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Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees Minutes - February 9, 2023

PRESET: Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Heath, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Stella, Trustee Stevens, Attorney Caserta, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Lannon, Chief Paul, Recreation Director Guarin, Clerk-Treasurer Brown. **ABSENT:** Superintendent Muller, 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 noted it is the first meeting in the newly remodeled Board room. Mayor Reisman noted that the DPW did a great job with it, the furniture is being looked at and the acoustics in the room are louder now. 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.

Susan Bray of Campbell Street addressed the Board regarding Solicitors and hours of the permit they are allowed to solicit within. Ms. Bray stated it is dark by 6:30 p.m. and to have someone come to your home in the dark, at 8:00 p.m. at night is too late. Ms. Bray continued that she would like to see the hours reduced in the evenings, especially during winter hours. Mayor Reisman stated the Board could look into that matter. With no further public comment, Mayor Reisman moved on to Departmental reports.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Departmental reports were received. Mayor Reisman asked if there were any additional reports or information from the Department Heads.

POLICE: As the Board of Trustees have been made aware the Police Department has been going through many changes. The Police Department continues to restructure and develop. As often happens some of these changes are subtle but necessary. One of subtle changes: It appears that for some time reports that had been taken by Officers had not been placed in any order but left in piles upon the desks. This issue is being addressed at this time. On Friday February 03, 2023 This writer did have an impromptu meeting with Niagara Falls Mayor Robert Restaino well attending the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy graduation. Mayor Restaino informed this writer that the gift of the patrol vehicles was on track and would be happening shortly. Manning levels within the department is another area that is being addressed with the spring and summer months ahead.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Working in Board Room, Water meter work, fixing lights on pole again, working on meter pits, found lost water problem, worked on plow trucks- Fuel Lines, checked sewer on Parkside, Plowed and salted, worked on mowers, worked on plow equipment, shut water off at fire site, out new base in for water meter- turned on, Getting prices for new carpets in VC.

ENGINEER: For the REDI project, we are responding to questions from the USACOE regarding the proposed sheet piles

Engineer Lannon added that Attorney Max Coykendall has contacted him to sign a subdivision for Rick Lohr's property. Mayor Reisman advised Engineer Lannon that he would check into details on why the request was made and update Engineer Lannon with the results.

GRANT WRITER: I spoke with our rep from NYSED who believes we will get an extension. I spoke with Alecia Jettner who will be willing to complete the project if we get the extension

BUILDING INSPECTOR: There are two building permits.

ATTORNEY: Short term rentals: I will be preparing a draft short term rental law for the board's consideration. I will have it by Thursday. I will also begin working with Amy in modifying our code. We are planning on beginning this month. The Board will receive monthly updates as we update the obsolete provisions.

Attorney Caserta added that he sent the Board information on short term rentals for the Village Attorney Caserta suggested Zoning and Planning be asked to attend the next work session to review the information. Deputy Mayor Heath advised he was working on a committee to review the information. Attorney Caserta stated the proposal sent was very inclusive and should cover the needs of the Village. Deputy Mayor Heath stated he and Attorney Caserta could get together to work out details.

CLERKS OFFICE: The Clerk's office is beginning preparation for the budget. The Achieves project is continued being coordinated and worked on. The January financials will be distributed by the Board meeting.

RECREATION: Winter Hockey: Hockey has 17 Boys and 7 girls signed up. Toddler time, family night and open gym especially for High school has been a success, the busiest I have seen in my time. Crafts and Game night have a couple kids each night. Staff has been involved with playing pool and games when I have been there..Karalyn has had kids do crafts and assisted with that and Courtney has been playing games and pool with kids while they wait to use the gym or are just downstairs to hang out. Family

Night to Tuesdays has seen a major increase in participants. Parker and Jake have done a great job running the gym and program, very happy overall with the staff and how they have grown. Waiting for confirmation on fundraising for the Chicken Dinner as well as planning the NP race.

AGENDA:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS:

Approval of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period from January 13-February 9, 2023 in the amount of \$76,221.69.

General:	\$46,943.14
Water:	\$ 1,367.38
Sewer:	\$27,911.17
H-Cap	\$ 0.00
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$76,221.69

Motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you note received from the Youngstown/Porter Christmas Basket Committee for the assistance with the program this year. The program provided 65 families and 123 children in our community with toys, clothes and food and was a great success.

So noted Mayor Reisman noted that it was a privilege to participate in the program.

BUILDING USE:

Request for the YBPA to hold the annual O’Riordan St. Patrick Day Parade on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at noon on Main Street. Insurance is on file through the Town of Porter.

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

Request for the Youngstown Garden Club to hold a summer picnic on Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Falkner Park.

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

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the yearly easement agreement for 723/727 Main Street with Jane Reese and Catrina Kopell at \$150.00 each from March 1, 2023-February 28, 2024.

Motion to approve the authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the easement agreement was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

ITEMS:

Hometown Hero's program-Terry Duffy, Trustee Stella.

Mayor Reisman introduced Terry Duffy from the Town of Porter thanking him for coming to the meeting. Mr. Duffy provided information on the program for Hometown Hero's that the Town of Porter has implemented. Mr. Duffy stated that the banners will be \$190.00 each and are 66x30. Individuals or group sponsors can purchase the banners. The Town will be collecting the money for the banners, and if groups or individuals wish to sponsor banners for a specific person or in general, the Town will coordinate that with the group or person. The banners will be displayed on pole in the Village and in Ransomville from Memorial Day to late fall/Halloween time frame. The banners would be taken down at that time and could be returned to the sponsor, individual or the Town could retain it to put back up in May. Anyone can have a banner, deceased, living, Vet, or active duty. The person does not have to currently live in the area. Mr. Duffy continued that he has worked with Legislator Irene Myers and Veteran organizations on the project. The time frame for the project is this March. There are currently 6-9 people committed. People can choose what location (Youngstown/Ransomville) they would like the banner to hand. Mr. Duffy has been in contact with the Town DPW about installation and will work with National Grid as well. The applications are currently on the Town of Porter Website. Mr. Duffy will forward the links and information to Clerk-Treasurer Brown so the Village is able to share the applications on the Village website as well.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Stella reported that the Chamber is working on their 1-3-year strategic plan and are forming committees. A new Executive Assistant has been hired.

Trustee Stevens asked if our Grant Writer was aware of the EV grants. Clerk-Treasurer Brown state he was aware of the grants. Trustee Stevens asked if when the Water Street REDI project is being handled, an additional handicap parking space could be added. Mayor Reisman advised it could be looked at with the project.

Deputy Mayor Heath reported he has been working on the short term rental framework and will continue to work on this. Terry Duffy added that the Town of Porter is working on the same issue with short term rentals and Deputy Mayor Heath may want to contact the Town as well.

Trustee Quarantillo discussed the need for Recreation to meet with Attorney Caserta and the Clerk's Office to clarify what Recreation is able to do to fund raise for programs. Attorney Caserta advise he would provide some times that he would be available to the Clerk to coordinate a meeting.

Mayor Reisman stated that there are many deer roaming the Village and people should be cautious and he is aware of the issue. Mayor Reisman continued that he had a meeting with the COO of Niagara Jet Adventure/Hornblower. Hornblower has advised the Mayor they will be ceasing operations of the Jetboats in the Village. Hornblower will be renting boat slips in the future. Chief Paul will ensure property checks of the premises.

Mayor Reiman reported that he and Clerk-Treasurer Brown and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Freiermuth met with the Chief of Staff to Congressman Brian Higgins, Chuck Eaton; as the Village is now represented by Congressman Higgins. Mayor Reisman also met with the two assistants to Chief of Staff Eaton in another meeting. Mayor Reisman advised he has communicated needs of the Village and the meetings were beneficial and is looking forward to the working relationship going forward.

Mayor Reisman also reported that he and Building Inspector Stevens met with the representative on the Clean Climate program. Points can be accumulated for things the Village does and programs the Building Inspector can attend that can be used towards grant incentives. Jason Kulaszewski, Clean Energy Communities Coordinator will be attending the work session on February 23, 2023 to provide program details to the Board. Trustee Stevens may be the liaison for this initiative.

Mayor Reisman continued that Ray Barry of Barry Entertainment has contacted the Village about holding the Music Fest in Veteran's Park on August 5, 2023. Mr. Barry in conjunction with the Stone Jug are proposing an Arts and Music Fest on July 1, 2023 as well. Mayor Reisman advised he has reviewed the event from last year and has several things that need to be addressed including garbage, security, parking, third party electrical inspection at least 2-3 days in advance and being named additional insured. Ms. Bray from the audience advised Mayor Reisman that her neighbor had people on her lawn suffering from heat and needing water that was not available at the venue as they ran out. Mayor Reisman stated this is not ready for a vote tonight, and is ok with the event, but some oversight is needed first. Regarding the July event, Trustee Quarantillo stated she thought that was the big weekend of Fort Niagara reenactment which draws busy traffic. The proposal for the July event is asking for route 93 and Main near the Stone Jug be shut down for the event. Trustee Stevens advised the Junior Sailing regatta is then as well and the Yacht Club will need the roads open as well. Mayor Reisman advised he would go back to Mr. Barry with that information and ask for another date to be proposed. Both events may require deposits to be held. It was noted 7/1 would also be the start of the summer

concert series for the Village in Falkner Park which would create issues with the proposed Festival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Village Board Work Session will be February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board meeting will be March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

So noted.

Mayor Reisman stated that an Executive session was needed for litigation matters.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive session was made by Deputy Mayor Heath at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive session and enter into regular session was made by Trustee Stevens at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular session was made by Trustee Steens at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by

Wendy Brown
Clerk-Treasurer