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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – January 13, 2021

1/10/22: The Board meeting is moved to ZOOM due to the high number of COVID cases in WNY.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reynolds called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by opening the public hearing and explaining that the meeting was moved to Zoom due to the high rate of COVID cases. Mayor Reynolds noted that he hopes the next meeting can be back to in person.

PUBLIC HEARING:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice is hereby given that the Youngstown Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 240 Lockport St, Youngstown, NY, for the purpose of hearing all interested parties in regards to the adoption of local law 1-2022, Engineering Cost Recovery Law. A copy of the law is available at the Clerk's Office and is posted on the Village website at www.youngstownnewyork.us.

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

There was no public comment. Attorney Caserta suggested leaving the public hearing open in case someone joined late.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion to close the Public hearing was made at 7:53 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.

REGULAR MEETING:

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

Mayor Reynolds asked for any public comment for the regular meeting. With no public comment Mayor Reynolds moved on to Board reports.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Sutor reported that he is cleaning up paperwork with DCJS. There are currently 26 officers listed on our roster. Chief Sutor noted that the Police Dept. received \$6,000.00 in donations and due to the high incident of vandalism would like to utilize the funds for surveillance on properties in the Village. Chief Sutor is working with the Village IT person on implementation. Water Street will need to be addressed with cell service equipment as there are issues with signals.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller asked the Board about their decision for repairs to the 2013 van. The Board discussed the option for fixing the van. The Board agreed the van should be repaired with all coils being replaced at this time. Superintendent Muller reported that the dump truck has been repaired. Superintendent Muller continued advising the Board the DPW will fix the fence posts at Falkner Park and the quote to repair could be disregarded. Superintendent Muller reported that the extra clutch for the leaf machine has been repaired and the DPW will begin to paint the shop. Superintendent Muller noted someone is driving to the back of the dog park leaving the grounds torn up; he and Trustee Reisman will keep watch. Trustee Reisman asked about the brush pile. Superintendent Muller advised the company that is handling the grinding machine broke down and it should be cleared soon.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon provided an update to the Board on the new REDI project for Water Street noting the cost estimates to correspond with the project. Deputy Mayor Fox asked about the contingency line and if more projects should be identified. Building Inspector Stevens added a dry hydrant inlet and storm water outlet may want to be added. Grant Writer Grasso added that the contingency amount is appropriate due to all the supply issues. Trustee Reisman asked what the drop dead date is for submission of the project. Engineer Lannon advised Spring, and Grant Writer Grasso stated the Village should be fine getting the project submitted in time. Grant Writer Grasso also noted he has contact for administration of the REDI grant and will gather information.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens reported things are quiet, with some sheds and roofs being done. Trustee Quarantillo asked about an update on the market. Building Inspector Stevens stated they are still working on it and there are financial considerations and some drawings still needed. Building Inspector Stevens also reported that the Griffon is moving along and he is waiting for some drawings for that location as well.

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer Grasso reported that he will be attending the 1/27 work session to cover the Village's needs. Grant Writer Grasso asked if a meeting with the Fire Dept. could be arranged as we fund them and he could assist with funds for them as well that would save them money on their Grant Writer. Mayor Reynolds stated a meeting could be arranged. Grant Writer Grasso noted the grants that he and Clerk-Treasurer Brown are working and continues to keep looking for them to open.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta reported that he spoke with US Geological Survey regarding their request to place a gage at the North Dock. Attorney Caserta reported that the Village would not be responsible for damage or upkeep and that for placement of the gage, they would prefer option A.

Motion to approve option A for installation noting that the US Geological Dept. must work with Building Inspector Stevens and Superintendent Muller with the understanding that there is potential that this is not an opened ended timeframe for the structure as the future use of the area may change. Motion 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.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that December financials had been distributed. It was noted that agendas are to be published 48 hours prior to the meeting so new items may be added once the meeting is held.

Clerk-Treasurer Brown addressed the Board for an approval to make a budget adjustment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to A2708 and A7140.4 for the receipt of the donation for the Police Dept.

Motion to approve the budget journal adjustment was made by Trustee Quarantillo, 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.

Clerk-Treasurer Brown noted that the easement agreement for 645 Main Street is due for Claudia Andres and there are new parties, Bridget Dedario to enter into the agreement. Attorney Caserta spoke and confirmed he had spoken to Mrs. Dedario and she wanted to engage in the agreement.

Motion to authorize Mayor Reynolds to sign the lease agreement for 645 Main Street for Andres and 720 Main Street for Dedario was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. 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.

RECREATION: Trustee Reisman reported that the Winter Recreation program has started back up follow protocols. The game room has been set up and the PS4 is up and running. Recreation would like the carpet replaced and painting to be done and are looking into grants for funding this project. The next meeting will be at the end of January and there are plans to create a 3 year plan. Grant Writer Grasso will work with the Commission. Trustee Reisman continued that the Commission will continue with planned improvements to the dog park and that they hope to have an outdoor hockey clinic in February for hockey skills with some food served. Mayor Reynolds added the information that an air purifier has been ordered for Recreation Snack Bar area that will filter the whole area.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from December 10, 2021- January 13, 2022 in the amount of \$30,978.99.

General:	\$ 26,390.94
Water:	\$ 4,084.68
Sewer:	\$ 503.37
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$30,978.99

Motion to approve the abstract of audited vouchers was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. 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.

APPROVAL:

Mighty Niagara Half Marathon has requested Saturday October 1, 2022 for their race. The event will follow the same route with the start at Artpark and finish at Porter on the Lake.

Motion to approve the date for the Marathon was made 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.

Request from USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) to place a river gage on the Niagara River at the North Dock in the Village of Youngstown with direction of preference of placement.

Handled under Departmental reports.

Mayor Reynolds asked for a motion regarding the Engineering Cost Recovery local law 1-2022,

Motion to adopt local law 1-2022, Local Engineer Cost Recovery 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next work session will be January 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be Thursday February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Village Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular meeting regarding contractual items.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Comerford reported updates from the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber lent the Village of Youngstown costumes for Christmas in the Village. There are several new businesses and several event cancellations. You can refer to the Chamber website for information. The YBPA has postponed their next meeting until April.

Mayor Reynolds reported that he, Deputy Mayor Fox, and Supervisor Johnston met with Tom Hardy and his associate from Joule Energy regarding their proposal on solar energy. Upcoming would be the need to adopt a local law allowing Joule to do a study that will take 6-8 months. A liaison/administrator from the Village will need to be named as well.

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

With no further reports Mayor Reynolds moved to closing public comment. With no public comment, motion by Trustee Quarantillo was made and seconded by Trustee Comerford to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive session at 8:12 p.m. 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 8:38 p.m. 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 choose scenario B in the amount of \$4,500.00 from SMG appraisal for 120 Lockport Street was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, 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.

Motion to adjourn the Regular session was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford at 8:40 p.m. 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.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer