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## Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes– April 28, 2022

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

### CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AUTHORIZATION:

Approval for the Mayor to sign the Annual Software Support Contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Municipal Account & Budget Preparation Software for May 1, 2022-April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$1376.00. This amount is split evenly between the Clerk's Office, DPW, Police and Recreation Departments.

A motion to approve the contract with Williamson was made by Trustee Comerford and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion approved.

Approval for the Mayor to sign the lease agreement for RCR to store boat cradles at the southwest corner of Veteran's Park from May 1, 2022-October 31, 2022. Each cradle/dock/trailer is stored for \$25 each for the season.

A motion to approve the lease agreement for RCR was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval for the Mayor to sign the lease agreement for Youngstown Yacht Club to store boat cradles at the southwest corner of Veteran's Park from May 1, 2022-October 31, 2022. Each cradle/dock/trailer is stored for \$25 each for the season.

A motion to approve the lease agreement for Youngstown Yacht Club was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF RECORD OF ACTIVITIES:**

Approval from the Board for the Record of Activities for H. James Sutor, Chief of Police, for New York State Retirement for January 16-April 16. This three-month documentation of time worked will provide NYS Retirement an overview to determine the monthly service credit allowance for this position.

A motion was made to approve Chief Sutor's Record of Activities as presented by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **BUILDING USE:**

Request from the Town of Lewiston Recreation Department for baseball games in Veteran's Park on Thursdays from June 9-July 28, 2022 starting at 5:30 p.m. Recreation Director Guarin has approved the use and insurance is on file.

A motion to approve the use by the Town of Lewiston Recreation Department was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Old Fort Niagara Association was granted their Explosive Magazine Certificate by the State of New York, Department of Labor through April 30, 2023.

So noted.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Cold Storage Building

A brief discussion occurred about the issues of youth breaking into the cold storage and the liability concerns of the building and property.

Attorney Caserta stated that the Village needs to repair breaches as quickly as they are seen and suggested that the DPW keep a log of inspections where each day they walk the perimeter to verify that everything is in place and document that inspection. Trustee Reisman stated that the "No Trespassing" signs need to be much larger (they are about the size of a piece of paper currently) and located in numerous locations around the building and on the fence.

Multiple ideas and suggestions were discussed and it was decided that Mayor Reynolds would contact Engineer Lannon as well as Code Enforcer Stevens to develop a scope to demolish the

building to determine if it is feasible. In the meantime, Attorney Caserta stated again that the perimeter must be kept closed and breaches fixed upon inspection as needed.

- **Vandalism in the Parks**

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the vandalism at Falkner and Veterans Park that has taken place within the last few months and ways in which to reduce the problem. Although no formal action was taken, Chief Sutor agreed that the police officers need to be more visible and if needed, more officers need to be hired to work night shifts. Live feed cameras will be installed as soon as they are back in inventory. The Niagara County Sheriff's Office is aware of the issues within the Village.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board meeting will be May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next work session will be May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

A correction was made that the work session is Thursday May 26, not May 28 as stated in the agenda.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion carried.