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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes-October 28, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Reisman, Building Inspector Stevens, Chief Suitor, Clerk-Treasurer Brown. **ABSENT:** Attorney Caserta, Superintendent Muller, Trustee Quarantillo.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the students in attendance to the meeting.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the yearly lease agreement with RCR Yachts for boat storage on the North Dock area from October 15, 2021- May 15, 2022.

Trustee Comerford made the motion to approve the authorization to sign the lease, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried.

Approval for Superintendent Muller to have a tree removed in front of 233 Lockport Street in the amount of \$1,700.00 by Arbor Tree. The tree is hollow and poses a risk.

Motion to approve the tree removal was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution to adopt June 19th as the date yearly for the [Juneteenth National Independence Day](#) holiday a US federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States and add said date to the official Village of Youngstown holiday list. The Village of Youngstown wishes to acknowledge and commemorate **June 19, 1865:** the day that Union Army Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and told slaves of their emancipation. That day came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the [Emancipation Proclamation](#) on January 1, 1863. Even after Lincoln declared all enslaved people free on paper, that hadn't necessarily been the case in practice.

Motion to approve the resolution as noted and adopt June 19th as an official holiday for the Village of Youngstown was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried.

ITEMS:

Joule -Community Power- Tom Harty: Presentation

Tom Harty made a presentation to the Board. Mr. Hardy addressed the Board with information about the company he represents, Joule. They offer 100% clean, renewable energy at lower rates. There will be an immediate discount to residents. There is no cost to the Village, and you can handle this on your own, or sign up with one of the four companies, like Joule who administer the program. After 5 months you owe nothing and can opt in if you would like, or go no further. Lowest price is guaranteed and locked for 2 years. Joule is currently talking with Porter, Town of Niagara, Niagara Falls, and us. A co-op could be made as a group of these communities and possible even better pricing. A law must be passed for exploration. The Board thanked Mr. Harty and will take the proposal under consideration.

Barry Entertainment-Village Music Festival

Ray Barry of Barry Entertainment spoke with the Board regarding the Village Music Festival slated for August 6, 2021. The Board and Mr. Barry discussed details of the event and are in agreement to hold the event at Veteran's Park. The special use permit fee will be \$100.00.

Motion to approve Barry Entertainment to hold the Village Music Festival on August 6, 2021 was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday November 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular work session meeting for litigation and contractual matters.

Mayor Reynolds discussed the requirements for required sexual harassment training. There are several people that have not completed the training and Mayor Reynolds directed that the training should be completed by all as soon as possible.

Building Inspector Stevens discussed a generator for AT&T that was not approved as part of the original permit. There are concerns with setbacks and placements. Building Inspector Stevens will get the permit info to AT&T and with the Board approval; work with AT&T to get things through and in order for Monday 11/1. The Board was in agreement with this.

With no further business, motion to adjourn the work session and enter into the Executive session at 8:27 p.m. was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter into the work session was made at 9:42 p.m. by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

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Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer