

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

Mayor Riordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Reynolds, Trustees Adamson, Sutor and VanDeusen, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Choboy, DPW Superintendent Muller, Attorney Caserta and several interested residents.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. had several complaints and concerns beginning with the Village website not being on line and hasn't been for quite some time. Trustee Sutor responded that the site should be up and running in a week. A brief discussion then took place regarding various aspects of its content.

Mr. Swann stated concerns of the dock area, parking on Water St. and the encroachment of Petroy Marina's equipment onto Village property on that street. He also addressed a recent mooring situation. Mayor Riordan responded that State Troopers were called and the docked boat was moved to the Marina area. Mr. Swann also stated the dock is coming apart and questioned what the Village was doing about it. Mayor Riordan stated the dock is shut down for safety reasons; Village Engineer Gallucci has notified the contractor of the problem and has discussed the matter with the Mayor. Mr. Swann asked the Mayor if the Village receives revenue from the moorings. Mayor Riordan answered affirmatively and asked the Clerk about the same. The Clerk responded that to date, the Village has received nothing.

Mr. Swann asked why a sign on Water St. was covered with a black plastic bag which alerted the public of speed bumps and why would speed bumps be placed there. Mayor Riordan reported that several residents had repeatedly expressed their concerns of speeding vehicles going down and up that street and the speed bumps were done for safety. Currently, the bumps have been removed due to a bicycle accident. Mr. Swann then questioned if the Village was going to put up 30-minute parking signs on Water St. so residents can enjoy the area. Superintendent Muller reported that he had ordered the sign at the beginning of the week.

Mr. Swann went on to report an incident at his home which required the need for Police assistance on the same weekend as the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. Field Days. He contacted the Sheriff and was told a car would be dispatched. Mr. Swann questioned the dispatch delay and asked Chief Salada if the Village Police car was at the Field Day site. Chief Salada stated he could not answer that question without checking his records.

Next Mr. Swann expressed concerns of an unused batting cage donated by a resident while he was Mayor. He stated that if it's not being used, it should be donated to the Lew-Port league for use there. Trustee Adamson stated he will speak to Recreation Director Kim Cudmore regarding the cage.

Mr. Swann stated his concerns of all the cardboard left curbside by Main St. Gas & Grill and asked why the owners can't take it to the dumpsters at the 707 site. Mayor Riordan stated the business owner has been asked in the past to remove the cardboard from affront the store and will be reminded again. Mr. Swann then expressed his displeasure with the recent tax increase and was angry that tax dollars were used to install a concrete pad at the 707 site. Trustee

Adamson reported that CHIPS and Village funds were recently used for sidewalks and while doing sidewalks the pad was poured at 707 so more residents would use the facility. Previously, there were wet and muddy spots, preventing it from being user friendly.

Mr. Swann addressed concerns regarding raised manhole covers, the number of homes for sale in the Village and again, the raised taxes.

The Mayor asked if anyone else from the public would like to speak. Karen Noonan of Main St. thanked the Board for replacing damaged sidewalks in front of her home and stated she is glad the concrete pad at 707 was installed because it will more convenient when taking gardening waste to the site. Mrs. Noonan also reported the street light near her home is still burned out. She has called National Grid and Superintendent Muller has also called to report the outage. He will make another call to get it replaced. Mrs. Noonan announced there will be multiple Peace Gardens in the Village. She reported the Garden Club will provide \$1,000. for plant materials and asked if the would approve the DPW to remove old plantings. Mayor Riordan stated they would do the removal work.

Dale Ellsworth and Tony Clark of the Historical Society thanked the Board for approval to install a one year trolley exhibit. After extensive research on the train and trolley's use in Youngstown, Fort Niagara and Stella Niagara, they asked that the Board approve it as a permanent display. Mr. Clark hopes to have it completed by Christmas. Mayor Riordan stated approval and that it should be a great attraction. An invitation to visit the Historical Society rooms of displays was extended to all.

Joan Broderick of Main St. thanked the Board for having the traffic bumpers painted at each end for the safety of those using the Village Center parking lot. She also thanked the Board for sidewalk repairs and alerted Superintendent Muller of other sidewalk hazards she encounters while walking.

Mr. Clark stated he has a similar situation with sidewalks in front of his home.

A resident at 480 Lockport St. stated his complaint regarding the unfriendliness of a water shut-off letter he recently received and the stamped message on the back of the water bills regarding the fee. He stated various reasons why he had not paid his bill and felt the \$25. fee for the water shut-off notification letter was not fair and expensive. He asked if he still had to pay this fee. Mr. Swann agreed about the stamp on water bills. Mayor Riordan stated it would be discussed during the Work Session and the Lockport resident would be notified of the decision. He also conveyed his displeasure with the sloping grade of Lockport St. A brief discussion took place regarding the street and that Lockport St. is a state road and is maintained by the same.

Building Inspector Choboy submitted his monthly report for August. Four building permits and one driveway permit were issued with a total estimated work cost of \$26,900., one certificate of occupancy was issued and \$310. in fees were collected. Mr. Choboy commented on Mr. Swann's concerned of Water St. parking by suggesting a tow away zone for cars. Mr. Swann asked Chief Salada the cost of a parking ticket. When the Chief reported it is \$25., Mr. Swann

stated it should be raised to \$75-\$100 as in other cities. He also stated there is no deterrent with such a low fine.

Police Chief Salada submitted his August report. 238 patrol hours were logged, 1,109 patrol miles logged, 12 Village calls, 20 Town of Porter calls, 27 calls outside the Village, 4 UTT's issued and 1 parking ticket was issued. The Chief stated it had been an uneventful first and second day of school. Chief Salada reported the new Police car obtained by grant funding will be arriving soon. Mr. Swann asked Chief Salada what color the new car would be. When told it will probably be black, Mr. Swann stated he would like to see a red Police car so it would be more visible. Trustee Adamson asked that Chief Salada park an unmanned patrol car at areas where drivers don't stop for stop signs.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his monthly report. 14 hours of overtime was worked and garbage tonnage was 60.86. Mr. Muller also reported the roof, gutters and other work have been completed on the Falkner Park picnic shelter. Ball diamond work will be done next week.

Attorney Caserta stated he will address items as needed.

The minutes of the August 12, 2010 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Direct Energy-\$6.69, AT&T- \$52.26, TWC Digital Phone-\$75.83 and sales tax distribution \$28,366.08 up \$3,847.29 from same period last year. So noted.
2. Gallonage reports for the period of June 30-July 30, 2010 down 23,537 gallons per day for the same period last year and for the period of July 30-August 31, 2010 down 16,401 gallons per day for the same period last year. So noted.

AGENDA

1. Trustee Adamson motioned to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending August 31, 2010-General Fund - \$48,020.65, Water Fund - \$2,795.31, and Sewer Fund - \$51,048.65 and for the period ending September 9, 2010-General Fund-\$37,636.96, and Sewer Fund-\$19.56. Seconded by Trustee VanDusen and carried.
2. Authorization for Clerk & Deputy to attend the Niagara Co. Clerks Assoc. meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 at NCCC was made by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson reported that work done on the Falkner Park picnic shelter cost \$6,000. with a \$2,500. savings by using prison workers from the Niagara Co. Jail. He also reported the Town

of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Reiter has ball diamond knowledge and will be working with us to do repair work which will be a big savings. The Mayor, Trustee Adamson and Recreation Director Cudmore attended the Lewiston Recreation meeting. An agreement was made to have more ballgames in Youngstown.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson stated he would like to start a preventive maintenance program and will be working with Superintendent Muller with plans for next spring.

REPORTS

Mayor Riordan reported receipt of a letter from Niagara-on-the-Lake supporting our resolution opposing windmills in Lake Ontario.

The Mayor will be working on obtaining Greenway Grant funds from various municipalities for our projects. He also reported the Community Picnic was a success as well as the children's fishing derby which brought up safety issues at the dock site. The Mayor alerted Superintendent Muller of the need for a ladder near the fish pens for the Niagara Anglers.

Trustee Adamson motioned to appoint Claudia Andres to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

With no further business, Trustee VanDeusen motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer