return unpaid water/sewer bills with relevy fees for the quarter ending December 31, 2020 to Niagara County for inclusion to the Village property taxes for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$13,565.66 in water/sewer charges, \$3,600.00 in relevy fees, representing 24 accounts for a total of \$17,165.66.

Motion to approve the return of unpaid water/sewer to Niagara County for inclusion on the 2021-2022 property taxes 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.

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to return unpaid service bills for sidewalk repairs for quarter ending December 31, 2020 to Niagara County for inclusion to the Village property taxes for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$1,716.68, \$150.00 in relevy fee representing 2 accounts for a total of \$1,866.68.

Motion to approve the return of unpaid service bills to Niagara County for inclusion to the Village property taxes for 2021-2022 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 April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS: Deputy Mayor Fox reported he has been working with Supervisor Johnston and Legislator Myers on the bike trail.

With no further business, 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.

With no public comment motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive session was made at 8:02 p.m. 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 by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford at 10:32 p.m.

All in favor-Aye Any opposed-None

Motion to adjourn the Regular session was made at 10:32 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford.

All in favor-Aye Any opposed-None