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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Agenda – October 14, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Reisman, Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Grant Writer Rotella, Clerk-Treasurer Brown. **ABSENT:** Attorney Caserta, Engineer Lannon, Chief Suitor, Recreation Director Guarin.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting together at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, Mayor Reynolds moved on to departmental reports.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Suitor was absent, but emailed a report of statistics to the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller reported that they had trimmed trees on Chestnut, have been cutting grass, moving mulch at 707 to make room for more, and are preparing to close the parks for the winter. The Board directed to leave the bathrooms at the River open for now. Superintendent Muller advised there had been repairs to the lift station and that the fire hydrants from Fort Niagara to Swain Road have been painted. Superintendent Muller asked the Board if they would like another brush run as there is time and he has noticed several brush piles out in the Village. The Board approved the extra run.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon was absent but updated the Board via email that he will be meeting with Mayor Reynolds and Deputy Mayor Fox to review ideas on the REDI project.

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer Rotella spoke to the Board in detail regarding the grant process. The Board and Grant Writer Rotella discussed grants, timing of applications, responsibility of communication and projects. The Board agreed to work with Grant Writer Rotella on better communication and facilitating grants for needed projects. Grant Writer Rotella moved on the report on the debriefing for NYS Achieves and stated more details were needed and we will be resubmitting. Grant Writer Rotella mentioned the Cares act grants and the information that could obtain a new van for the Senior Van program. Clerk-Treasurer Brown asked if the Village would owe anything. Grant Writer Rotella stated there would be no cost to the Village.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens reported all complaints and issues are handled and things are going smoothly.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta was absent.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the September financials had been distributed to the Board. Clerk-Treasurer Brown continued that Pat Brown has submitted the AUD to the State and was wrapping up the audit. Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported on NYCOM Fall Training School, Trustee Reisman added he felt it would be beneficial to budget it each year. Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that there have been issues with the new water software, things have been corrected and the bills are all distributed.

RECREATION: Trustee Reisman reported for Recreations, stating that the ribbon cutting for the new Dog park will be October 19th at 3:30 p.m. The Recreation Halloween Party will be Saturday October 30th from 1:00p.m.-3:00 p.m. rain or shine at Falkner Park.

MINUTES

Approval of, or changes to, the Village Board meeting minutes of September 9, 2021.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from September 9-October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$276,631.01.

General:	\$209,554.80
Water:	\$ 23,096.26
Sewer:	\$ 42,479.95
Trust:	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total	\$276,631.01

Motion to approve the abstract of audited vouchers was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried.

ITEMS:

Opening use of the LED sign to groups/individuals for a fee to “advertise” a message. Board to review for approval.

Motion to approve the use of the LED sign was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

Set Halloween trick or treating date and hours.

Motion to set the hours for Sunday October 31, 2021 from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request for renewal of Raising Fowl permits for the following applicants:

Kristel Stevens, 580 Lockport St

Kyle Heath, 421 Lockport St

Application specifications remain the same as from 2020. No complaints have been received for any of the applications. Renewal of the permit would be valid from October 24, 2021-October 24, 2022.

Motion to approve the permits was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor. Motion was carried.

Re-adoption of local law 2-2021- Local Law allowing the Village of Youngstown to opt out of the provisions of Section 131 of the Marijuana regulation and Taxation act of 2020 adopted September 9, 2021.

Mayor Reynolds explained that we needed to print a notice of referendum and therefore were re-adopting the law. Motion to approve the adoption of Local Law 2-2021 was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Discussion continued on the potential revenue loss. The Board feels as we can only opt out now, we need to and can address any situation in the future if need. All in favor of adoption of Local Law 2-2021, motion was carried.

Official Approval of fire hall members listed as of 2/3/2021 per membership list provided by the YVFC.

Motion to approve the submitted list of member dated February 3, 2021 by the YVFC was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Reisman. Mayor Reynolds stated we needed to do this as in the past we had not approved members, in order for them to be official and covered, the Village must approve them. Going forward, new members are now submitted to the Village Board for approval. All in favor of approval of the noted members, motion was carried.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the Independent Health Medicare renewal for January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022. Rates are decreasing \$2.63 per month and will be \$391.98 monthly.

Motion to authorize Mayor Reynolds to sign the contract was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to move \$30,979.00 from NYCLASS savings (previously collected funds) for payment to the BAN representing water other funds. To also move no more than \$100,000 from the NYCLASS water savings account to pay the balance of the BAN with KeyBank.

Motion to approve the noted financial transactions was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

BUILDING USE:

Request from Town of Porter Recreation to use the Cora Gushee room on Friday's through 2021 for chair yoga from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Insurance is on file.

Motion to approve the use of the Cora Gushee room for yoga was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Ray Barry Entertainment to use Veteran's Park for the Village Music Fest on August 5 for set up, August 6 for the event and August 7 for cleanup. A special use permit will be issued for this event.

Motion to approve the use of Veteran's Park for the Music Fest was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. The Board discussed the fees for a special use permit for purposes where the event is for profit. Deputy Mayor Fox discussed concerns about the grounds being restored to pre-event conditions in the event of rain or other issues. Ideas were waivers to be drawn up and signed to cover this, and amounts for the permits. The Board would like MR. Barry to attend the work session October 28th to discuss plans and issues. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will contact Mr. Barry.

ENGINEERING RECOVERY COST REGULATIONS:

Attorney Caserta is putting wording and figures together for the November-(absent for October) meeting.

Attorney Caserta was absent and this will be reviewed at the November meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a work session meeting October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as Thursday November 11th is Veteran's Day.

So noted.

The Recreation Department's Halloween Party and Parade will be Saturday October 30th starting with the parade at 1:00 p.m. The party will start after the parade in Falkner Park.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Mayor Reynolds reported the YBPA order new lights for the light pole for the holidays; however, with the shipping and shortage issues they may not be here in time. The regular snowflake lights will be used. Mayor Reynolds also reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a blender at Brickyard on 10/21 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. with a cost of \$10.00; Mayor Reynolds does have 5 complimentary tickets if someone would like to attend.

Trustee Quarantillo reported that she met with Dave Smith of the Youngstown Free Library Board in regards to their proposal for the Village to raise the tax levy .10cent/\$1,000.00 for an increase of \$9,613.00 that would then be directed to the library to cover payroll expenses. This would be in addition to the contribution the Village makes of charging \$1.00 rent per year from the Library, no charge for water, heat or electric, storage, and the programming room use. Trustee Quarantillo stated that they did discuss other options the Library could look at for funds such as things similar to the Cash Bash, raffle tickets and so on. Mr. Smith advised Trustee Quarantillo that the Library Board was not looking at those options at this time. Mayor Reynolds stated that we are under the 2% tax cap limitations per State regulations. The actual increase is specified by the Comptroller's office each year and does not usually hit the 2% cap, it is usually under it. If the Village gave that large a portion of the tax levy to the Library, the Village could not operate with what; if any would be left (the tax cap levy growth factor for 2021 was 1.0131 or 1.31%) The library proposal is 1.354%. tax levy to be direct to them which the Village could not do. Trustee Quarantillo will advise Mr. Smith of the Board decision.

Trustee Comerford reported that the YBPA honored Pat Stack from Somewhere with the 2020 Business of the year and presented him with proclamations. The Youngstown Market and Barkers Outdoor have joined the YBPA The St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for 3/18/22. The YBPA mentioned how nice the new flags on Main Street look. The next meeting will be January 1, 2022 at Ray's.

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

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

With no public comments motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made at 8:13 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer