

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Mayor Riordan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Sutor and VanDeusen, Engineer Gallucci, Building Inspector Choboy and several Lew-Port students and interested residents.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Norman Jones asked for an update on a wind power law. Mayor Riordan stated Attorney Caserta would not be here tonight so that he may attend a family funeral. He went on to say that Mr. Caserta has drafted guidelines. The Mayor stated he will see that Mr. Jones receives the information.

Rod Fairbank of Water St. asked if the Greenway project information was available and when could others interested in project attend a Board meeting regarding the same. A brief discussion took place regarding November meeting dates. The usual meeting dates are holidays and therefore the Board agreed to meet only once that month on Thursday, November 18, 2010. The Clerk gave Mr. Fairbank the Greenway information requested and he thanked the Board for the data.

Karl Bykowski of Wingate Place asked the status of the West Oak Terrace condemnation. Mayor Riordan stated the Village attorney has learned of pending litigation in a similar situation and is proceeding with condemnation procedures with this litigation in mind. Mr. Bykowski reminded the Board this has been going on for almost a year now. Mr. Bykowski also asked about the Cold Storage site status. The Mayor stated only one RFP (request for proposal) was submitted by David Burke who will be joining the meeting later.

Building Inspector Choboy advised the Board that he has visited a resident where property maintenance problems existed. Mr. Choboy stated the problem is in the process of resolution but another problem has come up at another residence that will need to be addressed.

Police Chief Salada and DPW Superintendent Muller were absent.

Mayor Riordan reported that Attorney Caserta has given Richard Lucas of Second St. the deed needed to be filed with the County for the Cold Storage property adjacent to the Lucas property.

Engineer Gallucci reported the submittal of Cold Storage grant reimbursement of \$90,000 to Amy Fisk of Niagara County. Also in preparation for submittal is the EPA grant reimbursement of \$92,949. The final engineering report should be completed by next month. The Cold Storage site will then be certified by the EPA for the cleanup work the Village has had preformed relieving the Village of any further responsibility. Trustee Adamson stated the site has been secured in an area of the building questioned at the August meeting and snow fencing has been placed in an area at the rear of the building also mentioned at the same meeting. Trustee Adamson asked that the cost incurred be applied to a TVGA grant which is soon to expire.

The minutes of the September 9, 2010 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The \$25 on the 25th promotional event on scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2010 was explained by Mayor Riordan. It encourages residents to shop and dine in the Village business. So noted.
2. Lewiston Water Pollution Control Center Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. So noted.
3. Pharmaceuticals Collection Day will be held on Saturday, September 25th. from 9-1 at the North Tonawanda City Hall-216 Payne Ave. Unwanted or expired prescriptions or expired over the counter drugs will be accepted as well as used needles. For more information call 434-6568. So noted.
4. Utility taxes received from Direct Energy-\$4.20 and sales tax distribution on 9/24/10 for August-\$28,207.53, up \$2,722.54 from same time period last year. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending September 23, 2010-General Fund - \$38,249.94, Water Fund - \$11,064.58, Sewer Fund - \$1,810.05 and Trust Agency-\$1,125.00 was accepted by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
2. Fox complaint on Lockport St. The Mayor asked Building Inspector Choboy if he has had any response from Niagara County. Mr. Choboy responded he had not.
3. The next Board meeting will be held on October 14, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson reported the County will be putting in new drain lines next week at a problem area on Main St. plugging one drain and opening three others across the street.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson reported Superintendent Muller has talked to the County regarding curb cutting on Main St. near the Fort Niagara area making it handicapped accessible. The Village will be responsible to replace three sidewalk blocks at that site. When completed, Main St. will be completely handicapped accessible at street corner crossings.

Trustee Adamson stated work is being done on the Vets Park ball diamond drains. Lewiston Supervisor Steve Reiter has worked with Mr. Adamson on the design. Two diamonds are up and running and work continues on the remaining area. He has learned that Fort Niagara may possibly lose a soccer field and suggested Vets Park as a possible alternative.

Trustee Adamson would also like to see the Teen Center open on more nights to help to keep youths off the streets. A discussion took place regarding the computer room and possible residents who may be of assistance in the same. Norman Jones stated he has computer knowledge and Trustee Adamson stated he would like to keep Mr. Jones in mind for possible assistance.

Trustee Adamson addressed an issue brought up at the August meeting by Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. regarding a batting cage donated years ago to the Recreation Department. Recreation Director Kim Cudmore will contact the Lewiston baseball league to offer the cage if they have such a need.

REPORTS

Mayor Riordan thanked Trustee Sutor for his work on the new website. The Mayor reported the County will be checking the feasibility of diagonal parking in the business area and will be repairing signs. He also reported on the recent Youngstown Business Assoc. dinner meeting and that membership and participation has increased.

With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried. The meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer