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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – April 14, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Fox, Trustee Comerford, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Reisman, Attorney Caserta, Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Recreation Director Guarin, Clerk-Treasurer Brown. **ABSENT:** Chief Suitor, 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 public hearing by reading the hearing notice as noted below.

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 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning the following:

Tentative budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year commencing June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023.

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. Budget can be viewed at the Clerk's Office or at www.youngstownnewyork.us.

Mayor Reynolds opened the hearing to public comment.

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

CLOSE HEARING: With no public comment Mayor Reynolds asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns. With no questions or concerns Trustee Quarantillo made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting to regular public comment.

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

With no public comment, Mayor Reynolds moved onto new hires.

NEW HIRE:

Introduction/approval of DPW Laborer position-Lara Pallone.

Mayor Reynolds introduced Lara Pallone to the Board as the new DPW Laborer. Lara will start with the DPW on Monday April 18, 2022. Everyone welcomed Lara.

Motion to approve Lara Pallone for the position of PDW Laborer was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion was carried.

Approval of Senior van Drivers Neil Fabiano and Stuart Comerford.

Motion to approve Neil Fabiano and Stuart Comerford for van driver part time positions was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Trustee Comerford abstained from the vote. Trustee Reisman, Trustee Quarantillo, Deputy Mayor Fox all voted aye.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Sutor was absent and did not provide updates.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller reported that the plows are off the trucks. Superintendent Muller addressed the Board regarding vandalism in the parks and around the Village. Trustee Reisman noted the Chief was not present but perhaps the police bikes would be a good solution as the Officers could be visible and be in the parks. Deputy Mayor Fox noted that the rise in vandalism shows the Police Department is needed in the Village. Superintendent Muller continued noting that the fence in Falkner Park has been repaired. Mayor Reynolds asked Superintendent Muller about his request for lawn spraying in Falkner Park. Superintendent Muller confirmed that this needed to be done as the weeds take over. Superintendent Muller was asked what company he recommends out of the quotes provided. Superintendent Muller recommended Evergreen.

Trustee Quarantillo made a motion to use Evergreen for the spraying at Falkner Park. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded. Trustee Reisman asked if the cost of \$2,000.00 was only for Falkner Park. Superintendent Muller confirmed it was. The Board discussed the benefit of getting another employee certified to spray. The cost of the class and license needs to be researched. All in favor, motion was carried.

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon reported that the REDI application is under final review for the updated project. Engineer Lannon reported that we need to coordinate with SHPO and that he took some pictures of the area to submit.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens reported everything is in order. Mayor Reynolds asked about the required reporting for NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code report. Building Inspector Stevens advised he was working with the State on the filing.

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer Grasso was not in attendance and did not provide updates.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta advised an Executive session regarding a settlement was needed.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported the March financials had been distributed to the Board and Department Heads. Clerk-Treasurer Brown noted the Office is busy with Elections, tax preparation, budget filings, water billing and relevy items.

RECREATION: Recreation Director Gruarin reported that the winter program has ended and that the program was very successful. The summer program is being planned out and the old volleyball court at Veteran's Park has been uncovered. Trustee Quarantillo noted what a great job Recreation Director Gruarin has done with the programs.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from March 11-April 14, 2022 in the amount of \$127,050.95.

General:	\$ 68,767.97
Water:	\$ 26,792.32
Sewer:	\$ 31,490.66
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$127,050.95

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

ITEMS:

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to return unpaid water/sewer bills with relevy fees for the quarter ending December 31, 2021 to Niagara County for inclusion to the Village property taxes for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$17,762.83 in water/sewer charges, \$3,750.00 in relevy fees, representing 25 accounts for a total of \$21,512.83.

Motion to approve the return of unpaid water/sewer bills and relevy fees was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Trustee Reisman asked when the Village would see this money returned. Mayor Reynolds asked Clerk-Treasurer Brown to advise. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated the amounts will be placed on the June 2022 tax bills. If the tax bill is not collected by the end of October, the bill is sent to Niagara County to collect and those funds are returned to the Village in April of the next year (in this case April of 2023). All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to sign the 2022-2023 Independent Health contract. Contract rates increased \$10.68 for the contract year.

Motion to approve the signing of the Independent Health contract was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion was carried.

BUILDING USE:

Renewal of the lease agreement for the John Calvert room from Julie Perreault. The current lease ends May 31, 2022, monthly fee is \$150.00 and it was a 6-month renewable lease.

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

Request from the YVFC to use Veteran's Park baseball diamond for a 3 fire company games on Saturday July 16 at 5:00 p.m. Insurance is to be provided. Recreation Director Gruarin has approved the use.

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

Request from the YVFC to use Veteran's Park baseball diamond for 7 weeks on Tuesday's beginning 5/10/22 through 7/19/22 at 6:00 p.m. Insurance is to be provided. Recreation Director Gruarin has approved the use.

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

Request from Town of Porter Story Hour to use the gym on Tuesday's from 6/28/22 through 7/26/22 from 9:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Recreation Director Gruarin has approved the use. Insurance is on file.

Motion to approve the use for story hour was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from St. John's Episcopal Church to borrow tables and chairs for their Strawberry Festival in June.

Motion to approve the use of the tables and chairs was made by Trustee Comerford, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Superintendent Muller will assist with delivery. All in favor, motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT:

Per the recommendation of the Village of Youngstown Recreation Commission, approval of Kristel Stevens to the Recreation Commission Board. The Recreation Commission unanimously accepted her at the February 28, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve the appointment of Kristel Stevens to the Recreation Commission was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried. The Board congratulated Kristel.

ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

Action of the Board regarding the hearing on the Budget.

Trustee Quarantillo made a motion to adopt the 2022-2023 budget as presented, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next work session will be April 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Comerford reported that he attended the YBPA meeting on 4/13 and updated various events that will be held. The Street Dance will return 6/23, concerts at Falkner Park will start in July, Town of Porter will have Porterfest in July and St John's will have their Strawberry Fest this year.

Mayor Reynolds reported that we participated in the Niagara County Hazard Mitigation call on April 8th. There are updates that Mayor Reynolds will submit that are due by the end of the month. Mayor Reynolds discussed with the Board a request for a resident to use a room in the building for dog scent training. The Board was in agreement and a waiver will need to be signed. Attorney Caserta will forward the waiver. Mayor Reynolds also noted that Niagara County has informed the Village that we need to appoint a historian. The Board will take this into consideration.

Building Inspector Stevens reported that Tom Reese, owner of the Bistro is working on securing the ice coolers in the parking lot to avoid further vandalism.

With no further Board reports, 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, Trustee Quarantillo made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into Executive session at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion was made at 7:58 pm. By Trustee Quarantillo to adjourn the Executive session and enter into Regular session, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to authorize the acceptance of the Villa Condominium settlement on the pending lawsuit in the amount of \$22,000.00 payable in 30 days was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made at 7:59 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.