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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes – January 12, 2023

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Reisman opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. reading the following notice.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning a water rate increase of .20 cents per 1,000 gallons effective for January 1, 2023 water usage. This is a pass-through increase from Niagara County Water District. Water rate will increase from \$4.65/1,000 gallons to \$4.85/1,000 gallons.

Mayor Reisman opened the hearing to public comment.

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

DISCUSSION: With no public comment, Mayor Reisman called for any discussion from the Board. With no discussion Mayor Reisman called for a motion to close the public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion to close the public hearing was made at 7:03 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Mayor Reisman moved on to public comment for the regular portion of the meeting.

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: All Department turned monthly reports in.

POLICE: Police Report for December 2022- Submitted by Police Chief Joseph Paul
Patrol Report:01. Since our December meeting the Police Department has lost all but two of its Officers with one of the two Victor Muto being injured and not available to work for 12 weeks. The second Officer Derek Fideli has been unable to work during the month of January. In addition, we have received a letter of resignation from Officer Salvatore A. Paonessa. The letter was turned over to the Clerk's Office and a copy was placed into Officer Paonessa's work file. Former Sgt Ullery has turned in his department-issued weapon, badge, Keys, and uniforms. 02. Despite the setbacks the Department has been making progress. A new security lock has been installed on the door to the office and the combination to the Officer's gun safe has been changed. 03. The contents from the evidence lockers have now been properly documented and photographed. 04. The drug evidence that had been placed into the lockers (pass the statute of limitations) that also included Marijuana and paraphernalia have been destroyed by the Niagara County Lab and again documented with return receipts.

Chief Paul added that he has met with the City of Niagara Falls regarding the gifting of two police vehicles. This must be approved by the City Administrator at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Pick up light; Pick up leaves still; Did a pickup of brush; Sucked up leafs in park; Fixed lights on main street and at Fulkner Park; Repaired stairs at Village center; Changed oils on equipment; Fixed pot holes; Fixed lights on poles; Plowed and salted; Changed oil on lawnmowers; New tires on backhoe; Repair plow on 18-04; Repair salter; Meter work; Working in board room daily.

ENGINEER: We are advancing design and plan on submitting a draft set of documents to the REDI Commission and the Village later this week.

GRANT WRITER: Seeking replacement for Jettner's services for the archiving grant. Waiting for replies. We should be able to go ahead and purchase the fire proof cabinets. We will need to coordinate on this to follow state ed rules. T-Mobile grant submitted for park. Prepping for congressional appropriation grant (March-April). Applied for General Motors grant, Awaiting response. Some Restore NY round 6 were announced. We were not on list. If we get denied, I would like to do a debrief with NYS ESD. We need to schedule a meeting with the Mayor to prepare for 2023 CFA grants.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Johns advised that there were 7 building permits for the month of December.

ATTORNEY: The Stipulation discontinuing the litigation with the Town will be delivered to me and I will have the Mayor sign it this week. The Village and Town came to an agreement of sewer costs which was favorable to the Village and resulted in considerable savings to the Village.

Attorney Caserta addressed the Board noting that the Town of Porter is ready to sign the discontinuance for the sewer lawsuit. Attorney Caserta requested approval to sign the agreement.

Motion to authorize Attorney Caserta to sign the discontinuance agreement with the Town of Porter was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

CLERKS OFFICE: The Clerk's office has completed and mailed January water billing and will be handling the collection of those bills. We are working on the upcoming election requirements. December financials will be sent shortly. We will also be preparing the W2's and handling the submissions on those. Budget preparation will also be beginning.

RECREATION: Winter Basketball was a success, a lot of positive feedback on the kids having fun and staff doing an excellent job Teen center/Snack bar. The girls are working on changing up some stuff downstairs. We are talking about painting the Rec logo/ some color on the walls with approval. Hockey signups have been posted: Mondays: Boys- 4:30-5:15, Girls 5:30-6:15. **Christmas Walk Recap** Great turnout We cut back on a lot and it was still a success. **Miscellaneous:** Chivettas talk ongoing along with Nancy Price planning coming soon.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from December 9, 2022-January 12, 2023 in the amount of \$125,656.31.

General:	\$49,686.94
Water:	\$25,610.12
Sewer:	\$ 1,009.25
H-Cap	\$49,350.00
Trust:	\$ 0.00
Total	\$125,656.31

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of resignation received from Sergeant James Ullery effective December 31, 2022.

So noted.

Letter of resignation received from Officer Salvatore Paonessa effective December 22, 2022.

So noted.

BUILDING USE:

Request for Town of Porter Recreation to hold Chair Yoga on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Cora Gushee room from January through December. Insurance is on file. This is a yearly renewal for a community use.

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

Request for Town of Porter Recreation to hold Yoga Tuesday and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Cora Gushee room from January through December. Insurance is on file. This is a yearly renewal for a community use.

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

AUTHORIZATION:

Request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$49,350.00 for the REDI project payment number 2 & 3. Debit to H3089 and Credit to H1440.4 for 12/2023.

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

Request for a budget amendment for CHIPS A3501, A5112.2 in the amount of \$7,824.25 for 11/22 to adjust for projects completed.

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

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign a new contract for 36 months with Unifirst Corp. Quotes were obtained: Unifirst was \$49.10/month, Cintas was \$76.97/month and Aramark was \$103.84/month. Mats are for the Village Center and DPW.

Motion for authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the Unifirst contract was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Approval of the increase to \$14.20/hr for minimum wage effective 12/31/22. This would affect part time employees for the Senior Van program, Recreation staff and seasonal DPW employees.

Motion for approval of the increase for minimum wage was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

ITEMS:

Request from Paul Beatty to hold the annual St Patrick's Rock'n 5k run on Saturday March 4, 2023. The race will start in front of the fire hall at 10:00 a.m. and finish at Somewhere. The Village will be named as additional insured and will be forwarded to us. Mr. Beatty will meet with Fire Police and work out a traffic and safety plan.

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

Action of the Board on the Public Hearing for water increase pass through of .20 cents/1,000 gallons.

Motion to approve the water rate increase of .20 cents/thousand gallons was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Request for approval of the incoming Officers for the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co for 2023:

Chief: Eric Wieland

1st Assistant: Greg Quarantillo

2nd Assistant: Tim Fogarty

3rd Assistant: James Panton

EMS Captain: Jeremy Ringvelski

EMS Lieutenant: Suzanne Burrows

Line Secretary: Kendra Wieland

President: Virginia O'Neill

Vice President: Gary Bowman

Treasurer: Tim Wilkesmore

Recording Secretary: Kristen Acome

Trustee: Scott Szarejko

Financial Secretary: Nicole Quarantillo

Steward: Tim Wilkesmore

Motion to approve the noted officers was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. Trustee Quarantillo abstained from the vote as she is a fire company member. Trustee Stevens, and Mayor Reisman approved the motion.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Stella reported that the Niagara River Chamber is still working on rebranding. Their office position has been filled. The Hometown Hero banner program is being worked on through information from Trustee Stella's position with the Lewiston Lions. Trustee Stella will utilize this information with the Village of Youngstown's program.

Trustee Stevens reported that the Youngstown Free Library had their meeting. Trustee Stevens also advised that the National Grid representative can attend the January 26th work session to review electric vehicle charging stations.

Deputy Mayor Heath reported that he, Mayor Reisman and Chief Paul attended the YPBA meeting. YBPA will be honoring a non-profit in the future. Deputy Mayor Heath extended congratulations to the newly elected Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Officers.

Trustee Quarantillo reported that Recreation will need to work the details out regarding fundraising with the Office and Attorney.

Mayor Reisman reported that residents have approached him about the return of the Community picnic. Mayor Reisman stated that conversations can be coordinated around this to see if it is feasible to bring it back. Mayor Reisman continued that Barry Entertainment would like to hold the Music Fest again in August and another event coordinated with the Ontario house that would be a arts/music type event. There is a great deal to coordinate these events and submission of action plans needed. Mr. Barry will be invited to a future meeting to review details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Village Board Work Session will be January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

Superintendent Muller added that he has quotes for a new plow truck. It will be a year to a year and a half before delivery, but the quote has to be signed and submitted as an order to move forward. The new excavator is in New York and will be delivered soon. Mayor Reisman took note of both items.

With no further business, motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made at 7:25 p.m. by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer