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## Work Session Minutes – May 25, 2023

**PRESENT:** Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Heath, Trustee Quarantillo, Trustee Stella, Trustee Stevens, Building Inspector Stevens, Chief Paul, Attorney Caserta, Clerk-Treasurer Brown.

**ABSENT:** Recreation Director Gruarin, Superintendent Muller.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Clerk-Treasurer Brown informed Mayor Reisman there was a quorum present and he could begin the meeting. Mayor Reisman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Reisman noted there is a new speaker system that has been donated to the Village and he would be utilizing it tonight as a test.

### ITEMS:

Letter of resignation received from Superintendent Muller effective May 31, 2023 for his retirement.

So noted.

Letter of resignation received from van driver Stuart Comerford effective June 7, 2023.

So noted.

Request from Friends of the Youngstown Free Library to hold Dessert in the Stacks fundraising event Friday, October 13, 2023 from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Event will be in the Library, Library Programming room, Historical Museum, and the main floor area on the second floor. Insurance is on file.

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

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the Special Event Permit Application for the New York State Liquor Authority Landlord Authorization form for the October 13, 2023 Dessert in the Stacks event for the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library.

Motion to approve the authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the NYS Liquor Authority Landlord form was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Tax Collection with TaxGlance software for 6/1/23-5/31/24 in the amount of \$812.00.

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

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Payroll Software from 6/1/23-5/31/24 in the amount of \$1,377.00.

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stevens, all in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the Collective Bargaining agreement with the Union subject to review and approval of the language by Attorney Caserta.

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

Authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the contract with the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company subject to review and approval of the language by Attorney Caserta.

Trustee Quarantillo recused herself from the motion and vote. Motion to approve authorization for Mayor Reisman to sign the contract as noted was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Stevens. Attorney Caserta noted that the language for the contract has been approved and the contract is ready. Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Heath, Trustee Stella and Trustee Stevens voted aye. Trustee Quarantillo-recused. All in favor, motion was carried.

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to move \$5,000.00 for the Senior Van program A7620.4 to NYCLASS Savings.

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

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to move \$1,000.00 donation from A2708 for Police to NYCLASS Savings for use of purchase of security cameras.

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

Authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to move \$7,0000.00 from Clerk equipment A1325.2 for the new server to NYCLASS savings until the order can be invoiced.

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

Request from the Youngstown Business and Professional Association (YBPA) to hold their annual Beginning of Summer Street Dance/Car Cruise Thursday, June 22, 2023 with the event from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. With a request to close Main Street from Lockport Street to and including Hinman Street starting at 4:30 p.m. with cones/barricades. Insurance through the Town of Porter is on file.

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

Ground Solar moratorium-expiration June 30, 2023.

Attorney Caserta noted that the new law would need to include minimum area requirements and disposal requirements. Deputy Mayor Heath added bonding requirements should be looked at as well. Attorney Caserta has the law as written by the Town of Porter, and confirmed to Building Inspector Stevens that he had information from the County as well. Attorney Caserta asked the moratorium be extended to December 31, 2023.

Motion to extend the Ground Solar moratorium until December 31, 2023 was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion was carried.

**TABLED ITEM:**

Request from Christine Rath, Lockport Street for permission to metal detect and dig and recover historical significant artifacts, objects or relics from Village owned land (Falkner/Vet's Parks). The sole purpose being to donate the items to the Village of Youngstown Historical Society for display and education of community land. Ms. Rath will provide her best effort to backfill any holes to like-prior conditions.

Mayor Reisman noted that he has spoken with Dotty Riordan of the Town of Porter Historical Society and she is accepting of the plan. Mayor Reisman continued that perhaps a permit process

should be implemented to limit the number of people digging on our property along with a fee for the permit. Attorney Caserta felt the Village should speak to Bob Emerson from Fort Niagara and the code would need to be amended for any changes to it. The Board was in agreement to table this item at this time.

Mayor Reisman noted he spoke with Bob Emerson of Fort Niagara. Mr. Emerson noted there are State Park laws and Offshore laws and does not see an issue with this request. Mayor Reisman noted that Ms. Rath has reviewed over 310 pages on the laws. Building Inspector Stevens questioned monitoring and allowable activities as he felt it could lead to many people metal detecting to dig up nickels and dimes. Trustee Quarantillo stated she felt this would be allowable for Vet's Park, but no Falkner as Falkner Park is busy with activities all summer and we would not want the area dug up at all. Attorney Caserta noted that he would like the artifact if any are found, turned over to the proper owner-example Tuscarora Nation if it is an artifact that would belong to them. Discussion that a special use permit would be issued for a fee of \$100.00-\$150.00 and any person interested in this type of endeavor would be handled on a review of a case-by-case request. The Board would like Ms. Rath to attend the next Board meeting for further discussion. The Board agreed to table the item at this time.

Mayor Reisman noted an additional item. After previous discussion regarding the financing from KeyBank for the purchase of a new dump truck, the Board was in agreement that they were not in support of the financing and truck purchase. Trustee Quarantillo was not in attendance and was informed of the reasons the truck purchase will be rescinded at this time.

Motion to rescind the financing with KeyBank and rescind the dump truck order with Valley Fab/International was made by Trustee Stella, seconded by Trustee Stevens. Clerk-Treasurer Brown will contact KeyBank and Valley Fab to advise of the Board decisions. All in favor, motion was carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Board meeting will be the organizational meeting on June 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will enter into Executive session immediately following the regular meeting for contractual matters.

So noted.

VFW Post 313 will hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony at the 1812 Cemetery at Fort Niagara at 11:00 a.m. Monday May 29, 2023. There will be a wreath dedication and Lewis Custode will be performing with his trumpet. All are invited to attend.

So noted.

With no further business, motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into Executive session was made by Trustee Quarantillo, seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn Executive session and enter into regular session was made at 9:05 p.m. by Trustee Stella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath. All in favor, motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn the regular session was made at 9:06 p.m. by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor, motion was carried.

Submitted by:

Wendy Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer