

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – JUNE 16, 2011

Mayor Riordan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Suitor and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Choboy, one reporter, members of the Friends of the Library and interested residents. Deputy Mayor Reynolds was absent.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Joan Spira, president of the Friends of the Library introduced three trustees from the group and asked if the Village Board had given consideration to their request for the Library's use of the former nursery school room for storage and meeting room. The plan is to have storage shelves, not boxed items. Mayor Riordan stated consideration of engineering safety due to weight bearing loads. Mrs. Spira stated the group would be willing to have an engineer check the room for weight issues. The Mayor stated the Library is welcome to use the Cora Gushee Room for meetings. He also stated the Boy Scouts will be relocated so the Museum can expand leaving the second floor of the Village Hall to be an adult area. Mrs. Spira then asked the Mayor if her group could go ahead with plans to apply for a grant for the room. Mayor Riordan replied yes and requested the storage weight be spread around the room.

Nicholas Baio, a former area resident informed the Board he is home to do a movie project and scouting locations to film. He mentioned the Cold Storage site and had heard it may be demolished soon. Mayor Riordan stated the demolition should be within a year. Mr. Baio then asked about filming at Fort Niagara. The Mayor stated Fort Niagara is not part of the Village and should be contacted directly and gave contact information.

The Mayor stated arraignments could be made with the Clerk to provide keys for access to the few buildings owned by the Village.

Building Inspector Choboy reported receiving complaints regarding water rights and that he will be going to court for resolution to on-going problems in the Village. Several letters have been sent with no resolve. Inspector Choboy submitted his May report. Six permits were issued for work valued at \$13,000. and \$150. in fees were collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report. 235 patrol hours were worked, 1,176 patrol hours logged, 10 Village calls, 10 Town of Porter calls, 11 calls outside the Village, 14 UTT's, 6 parking tickets issued and 1 arrest. Chief Salada stated the Police schedule has been adjusted with school ending and the upcoming lacrosse tournament. Notices have been issued to boat storage offenders on Water St. Trustee Adamson stated traffic safety problems continue on Church St.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his May report. 18 hours of overtime were worked and 71.68 tons of garbage collected. Mr. Muller reported the County has been called due to a sinking sewer line. Camera showed that the Village sewer line was fine and that the problem is with a County sewer line.

Attorney Caserta reported the Melloni's are pleased in the way they and their grocery store have been received by the residents of Youngstown and their kind and polite manner.

The minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Direct Energy - \$3.51 and Mortgage Tax distribution – \$5,841.31 down \$385.29 from June 2010 distribution. So noted.
2. Water gallonage report for April 29-May 31, 2011 down 52,232 gallons per day for the same time period last year. So noted.
3. Bi-annual Waste Tax Agreement receipts of \$10,000. received from Town of Porter with second distribution to be forwarded in December 2011. This \$20,000. yearly disbursement is down \$15,000. from last year's \$35,000. So noted.

## **AGENDA**

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending May 31, 2011, General Fund-\$90,536.56, Water Fund-\$37,439.28, Sewer Fund-\$551.17 and Trust Agency-\$65.00. For the period ending June 16, 2011, General Fund-\$153,541.06, Water Fund-\$928.19, Sewer Fund-\$423.27 and Trust Agency-\$500.00 were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
2. A resolution adopting the Niagara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
  - 1 A resolution for Niagara 10 - War of 1812 Anniversary declaring the cross-border Niagara region as an International Corridor of Peace and Cooperation was approved by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business discussed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business discussed

## **REPORTS**

Trustee Adamson announce that during the Village street dance on Thursday, June 24, 2011, T-shirts, water and koozies will be sold with proceeds to benefit the Nancy Price Scholarship Fund. Trustee Adamson was asked by the Recreation Commission if they could sell bottled water and T-shirts at the Main St. entrance of Fort Niagara during tournaments. Mayor Riordan stated it may be in competition with vendors at the Fort and also with Village merchants. Trustee Adamson will report this information to the Commission.

A brief discussion took place regarding plastic hockey stick use on the gym floor. Trustee Adamson stated the Recreation Dept. would like to offer indoor floor hockey in September. The discussion continued in regard to needed gym floor repairs. Superintendent Muller discussed the need to replace several boards near the gym door.

Trustee Adamson stated the back ball diamond at Vets Park needs to be smoothed with heavy equipment. He will get a price quote for the detailed finish work. He reported that the Niagara County Prisoner Work Program has preformed work in Lions Park, painted a park pavilion and weed-whacked in the park. Intersections will be prioritized for repair work covered under the CHIPS program. Superintendent Muller stated the County will be in the Village on Monday to chip brush.

Trustee Suitor reported he has updated the Village web site. Visits to the site are up with approximately 1,000 hits per month compared to the previous 100.

Superintendent Muller advised the Board of a Third St. resident who has a broken sewer line. He referenced the Village Code and stated the repair is the responsibility of the home owner and noted Hank Byrk Plumbing has been on site several times. Mayor Riordan stated he will make inquiries with agencies that may be able to assist with the large expense or at least direct her to assistance possibilities. The Mayor also asked Trustee Adamson to have Bob MacVie to check the problem.

Mayor Riordan announced the Friday night concerts will begin tomorrow at Falkner Park.

With no further business, Trustee Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,