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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – May 12, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Lois Kaminski addressed the Board with concerns regarding Lion's Park and potential vandalism. The Lion's Club is working to restore and improve the park and are investing a great deal of time and money along with support from the Village and Village DPW. Mrs. Kaminski reported that someone chalked all the memorial bricks and although the chalk washed off; she is concerned what may be next. A lengthy discussion continued regarding concerns and solutions. Mayor Reynolds stated that patrols have been increased with the Village Police Department and the Sheriff's Dept. Mayor Reynolds has asked the community and businesses to get involved and report things if they see them. Cameras will be installed at various locations in the Village as they are available.

John Stevens of Lockport Street informed the Board of another break in to the old Bistro on Main Street. Things have been secured at this time. Mr. Stevens urged the Board to act quickly to get the vandalism under control by stepping up patrols and continuing to ask the community to get involved and report things as they happen.

With no further public comment, Mayor Reynolds moved on to Board reports.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Suitor was absent

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller reported that all the Recreation Depts equipment is here and they have hauled the sand for the updated Volleyball Court. Superintendent Muller advised that the backhoe repairs are complete and it should be back Friday. The sewer damage that Mayor Reynolds had noted to Superintendent Muller was repaired (someone is putting plastic sticks in the sewers and it is blocking them) occurred at another location and has also been repaired. Trustee Comerford asked if the lights are working at Vet's Park, and Superintendent Muller reported they are. Deputy Mayor Fox asked about the

sink hole on Main and Superintendent Muller has confirmed it has been patched. Superintendent Muller reported that the bathrooms have been opened and for now are being closed at the end of the work day.

ENGINEER: Absent-updated via email that we are still waiting on SHPO. The submission was April 25, and it usually takes about 30 days to hear.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Stevens provided an update on Youngstown Marketplace. The business should be opening in approximately two weeks. Building Inspector Stevens made a suggestion to the Board that all rentals in the Village be posted on our website/Facebook page. Mayor Reynolds advised as a Municipality we do not handle real estate items. Building Inspector Steven stated we are business friendly and this may be a good idea. Mayor Reynolds advised we would research it. Mayor Reynolds asked if the State report had been filed and Building Inspector Stevens confirmed it was.

GRANT WRITER: Absent

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta reported that the Villa lawsuit has been settled and the payment is in hand.

CLERKS OFFICE: Clerk-Treasurer Brown reported that April financials have been distributed. The Clerk's Office continues to work on elections, budget and tax preparation. The Senior Van program will resume the week of May 23.

RECREATION: Trustee Reisman reported for Director Gruarin. The Nancy Price Run was moved to Friday evening and went well with 105 registered participants. Thanks to the Fire Police and Police Department for the assistance. The summer programs are being planned. The volleyball court is being restored and the tennis court will be worked on. The new Frisbee Golf course will be ready to enjoy for the summer as well.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from April 15-May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$49,749.62

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| General: | \$45,760.68 |
| Water: | \$ 0.00 |
| Sewer: | \$ 3,988.94 |
| <u>Trust:</u> | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Total | \$49,749.62 |

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

ITEMS:

Letter of resignation received from Officer Jeffrey Bissell from the Police Department effective April 28, 2022.

So noted.

APPROVAL:

Notice of election of membership received from the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co that Garry Bluhm has been approved as a probationary member. Mr. Bluhm resides in Youngstown and has satisfactorily completed all requirements. Request for resolution for approval of Mr. Bluhm to the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company.

Motion to approve the resolution for approval of Garry Bluhm to the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Approval for Terri Carlo as Election Inspector-Democrat for the May 17, 2022 election. Melissa Szarszewski is unable to serve as an inspector.

Motion to approve Terri Carlo as Election Inspector was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Reisman. All in favor, motion was approved.

Request by Tracy Burnham for a memorial bench for her father Gordon Burnham to be placed at the River. Superintendent Muller approved the placement.

Motion to approve the request was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fox. Mayor Reynolds asked Superintendent Muller if it would be the same as the others and Superintendent Muller confirmed it would. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for Mayor Reynolds to renew the Niagara River Anglers lease for 2022-2023 at a rate of \$300.00.

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Comerford, Seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. Building Inspector Stevens addressed the Board asking if they wanted to renew this for an entire year at the \$300.00 rate and noted that they may want to consider alternate leases. A discussion continued noting that it was short notice to not renew and that perhaps if there are other interests in the building, a proposal could be submitted and both entities could use the building. The Board was in agreement at this time to renew with the River Anglers. All in favor, motion was carried.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution that the 2022-2023 Village of Youngstown budget be accepted as adopted April 14, 2022 and there be levied against the real property of the Village of Youngstown the following sum: for Village Government for the fiscal year 2022-2023 a tax rate of \$7.517375 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; for the general fund \$733,076.00 and for the Mayor to sign the tax warrant.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next work session will be May 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be June 9, 2022. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular meeting for contractual issues.

So noted.

The Village Election will be held at 240 Lockport Street on May 17, 2022 from noon-9:00 p.m.

So noted.

VFW Post 313 will hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony at the 1812 Cemetery at Fort Niagara at 11:00 a.m. on Monday May 30, 2022. There will be a wreath dedication and Lewis Custode will be performing with his trumpet. All are invited to attend.

So noted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Superintendent Muller advised the Board that the hanging baskets are ready but will not be placed until Memorial Day due to the weather fluctuations.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Quarantillo reported to the Board that she had been working with Recreation Director Gruarin on rental of the gym. They have arrived at a figure of \$300.00 for the rental, with a \$100.00 deposit required. A contract, and insurance waiver would need to be signed. The calendar would be kept by the Clerk's Office, and there would be no alcohol. Trustee Quarantillo would like to see half of the money be directed to recreation and the other half to a DPW equipment fund. Deputy Mayor Fox noted that the funds were supposed to be for the General fund and used as a revenue source for the Village as needed. There are lighting costs and heating costs to consider with the rental. Trustee Quarantillo and Director Gruarin will work with the Clerk's Office to continue the development of the plan. There was also discussion about what to charge charitable groups and community groups. This will be worked out in further detail. The Board was in support of the plan and moving forward.

Trustee Comerford reported that he attended his last Chamber meeting. They are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for the person that is the next liaison. There are 5 new businesses joining the Chamber. The next business blender in 6/30. The YBPA will be holding the annual Street Dance. Clerk-Treasurer Brown reminded Trustee Comerford that the paperwork needed to be turned in for the event.

Deputy Mayor Fox reported he attended the ribbon cutting for the Wilson REDI project for their new pier. The chalk mural in Falkner Park will be getting a plaque and more chalk. Deputy Mayor Fox donated

\$600-\$700 dollars to the mural for installation and initial chalk. The next round of chalk will be provided by the group.

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, motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford at 8:13 p.m. to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive session. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter back into the regular session was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Comerford at 9:08 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular session was made by Trustee Quarantillo, at 9:09 p.m., seconded by Trustee Comerford. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer