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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes – October 27, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Heath, Trustee Stella, Trustee Stevens, Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, Attorney Caserta, Clerk-Treasurer Brown.

ABSENT: Recreation Director Guarin, Sergeant Ullery, Trustee Quarantillo

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

ITEMS:

Approval of Karen Noonan as the Village of Youngstown Historian.

Mayor Reisman advised the Board that the Village is required to have a historian. The position is volunteer. Mrs. Noonan has been a long-time resident, is part of the Historical Society and has a great deal to offer the Village in the position. Motion to approve Karen Noonan as Historian was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Western NY Affiliate for approval to designate November 17, 2022 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Motion to approve November 17, 2022 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Town of Porter Recreation to hold chair yoga in the Cora Gushee room on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. through the end of 2022. Insurance is on file.

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

Request from Youngstown Lion's Club to use the Board Room every third Tuesday beginning November 15, 2022 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. through 2023. Insurance is on file.

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

Request for Youngstown Lion's Club to use the Board Room on November 29, 2022 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for a Cash Bash meeting. Insurance is on file.

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

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the annual Medicare insurance plan for Independent Health for January 2023-December 31, 2023. The plan is will increase \$11.73/month and has been budgeted for.

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

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the annual lease agreement with RCR Yachts for storage from October 15, 2022 through May 15, 2023.

Motion to approve the authorization was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. Trustee Stella asked Attorney Caserta if the lease exposed the Village to any liability if any of the stored boats were damaged. Attorney Caserta confirmed the lease protects the Village and it is just the lease of land to RCR. With no further discussion; Mayor Reisman called for the motion to continue. All in favor, motion was carried.

Approval for the Mighty Niagara Half Marathon and Hospice 5K Dash to hold their annual race on Saturday September 30, 2023. The same route with a start at Artpark and finish at Porter on the Lake.

Motion to approve the date was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to move funds from NYCLASS 01-0757-0007 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a required minimum balance in the new REDI checking account H200.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the biennial easement agreement with Kent and Laurie Frey, 565 Water Street in the amount \$100.00 per year running November 2022-2024.

Motion to approve the authorization was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Discussion:

Fee schedule for Zoning and Planning hearings. Currently the fee structure is \$100.00 for a meeting to be held. However, costs to the Village are exceeding this amount for both meetings. Proposal to raise the meeting fee to \$150.00 per meeting which would include an ad up to \$50.00, any cost above \$50.00 the difference will be charged to the applicate.

Mayor Reisman asked for any discussion. The Board understood the need and was in agreement. Motion to approve the change in the charge for a Zoning or Planning hearing was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Items for moratorium. Currently there have been moratoriums on cell tower construction, ground solar panels, wells, wind turbines, and repeaters on telephone poles. Review of those moratoriums and possible reinstatement.

Mayor Reisman asked Attorney Caserta to address the moratoriums. Attorney Caserta stated that the ground solar moratorium was put into place several years ago to be able to look at other municipalities and trends with the installation. Attorney Caserta stated that he felt there is not a large enough vacant land area to hold a large solar farm in the Village. Issues of residential solar ground installation were discussed included reflection of light, reflections melting things and disposal. Building Inspector Stevens stated he attended a recent class with Niagara County and will forward the details to Attorney Caserta. Deputy Mayor Heath asked if things could be addressed separately and added the owner should be responsible for disposal. Attorney Caserta advised each item can be addressed. Mayor Reisman added that there may be a benefit to the Village to look at solar panels that mount to poles to run street lights to benefit from a savings there. Attorney Caserta will look into all of these avenues Mayor Reisman will check with the Grant Writer to see if there are any grants available on solar for us.

Attorney Caserta discussed cell tower construction. Code reads that nothing can be constructed with a fall zone that could touch something. Attorney Caserta feels this may not need to be reinstated as code already addresses the issues there were concerns about. Attorney Caserta will check in to this further.

Wind turbines-Attorney Caserta stated there were the same concerns about fall zones with these. The Village could establish specifications for installation of wind turbines. Attorney Caserta will gather further information on this.

Wells-Building Inspector Stevens stated in the past wells became an issue that people would tie them into the sewer system creating several issues. Building Inspector Stevens stated he feels they can serve a use, but inspection would need to be routinely made to ensure they have not tied into the sewer system. Deputy Mayor Heath asked if rain barrels or storage type tanks could be used to gather water to water flowers etc. Building Inspector Stevens stated that the Stormwater Coalition has a rain barrel program. Attorney Caserta will research and advise.

Telephone pole repeaters-Attorney Caserta will check into more details on this subject,

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board meeting will be November 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the work session regarding contractual and personnel matters.

So noted.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the work session and enter into Executive session at 7:28 p.m. was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn Executive session and enter into work session was made at 8:32 p.m. by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the work session was made at 8:33p.m. by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer