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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – August 11, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Heath, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Stella, Trustee Stevens, Attorney Caserta, Superintendent Muller, Engineer Lannon, Building Inspector Stevens, Officer Emmons, Clerk-Treasurer Brown. **ABSENT:** Recreation Director Guarin, Grant Writer Grasso.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reisman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Reisman then opened the public hearing.

Open Public Hearing: Mayor Reisman opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. reading the following notice.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown will hold a Public Hearing on the 11th day of August, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Village Hall 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown New York for the purpose of considering an Amendment to Section 145-4 of the Village Code as is set forth below:

Local Law 3-2022:

Section 145.4 shall be amended to add:

Section 145.4 A (1) (b) will become 145.4 A (1) (c) as currently written.

Section 145.4 A (1)(b) will become: The operation of such sound production or reproduction device between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays in the Waterfront Commercial District in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 75 feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located.

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

Mayor Reisman explained that the proposed change to the local law covers the waterfront commercial district which runs from Hinman down Main to William Street area and down to the river. Mayor Reiman then called for public comment.

Rick Lohr of 435 Main St asked what the current hours are. Mayor Reisman replied they are currently 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Mike Stella 358 Carrollwood asked what audible was and who interprets it. Attorney Caserta stated the code has been written as such since he has been the Attorney (20 years). Mr. Stella asked about decibels. Attorney Caserta stated that decibel levels could be look at for the future.

Mr. Lohr spoke stating he lives in the district, and owns rental properties as well. Mr. Lohr stated he felt if you live in the district, you know it's commercial and a certain amount of noise is expected. Mr. Lohr stated he felt that the hours should be extended to midnight for Friday and Saturday and to 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights for the Stone Jug's mic night. Mr. Lohr feels this would not bother people, and the sound could be kept down as well. Mr. Lohr feels this would keep foot traffic up in the Village and he has the El Dorado coming as well and would like to promote business. Mayor Reisman stated it would be taken into consideration and at this time the code is for 11:00 p.m. and will see how things progress.

Sue MacNaughton 435 Main Street addressed the Board stating she is a resident and business owner. Ms. MacNaughton stated Main Street used to be alive and vibrant with music and noise. Ms. MacNaughton continued that she tries to promote the area and feels Main St should not be blocked. Ms. MacNaughton stated music is an indication of vibrancy. Ms. MacNaughton continued with a story of an open mic night and a local teenage band that brought family and friends to support them. The band was 9th in line for the night and ended up not being able to perform because it was past 10:00 p.m. and Ms. MacNaughton stated she felt bad they were not allowed to perform.

Mayor Reisman stated that if events are scheduled that will go beyond hours, they can file a request for a permit to extend the hours. Trustee Stella discussed time frames and hours and stated the hours can be revisited but this is a good start for a change.

Henry Sloma 366 Carrollwood addressed the Board stating that the key point is to enforce the hours. Mr. Sloma heard the music until 11:30 p.m. currently, and feels this is a good place to start. Mr. Sloma stated noise is subjective, he can hardly hear the Board. Trustee Stella stated there needs to be a standard and officers need equipment to monitor the noise level and that you can operate devices without noise and we can see how the summer goes.

Close public hearing: With no further public comment a motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath at 7:17 p.m. to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion was carried.

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

Mayor Reisman then opened the meeting to public comment for the regular portion of the meeting.

Sue MacNaughton 435 Main Street addressed the Board stating a reminder that next Thursday 8/18 is the Third Thursday on Main Farmers Market. There is a special for Everything Youngstown of a 10% discount and the amount of the discount is matched and donated to the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company.

With no further public comment Mayor Reisman moved on to departmental reports.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Department Heads turned in their board reports.

POLICE: August 8th, 2022 Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Police Report for July 2022 – Submitted by Sgt. J. Ullery PATROL REPORT 1. YPD provided 196 hours of car patrol coverage between the month of July & August (7/3/22 and 8/5/22). 2. All calls for service are logged and recorded with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, E-911 Dispatch including house/business checks and vehicle stops, as well as EMS calls assisting the Fire Company. Village Calls - 41 8 – Calls for assistance from NCS/D/Lewiston Police/Parks Police (provide back-up) 8- Outside Village Calls – Town of Porter (closest car) Events - Youngstown Yacht Club's Cam Am 7/23/22 -7/24/2022 – Event went well Traffic Stops – 17 4- Citations for Vehicle & Traffic Violations during the month 13- Drivers received cautionary warnings (Residents) 1 – Arrest Arrests - 1 – Adult (AUO) Premise Checks - 212 Including building checks, park checks, water street docks and problem areas- cold storage, Old Fort Inn-Vacant buildings Parking Issues - 1 – Water Street – During the Yacht Club's Cam Am Recovered Property – 3 Bikes, 1 Apple Watch – Department still attempting to locate owners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Worked on sidewalks ● Grass cutting ● Brush pick up ● Worked on lift stations ● Two men went paving and helped out Lewiston (3days) ● Fixed wood on dock at the North End ● Paved water line repair ● Water samples sent to the Falls ● Working on sidewalk repairs (Dirt repair) ● Got porta potties cleaned up and reset ● Truck at the shop to be fixed #18-04 ***Would like to see maintenance program on AC's in village center.

ENGINEER: we have the executed GDA for the REDI project!

We have initiated the design process

We need to obtain some additional survey information near Water Street and Main Street (north)

I am meeting with our Team to establish a project schedule this week and I hope to have the schedule to present on Thursday evening.

Engineer Lannon provided an update stating that we have passed a big hurdle. A tentative schedule will be the design phase now through the fall. Construction bids early winter with award late winter. Contractor will start as soon as they can spring. Goal is to be completed by July.

GRANT WRITER: Absent-no report submitted by deadline

BUILDING INSPECTOR: 6). Building permits were issued

3)ongoing property maintenance issues are in the process of being resolved.

1) PM court date has been referred to town of Porter court . Date was set as 3 . August.

(Respondent did not show) new court date set as 7.September.

As an addition to my report and after a conversation with the Village attorney, I would like to add a discussion regarding a current (and future) abandoned vehicles complaint to the agenda and the boards opinion on our actions.

Building Inspector Stevens addressed an update with the Board regarding a long-term problem trying to remove an abandoned vehicle from a property. Attorney Caserta suggested he present the issue to the Board. The vehicle is falling apart with flat tires and objects blocking it in.

Building Inspector Stevens stated if he pursues a court path, it can take many months. Our code states a letter can be served by the Village Clerk and the vehicle can be towed. Mayor Reisman stated he had reviewed the code and it needs updating but he is in agreement with following the code as stated. Building Inspector Stevens advised this goes back 5 years, where the owner would register and insure the vehicle to be able to keep it there, but now it is in operable and is visibly unable to be operated. The owner stated they needed another week after receiving the Building Inspectors notice and that has come and gone. Mayor Reisman stated we should follow the code thoroughly and respectfully. Attorney Caserta added there are two choices up to his discretion and felt the Board needed to be aware. Mayor Reisman asked Officer Emmons if the Police could assist when it is time for removal. Officer Emmons stated they do it all the time as Officers in Lewiston and it would not be a problem. Building Inspector Stevens will move forward with the Clerk sending the notice.

ATTORNEY: S curve: We now have it surveyed and a legal description. The parcel is ready to be advertised for sale.

CLERKS OFFICE: We continue to work with the audit team on closing out the fiscal year. There are some reports from the State that we are waiting for to complete the process.

The Office continues to collect taxes, and water bills, along with daily activities.

Working with Attorney Caserta on the S curve sale.

Coordinating the applications for the Labor Day Parade.

The Planning Board will be meeting on Monday August 15th for two minor subdivisions.

RECREATION: Falkner Park

4 more weeks left

Events have all been good with good feedback

Vets

2 more weeks of programs left

After that we will plan family style events after August 11th

Ex; Kickball, staff hand out equipment for “open park”

Frisbee golf clinic/grant will be August 16/17 from 4:15-5:45

22 kids signed up as of now

Winter

Waiting for staff school schedule to pick out the 3 days that we will be open....

Will have program sign ups in the next couple weeks

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from July 15-August 11, 2022 in the amount of \$93,237.83.

General:	\$46,979.31
Water:	\$ 8,371.46
Sewer:	\$35,237.06
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 2,650.00</u>
Total	\$93,237.03

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

ITEMS:

Action of the Board regarding the public hearing for Local Law 3-2022.

Motion to adopt Local Law 3-2022 as presented was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

Greenway Bike Path update on phase 1 for the Village.

Mayor Reisman stated the Greenway would like to connect with the Village. Deputy Mayor Heath detailed the proposal stating the Village has been working with Greg Stevens on requirements. Phase 1 included signage on the actual road indicating the route of the trail. The trail will connect the local communities. There is an opportunity for businesses to be listed as bike friendly and Mr. Stevens will be meeting with the YBPA to bring the information to local businesses. Mr. Costello of the Stone Jug asked if there is a separate lane, Deputy Mayor Heath advised it is a shared roadway that will have a stencil on it directing people along the route. Ms. MacNaughton of Main Street asked if there could be a bulletin board with businesses listed so people are aware. Mayor Reisman added QR codes could be used and these ideas will be talked about as the project progresses. Mark Fox of Lockport Street added that he had worked on this project and suggested a guardrail for the area over near the DPW property so no one goes off the trail. Mr. Fox added Mr. Stevens is aware of this.

APPROVAL/NOTATION:

Request from the Recreation Commission for approval of member Robyn Wyno to the Commission. The Commission approved Ms. Wyno on July 16, 2022 unanimously.

Motion to approve Robyn Wyno to the Commission was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. Trustee Quarantillo stated she would contact Ms. Wyno and have her get her paperwork in to the Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion was carried.

Drew James has been hired as DPW Laborer effective July 18, 2022 as approved by Mayor Reisman and Superintendent Muller.

Motion to approve Drew James as Laborer was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Approval of Bruce Andrews as Chairman of the Planning Board as appointed by Mayor Reisman effective July 25, 2022.

Motion to approve Bruce Andrews as chairperson was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Village of Youngstown (40419) hereby established the following standard workday for the title of Recreation Director (part time) and will report the officials to the NYS and Local Retirement based on their record of activities.

Jeff Gruarin April 30-July 29, 2022 6 hour standard workday 10.50 days/month

Motion to approve the resolution as noted was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Stevens. Roll call was taken:

Mayor Reisman-Aye Deputy Mayor Heath-Aye Trustee Stella-Aye
Trustee Quarantillo-Aye Trustee Stevens-Aye

All in favor, motion was carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Stella reported that the Chamber is looking to fill a position. Jazz fest is in planning and there are various ribbon cuttings schedules. The next meeting is September 14th. Trustee Quarantillo asked about the ribbon cutting for Youngstown Marketside; it has not been scheduled yet.

Deputy Mayor Heath reported that he is meeting with the President of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company to get acquainted.

Trustee Quarantillo would like to finish up the rental of the gym process. Trustee Quarantillo reported that recreation at Vet's has finished up and it was a great success; there is a petting zoo at Falkner Park Friday.

Mayor Reisman thanked everyone for coming out and for their time. Mayor Reisman reported that if you had Verizon cell coverage, there was an outage due to work on the antennas on the tower and things were restored in the evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Village Board meeting will be September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular meeting for litigation matters.

With no further business, Trustee Stella made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into Executive session at 7:50 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter into regular session was made by Trustee Quarantillo at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular session was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stella at 8:14 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.