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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – February 10, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Reynolds then 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 reported that the 5K run for the Stone Jug went well. There is a 5K run on 3/12 and the St Patrick's Parade on 3/19. Mayor Reynolds mentioned the route change for the 5K on 3/12 and Chief Suitor advised he was ok with the changes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Absent

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon reported that the REDI project is moving forward. The next step will be to handle the SEQR type 2 process via resolution at the work session. Once things are submitted it should be 4-12 weeks for approval. The design phase cannot begin until things are approved.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens reported that everything is in order.

GRANT WRITER: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the NYS Archives Grant is open and she has contacted Grant Writer Grasso. Clerk-Treasurer Brown also stated she followed up on the template for Senate member money from Grant Writer Grasso. Mayor Reynolds added that a letter for contact to the Business owners on Main was to be sent as well.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta reported that the sewer agreement with TOLWW is the same as last year and is fine to approve. Attorney Caserta stated the new easement for 723/727 Main Street is good for the Village to have as it offers some protection for liability and revenue. It will

be the same as the current easements the Village has. Attorney Caserta will forward the letter and easement agreement to the Clerk's Office.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that the AARPA funding information had been shared with the Board. January financials were distributed. Clerk-Treasurer Brown also noted that the budget spreadsheets have all been sent to the Department Heads to handle.

RECREATION: Trustee Reisman reported that the Nancy Price Run will be on May 6th at 6:00 p.m. this year as there are numerous races on the first Saturday in May. Mayor Reynolds asked if people would come to a race Friday night and then another Saturday. Trustee Reisman stated that people that race will do multiple races close together. Trustee Reisman continued noting that spring activities of kickball and volleyball will be coming as well as some signs for the dog park. Thoughts of updating the space for Recreation have been discussed as well. There will be 2-3 seats open the Recreation Commission.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from January 14- February 10, 2022 in the amount of \$95,965.72.

General:	\$44,501.76
Water:	\$22,902.00
Sewer:	\$25,561.96
Trust:	\$ 0.00
Total	\$95,965.72

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

ITEMS:

Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the 2022 Sewer User Annual Agreement with Lewiston Water Treatment. Agreement remains the same as last year.

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

Discussion regarding 527 Third St and fines for noncompliance to sewer inspection codes.

Attorney Caserta gave a recap of the codes and issues. Language in our codes do not allow us to collect fines. The Village needs to update the codes. Issues on this property are that the transfer was within a family and the Attorney, who is a family member didn't feel any of our requirements were applicable. Attorney Caserta stated that the Village is correct because it is a new owner in the home, therefore the sewer inspection and tax search should have been performed. Attorney Caserta will obtain some further information and advise handling of this situation. Attorney Caserta will work on new codes regarding this situation and have it to the Board for review for the March 10, 2022 meeting.

Authorization for a budget adjustment to move \$48,502.00 from NYCLASS savings, street equipment account 0006 for purchase of new shared street sweeper equipment to A5110.2.

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

Approval for ordering retirement gift for Eric Wieland not to exceed \$75.00

Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Comerford. Clerk-Treasurer Brown added that the quote is higher than the allotted amount, and employees would make the monetary difference up. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the agreement with the new auditing firm based on prior proposals submitted to the Board not to exceed \$13,000.00.

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

BUILDING USE:

Request from the Friends of the Library to hold their spring book sales in the gym May 2-7 2022 and the fall book sale October 31- November 5, 2022. There are no conflicts with the use dates and insurance is on file.

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

Request from YBPA to hold the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 19, 2022 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Hinman to Main to the Stone Jug/Falkner Park. Street closure is requested with extra police/security for the street closure. Insurance is being covered by TOP.

Clerk-Treasurer Brown added that the insurance has not been received yet, and that the Town of Porter is to send it once they receive it from their carrier. Motion to approve the use pending receipt of insurance was made by Deputy Mayor Fox, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Niagara Pioneer Soccer to use the John Calvert room on Saturday February 26 and Saturday March 26, 2022 for in person registration. Updated insurance is to be sent.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next work session will be February 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be March 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor Fox stated the he shared a template from Joule with the Board regarding the next step in the Solar initiative. A resolution will be needed to allow Joule to start the research phase, and this does not obligate the Village in any way. Mayor Reynolds added he feels this is the next logical step and the Tonawanda, Niagara Falls, and the Town of Porter are reviewing to enter this stage as well. The more communities that join, the less expensive things are. The resolution will be handled at the next work session.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Comerford reported that he attended the Chamber's opening for Jill's Playyard noting that there is office space available for rent there. The YPBA meeting will be 4/12 and there is a business blender February 17th. Trustee Comerford inquired about the Senior Van program and starting it up again. Deputy Mayor Fox agreed we should look at this again, noting we still need drivers. Trustee Comerford would like to drive. Mayor Reynolds and Clerk-Treasurer Brown will arrange interviews for the driver applications received. The Clerk's Office will touch base with former riders to gage the need for the van and what services may be provided when. Attorney Caserta asked about protocols. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated the van was sprayed and had Lysol wipes and masks were worn. The drivers are responsible to sanitize the van. Information will be gathered and a date set to re-start the program.

Mayor Reynolds spoke about generating additional revenues for the Village and not just relying on property tax dollars Mayor Reynolds asked that Trustee Reisman and Trustee Quarantillo work on identifying ways revenue could be generated from the building or any other means. Mayor Reynolds added that all Board members should be thinking of ideas on this subject.

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

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Debbie Fox of Lockport Street asked how the owners of 527 Third Street took occupancy of the property if they did not have all the proper requirements fulfilled. Attorney Caserta stated that as it was a family transfer they did not have issues that the documentation was not completed.

With no further comments, motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:17 p.m. by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer