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Work Session Minutes – February 22, 2024

Trustee attendees	Present	Absent	Staff attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman	X		Deputy Clerk-Treas. Amy Beaudreau	X	
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky	X		DPW Super. Greg Quarantillo		X
Trustee Catherine Stella	X		Chief Joe Paul		X
Trustee Kristel Stevens	X		Recreation Director Jeff Guarin		X
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo	X		Attorney Tom Caserta	X	
			Engineer Bob Lannon		X
			Volunteer Grant Writer Christine Rath		X

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau informed the Mayor that there was a quorum and the meeting could proceed.

RESOLUTION:

Record of Activities for Fredrick Stortecky III:

As required of all Elected Officials who wish to enroll in the New York State Retirement System for the Village of Youngstown, Deputy Mayor Stortecky had to fill out and submit a Record of Activities to document his Village working hours. Once submitted, the board needs to review the report, resolve that it be accepted and then post it for 30 days upon Board approval. Once the reporting resolution has been posted for 30 days, The Village Clerk will submit the monthly days approved to New York State.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky recused himself as this was his application.

Be it resolved that the Village of Youngstown hereby establishes the following standard workday for the title of Trustee and will report Fredrick Stortecky III to the NYS and Local Retirement based on his Record of Activities (ROA).

Frederick Stortecky III
ROA reported for October 2, 2023-December 27, 2023
Location code 40419 – Village of Youngstown
6-hour standard workday
3.39 days/month

A motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo.

With no further discussion, roll was called:

Mayor Reisman: Yes
Trustee Quarantillo: Yes
Trustee Stella: Yes
Trustee Stevens: Yes
Deputy Mayor Stortecky: Recused from vote

Motion carried.

SITE PLAN:

Site Plan for Happy Tails of Niagara at 120 Lockport Street:

As per Village Code section 250 Zoning, a Site Plan is required for the new Village business Happy Tails of Niagara owned by Trisha Carter and Michael Kotarski. They will operate a dog daycare, grooming, boarding and training facility at 120 Lockport Street.

The Village board referred the complete Site Plan application to the Planning Board and the Site Plan was approved by the Planning Board on February 12, 2024.

The Site Plan now needs to be formally approved by the Village Board.

A motion to approve the Site Plan as presented was made by Deputy Mayor Stortecky and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ITEMS:

Building use requests:

Democratic Committee Caucus:

Request from the Town of Porter Democratic Committee to hold their caucus on Thursday March 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

A motion to approve the building use for this application was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Youngstown Free Library Solar Eclipse event:

Request from the Youngstown Free Library for a Solar Eclipse Viewing event on April 8, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 4: 30 p.m. They would like to use the gym (tables, chairs, garbage cans) as well as the Village Center parking lot for this event. Local businesses will also be involved and Village participation would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Reisman asked for discussion on the event. Trustee Quarantillo stated that she sent an email to the library for further information so that it can be rolled into the safety plan. She stated she was not opposed to having an event, but need to make sure that everything is coordinated for safety reasons. It was suggested that perhaps the event moves to Veterans Park rather than the Village Center parking lot.

With questions needing to be better addressed, the building use was tabled.

MS4 Stormwater Reporting:

Mayor Reisman announced that there is a last-minute addition to the agenda. Glen Calvery was present to discuss the yearly MS4 Storm Water Management requirement. He currently completes the mandatory report for the Town of Porter.

Mr. Calvery explained the process of the MS4 and stormwater testing, oversight and inspections. He stated that he is a member of the Western New York Stormwater Coalition and currently the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) oversees the program, but he suspects that the EPA will be more closely involved in the near future. He continued that laws for reporting have recently changed and that the report for 2024 has been abolished during the transition. The next report will be due in March 2025, but there may be semi-annual and even monthly reports due with this change.

Mayor Reisman asked Mr. Calvery if the Village is up to date on reports and he stated that the Village has not filed the MS4 in the last 2 years and that he suspects that the DEC is going to “drop the hammer” if the report is not filed.

Overall, Mr. Calvery stated that any pollutants or materials that can harm the storm water system (ie. salt, pesticides, etc). will need to be reported.

Attorney Casserta asked if the local law will need to be amended to recognize the changes and Mr. Calvery stated that the local laws will not need to be modified.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky asked how many outfalls are in the Village and if each one needs to be inspected yearly. Mr. Calvery stated he believe that the new rules will require that 10% of the outfalls will need to be reported every 6 months – so a total of 20% inspected each calendar year.

Mr. Calvery stated that the coalition has received a grant for updating mapping. Mayor Reisman asked if the mapping will include the work being done on Water Street and Mr. Calvery stated he believed it would.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:

Mayor Reisman stated that there are different options to move forward with EV charging stations, but he feels that if there is free option, that it would be the best solution. He stated that slow chargers may not be used for long in the future. He explained he has seen drive over chargers and feels fast chargers are the way to go.

Mayor Reisman explained that the Town of Porter is getting a free charger and Trustee Stevens stated that the Town is disadvantaged allowing for more financial/grant opportunities. The same does not hold true for the Village.

Mayor Reisman stated that he was speaking with the owner of PPR Energy Solutions who does it all – installation, maintenance, and assumes all liability for free while keeping any profits. He feels it would be smart to have the company discuss a possible proposal with the board.

It was agreed that the stations are not about making money, but rather an additional reason to come into the Village. Deputy Mayor Stortecky stated that there may be better grant opportunities for businesses or multi-unit dwellings in the Village for charging stations.

Metal Detecting within the Village:

Mayor Reisman announced that there have been multiple requests for metal detecting within the Village. Village Code book Chapter 128 does set perimeters on detecting in the Village. The Mayor stated he sent out an email about a week ago with some ideas and feels that it makes sense to create a pilot program.

After a brief discussion on logistics of a permit that will include time limits, costs, number of permits issued, recovery of any items found, restoration of the area, self-policing monitoring, etc., Attorney Caserta stated he would create a proposal for the permit and the parameters for the board to review.

A motion was made directing Attorney Caserta to prepare a draft form/program for metal detecting within the Village. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As announced by Mayor Reisman:

The next Village Board meeting will be March 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The next work session will be March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Beaudreau

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