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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – October 6, 2022

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

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 by reading the notice below.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Open public hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR A PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE FUNDING OF THE DEMOLITION AND CLEAN UP OF 701 Nancy Price Dr. Youngstown NY 14174.

Please take note that pursuant to the Empire State Development Corporation's guidelines for funding proposals, the Board of Trustees for the Village of Youngstown will hold a public hearing in the Board room, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown NY 14174, on October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss designating the property at 701 Nancy Price Dr. Youngstown NY 14174, for funding consideration for rehabilitation under the Restore New York program. Copies of the material related to the details of the funding are available for inspection in the Village of Youngstown Clerk's Office, 240 Lockport St Youngstown NY 14174, during regular business hours, phone 716-745-7721.

Mayor Reisman opened the public hearing to public comment.

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

Jennifer Dick of Elliot Street addressed the Board asking why the building was being demolished and if there were plans for what would replace it. Mayor Reisman advised we are pursuing a grant that would demolish the building and that the Village would then have the option of selling the property if desired. Mayor Reisman explained that those were items the Board will be working on to address once a decision has been made on the awarding of the grant.

Susan Bray of Campbell Street addressed the Board stating that she has lived in the Village for approximately a year and wonders when the building is taken down, how the asbestos would be managed and how neighbors would be informed. Mayor Reisman stated that this would be an asbestos project and all requirements would be met to handle any removal of asbestos properly.

The Village will adhere to all regulations and the professionals brought in for the handling of the demolition will address any information needed with neighboring properties.

Dotty Riordan of Second Street addressed the Board reviewing the steps taken with the property in the past. Mrs. Riordan stated the EPA had cleared the site and given a favorable review. Mayor Reisman stated there is still putty in the windows and pipe wrap to deal with. Mrs. Riordan asked if a structural engineer had been consulted yet and that in 2003, she took a tour of the building and the elevators were not usable back then. Mayor Reisman stated it is 2.2 acres and that the site would have to sit after demolition but this grant gives us a path for the future of the property.

Mrs. Dick addressed the Board again stating she is in favor of the demolition and was there anyone she could contact in support of the grant for the Village. Attorney Caserta advised our State representatives would be most helpful in that aspect.

Deb Fox of Lockport Street addressed the Board asking if the grant match was 50/50. Mayor Reisman advised it was 90/10 in our favor with a \$500.00 application fee.

With no further public comment Mayor Reisman asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. Trustee Stella stated the Village had been dealing with this for a long time with people trying to preserve the building for years. Trustee Stella stated it was a beautiful building and perhaps something could be preserved, but past attempts at sale of the parcel was with 15-year tax breaks or sale of a \$1.00 for a viable piece of land and that does not benefit the Village.

Trustee Stevens stated that the Village going after this grant could take months to years. Trustee Stevens stated there was a bid over the summer that was an opportunity to remediate the area and the offer was not taken up. Trustee Stella stated the offer was for \$1.00. Trustee Stevens continued that it is a safety issue and the Village does not have time to wait for a grant. Mayor Reisman stated and RFP was published per the Attorney's recommendation and no proposals were received in response. The proposal received in May was not part of the RFP process. Mayor Reisman continue that Assemblyman Morniello contacted him regarding the Restore NY grant and felt it may be beneficial for the Village. Building Inspector Stevens reviewed the fact that a proposal was given to the Board per their request. Mayor Reisman stated it was the last meeting before the new Board took office and no action had been taken on the proposal. Mayor Reisman stated he is hopeful the Village will receive this grant which will allow us to retain ownership of the 2.2-acre property to handle as best fits the Village.

Mike Stella of Carrollwood Dr addressed the board stating this had been going on for 20 years and asked why it had not been condemned. Mr. Stella stated he was glad to see it being addressed now.

Susan Bray addressed the Board again stating the Village is about 2,000 residents and did the Board know the consensus of what everyone felt, especially of the history of things. Mayor Reisman stated the response is a mixed bag and for example Woodcock Brothers looked at the property for rehab but felt that the building was too far gone for rehab. Mayor Reisman stated we need to look forward. Building Inspector Stevens stated there have been numerous proposals over the years the ground clean up cost was too high for the contractors. Building Inspector Stevens offered to put a timeline together of past proposals. Mayor Reisman stated we are moving forward and will hopefully be awarded the grant. Notice should be received by January.

Close public hearing.

With no further discussion, motion was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.

Mayor Reisman then opened the regular meeting to public comment.

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

Susan Bray addressed the Board and noted that she spoke with former residents that came back to visit and noted how the Village looks better than ever. Ms. Bray also noted that Campbell Street was recently paved and it is beautiful and the DPW does a great job.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Police Report for September 2022 – Submitted by Sgt. J. Ullery PATROL REPORT 1. YPD provided 162 hours of car patrol coverage between the month of September and October (9/1/22 and 10/2/22). 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 - 36 3 – Calls for assistance from NCSO/Lewiston Police/Parks Police (provide back-up) 4- Outside Village Calls – Town of Porter (closest car) Events - Labor Day Parade – Canceled due to Weather Traffic Safety – Bus Patrol first few days of School (Patrol 7am) Traffic Stops – 21 1- Citations for Vehicle & Traffic Violations during the month 0– Traffic related Arrests Arrests - 1– Adult - Harassment 0 – Juvenile Premise Checks - 191 Including building checks, park checks, water street docks and problem areas- cold storage, Old Fort Inn-Vacant buildings Parking Issues - 1 – Water Street Recovered Property 1 – Bike There were no further questions for Sergeant Ullery and he had no further report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Muller was absent, but sent his report. Attention Village Board, here is my DPW report:● Prepping roads for paving● Cut Main Street● Watered plants● Cut dog park● Cut Parks● Trucks to get NYSI● Brush pick-up● Working

on brick sidewalks● Paved roads DONE● Cleaned more sewers● Fixed sidewalks: Main St & Lockport St● Worked on lift stations●Went for parts for lift stations

ENGINEER: Engineer Lannon was absent but sent his report in: the base mapping has been completed and we are underway with design efforts

GRANT WRITER: Grant Writer was absent, no report received

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building permits issued: 5 Complaints : 1 , (resolved) Completion of the Western New York Stormwater Coalition Annual Report. As we have done in the past, we will post this on our website, make it available in the office, and two things need to go on the agenda,

- 1) an announcement that these are available to the public.
- 2) Authorization from the board for the mayor to sign the report.

I will forward the report to the other board members and answer any questions they may have.

Building Inspector Stevens added that there is a resident on Main who was planting in the median area which is a code issue. He has made contact with them but would like the Board to advised how they would like the issue handled. Mayor Reisman stated we will review the code and handle accordingly.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Caserta did not have items to address via report.

CLERKS OFFICE: We are preparing the sexual harassment training links to send to everyone. This needs to be completed by October 20, 2022. You will see an email from NEOGOV. If you have completed the training elsewhere, please forward a copy of your certificate. Water bills for October have been mailed. Tax bills will be collected through the end of October, any outstanding bills after that date will be turned over to the County for collection. We continue to work on coordinating the grants in process. The Clerk's Office had no further reports and there were no questions.

RECREATION: Director Gruarin was absent but turned in his report. **Fall/Winter** Open Gym Monday /Wednesdays has seen a few kids. Crafts/Games started last week and had a couple kids at each. Registration for Fall basketball will open this week. Winter Hockey will open around December Toddler time has been busy the first 2 weeks and I expect it to grow as well as the rest of the programs once the weather turns in a couple weeks Halloween Party is Saturday October 29th 1-3 PM with registration at 12:30The family disc golf clinic was a success and saw approx. 25 people. Mayor Reisman added that the 9 hole disc golf is working on being finished and the Greenway has been interested in the endeavor. Fall and Winter programs and sign ups are in process.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from September 8-October 6, 2022 in the amount of \$44,341.35.

General:	\$37,334.14
Water:	\$ 6,063.48
Sewer:	\$ 943.73
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$44,341.35

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

ITEMS:

BUILDING USE:

Request from the Youngtown Volunteer Fire Co to use our folding chairs for pick up on 10/28/22 for their sportsman raffle on 10/30/22.

Motion to approve the use of the chairs was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Alison Dorries to use the Cora Gushee room on Monday and Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. to hold a high fitness class. Insurance has been received.

Mayor Reisman added that the fee will be \$25.00 per month. Motion to approve the use as noted with the addition of a fee of \$25.00 per month through the end of 2022 was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella.

Request from Youngstown-Town of Porter Christmas Basket program to use the John Calvert Room on Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the use as noted was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

RESOLUTION:

Request for resolution pursuant to NY Village Law section 10-1006, for approval of Alan T. Reid as a member of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company. The Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company has accepted Mr. Reid as a member of the fire company as of September 13, 2022. Mr Reid resides on Blairville Road in Youngstown.

Motion to approve the resolution for membership to the YVFC was made Trustee Stella, seconded Stevens. Roll call was taken:

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

With four Aye’s resolution was approved and carried.

RESOLUTION:

Request for resolution for support of the 2022 New York State Development Corporation (ESDC) for the Restore New York Grant Program from the Remediation of the Cold Storage Building project in the Village of Youngstown with the Village Board meeting at 240 Lockport St, Youngstown, NY 14174 on October 6, 2022.

WHEREAS the State of New York, New York State Development Corporation (ESDC) is soliciting applications from local governments under Restore New York Communities Initiative Grant Program for Remediation of the Youngstown Cold Storage Building in the Village of Youngstown, NY.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the Village of Youngstown is hereby authorized and directed to file an application with New York State Development Corporation (ESDC) under Restore New York Communities Initiative Grant Program for Remediation of the Youngstown Cold Storage Building Project in the Village of Youngstown, NY.

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

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

With three Aye’s motion for resolution was approved and carried.

APPROVAL:

Request for renewal of Raising Fowl permits for the following applicants:

- Kristel Stevens, 580 Lockport St
- Kyle Heath, 421 Lockport St

Application specifications remain the same as from 2021. No complaints have been received for any of the applications. Renewal of the permit would be valid from October 24, 2022-October 24, 2023.

Motion to approve the fowl permit for Kristel Stevens was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. Trustee Stevens abstained from the vote. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to approve the fowl permit for Kyle Heath was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. Deputy Mayor Heath abstained from the vote. All in favor, motion was carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Stella reported that the Chamber is contemplating its role and revisiting their logo. They are looking for volunteers and assistance with running programs and are struggling to find enough assistance. The next meeting will be 10/12/22.

Trustee Stevens reported that the library fall book sale will be 11/3-11/5/22. The meat raffle has been cancelled by the Friends of the Library. Trustee Stevens reported on the informational meeting held at the YFVS hall regarding second amendment rights and the new gun laws. Over 100 people were in attendance and to was good information and clarification on the new laws.

Deputy Mayor Heath reported that he met with the President of the YFVC September 15th and was given a tour. Deputy Mayor Heath thanked everyone for their efforts on the Restore NY grant. Deputy Mayor Heath reported that he continues to work on the T-Mobile grant that will benefit the dog park at Veteran's Park.

Mayor Reisman reported that the Lion's Club has informed the Board that they would like to implement their White Cane Sale again. They will be at the intersection of Main and Lockport Street, the date has not been set. The Board is in support of this endeavor. Mayor Reisman also reported that he met with the Lion's Club and there will be upcoming information on park improvements. Mayor Reisman also reported that the Greenway will be holding an informational meeting on 10/11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hill of Beans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Village Work Session will be October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be November 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular meeting for litigation matters.

So noted.

The Greenway Bike Path committee will hold an informational session on October 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Hill of Beans coffee shop, 440 Main Street, Youngstown, NY. All are welcome to attend this informational session on the proposed bike path.

So noted.

With no further business, motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive session was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath at 7:40 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter into regular session was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stella at 8:37 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular session was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stevens at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion was carried.