

# Village of Youngstown

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## Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – December 8, 2022

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Reisman then 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, Mayor Reisman moved on to departmental reports.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**POLICE-** On Thursday November 17, 2022 at approximately 10:30hrs I Joseph Paul was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Village of Youngstown. Since that time several changes have taken place. First order of business that I would like to bring to light was the resignation of two Patrol Officers and possibly a third. Officer Anthony Nicoletti, Officer Jonathan Emmons, Officer Salvatore A. Paonessa has turned in his Badge and Key to the department to Sgt Ullery but as of yet has not turned in a letter of resignation. In order to maintain and provide the Youngstown Community with the proper Police coverage this writer has been in communications with Mayor Reisman to this effect In December, At the request of this writer two new weapons safes have been secured for the department. One safe will be used to secure the departments patrol weapons (rifle and shotgun) and enough ammunition for each weapon that Patrol Officers can sign out during their duty shift. The second safe with a second combination will be off limits to Officers and will hold additional ammunition along with non-duty weapons. Evidence lockers. New locks are being purchased for the three evidence lockers. This is the first step in the proper handling of evidence. Evidence must be secured in a clean and noncontaminated area until it has been properly and

legally disposed of. Although these changes appear to be minor, they are a necessary step looking towards accreditation.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Brush Pick up, leave Pick up, Grass cutting, worked on lift stations, got new Christmas lights together, working on plow trucks, doing mark outs, Fixed swing at Lions Park, Getting price on new Dump Truck \*\* (Will take around a year and a half to get. Need to order ASAP) Price on lawnmower \*\* (need to order ASAP) Tree removed on Main Street.

**ENGINEER:** The Joint Application for Permit will be submitted to the USACOE and the NYSDEC this week. It will also be sent to Amy D of the REDI Commission for consistency with NYS Department of State. The civil design is well along and we are ramping up the electrical design for the pumping station

**GRANT WRITER: No report submitted**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** 11/22 -1 permit for a roof

**ATTORNEY:** Recreation Committee: I met with the recreation committee on November 21. I believe I answered all of their questions. S Curve: I believe we are in a position to now market the property. Subdivision Regulations: I am aware we need to revise the minor Subdivision regulations. I am prepared to work with Amy and the Board to accomplish the same.

**CLERKS OFFICE:** The November financials will be ready this week. The office has been working on events for Christmas in the Village. The Office will be reexamining the procedure for lot line redistributions and minor subdivision by reviewing the code book and implementing changes as necessary. Water billing will be prepared for mailing for the thirty-first of December.

**RECREATION: Fall/Winter** Basketball has 2 classes left. Turnout has been great and the feedback has been good. Hockey signups will be posted around the Christmas walk time for January start. **Christmas Walk** We have the crafts ordered and candy canes as well Crafts will be in one room and Santa in the other. We will hand out reindeer dust to the kids along with a candy cane when they visit Santa. After the Christmas walk, we go in to a couple week break. **Miscellaneous** Waiting on the grant from Christine for 13-disc golf holes through Ralph Wilson. Chivettas planning at the next meeting.

Mayor Reisman asked if there were any additional reports or information from any of the Department Heads. With no further information Mayor Reisman moved on to agenda items.

**AGENDA:**

**ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:**

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from November 11-December 8, 2022 in the amount of \$76,620.53.

General:	\$ 72,606.72
Water:	\$ 475.33
Sewer:	\$ 3,538.48
H-Cap	\$ 0.00
Trust:	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 76,620.53

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter of resignation received November 21, 2022 from Officer Anthony Nicoletti effective immediately.

So noted.

Letter of resignation received November 29, 2022 from Officer Jonathan Emmons effective November 30, 2022.

So noted.

Letter of resignation received from Officer William Varney December 6, 2022 effective immediately.

So noted.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$17,255.00 for the REDI project payment number 1. Debit to H3089 and Credit to H1440.4 for 10/31/22.

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

**ITEMS:**

Request for motion to abolish the Sergeant position in the Youngstown Police Department.

Motion to approve abolishing the Sergeant position for the Youngstown Police Department was made by Deputy Mayor Heath, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request for motion for a moratorium on ground solar devices effective immediately within the Village of Youngstown until June 30, 2023 for the purpose of creating a local law regarding the governing of said devices.

Motion to approve the placement of the moratorium for ground solar panels was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request from Wieland Greenhouse to supply the plants for the 2023 flower baskets. Pricing will remain the same at \$70.00 a basket with 17 baskets grown. Village baskets are used.

Motion to approve Wieland Greenhouses as supplier for the 2023 flower baskets was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

Trustee Stella reported that the Chamber of Commerce is still in the process of rebranding. The Lewiston Christmas walk was very successful. The Chamber is also still seeking to fill an Office position.

Trustee Stevens reported that there is a program with National Grid for electric vehicle chargers at little or no cost to the applicant. National Grid covers 90% of the costs. There is an EEC grant that may be available to help with additional costs that runs from June-September. National Grid is willing to come to a meeting to speak on details of the project. Trustee Stevens also reported that the American Rescue Plan from 2021 can help to alleviate costs from the pandemic. Funds were received based on population. Lewiston and the Town of Porter have given a payments to employees as part of the program. Niagara County has as well. Mayor Reisman advised it is something we can look into for part of the use from the funds.

Deputy Mayor Heath thanked the Board for allowing his absence to attend the Gala for the Chamber in November and noted it was a successful event. Deputy Mayor Heath noted that the Fire Company held its elections on Sunday and the new Chief is Eric Wieland and President remains the same with Virginia O'Neil.

Trustee Quarantillo reported that the Recreation meeting involved meeting with the Village Attorney to review the by-laws they are updating. There are some questions that need to be addressed to move forward. Trustee Quarantillo added the Christmas in the Village event is this Saturday and encouraged all to come out and support the Vendors and enjoy the day.

Mayor Reisman reported that everything is ready for Christmas in the Village. Mayor Reisman continued that the YBPA requested the snowflake lights be left up through February. Clerk-

Treasurer Brown added that the contract with National Grid would need to be extended in order to leave the lights up. This will be looked into. Mayor Reisman added that a resident was concerned with the speed in the area of Bloody Run and let Chief Paul know of the concern. Mayor Reisman introduced Police Chief Joseph Paul to everyone and congratulated him.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Village Board meeting will be January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board Work Session will be January 26, 2023. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular meeting for litigation matters.

So noted.

Christmas in the Village will take place Saturday December 10, 2022 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be horse and carriage rides, vendors at the Christmas market, a visit from Santa, activities with Recreation, The Historical Society and the Youngstown Free Library. Visit our business district as well for some great Christmas shopping.

So noted.

The Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company will be holding their Christmas Parade on Saturday December 17, 2022 starting at 12:00 p.m.

So noted.

With no further business, Trustee Quarantillo made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter back to the regular session was made at 8:13 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to approve the authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the annual Sewer Use Agreement for the Town of Lewiston Water Pollution Control for 2023 was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion was carried.

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

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer