

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –MAY 26, 2011

Mayor Riordan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Others in attendance were Deputy Mayor Reynolds, Trustees Adamson, Suitor and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Choboy, and four residents.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Joan Spira, president of the Friends of the Library stated the Friends had written two letters, one in October 2010 and one in February 2011 requesting the Village Board consider allowing the Library, use of the room which once housed the nursery school. Mayor Riordan stated there have been other public requests received with one idea to turn the room into a local art museum. The Mayor stated all ideas must be considered. Mrs. Spira alerted the Board that the Library has grant information for expanding into the room and that the space is greatly needed.

Neal Freirmuth of Second St. then commended the DPW crew for the fast clean up after the recent storm. He stated that he appreciates what the crew does for the Village. Mayor Riordan agreed that they did an extraordinary job. The Mayor stated a letter of thanks from a resident was also received regarding the clean up.

Mrs. Spira asked if the Board could give a time when a decision would be made regarding the room due to the grant deadline. Mayor Riordan stated the Board will be meeting again on June 16th and can be discussed then.

Building Inspector Choboy stated his monthly report had been submitted at the previous meeting. The season has been busy.

Police Chief Salada had also submitted his report at the previous meeting. He stated things have been calm in the Village.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported he had looked at the water problem on East Oak Terrace which was reported at the last meeting. He and Trustee Adamson will make another inspection of the site. Trustee VanDeusen stated a resident had reported ruts at the side of the road. Mr. Muller stated the ruts were a result of snow plowing this winter and dirt will be spread as a fill-in.

Attorney Caserta will address items as they come up throughout the meeting.

Trustee Suitor motioned to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2011 Board meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from TWC Digital Phone-\$88.78, Vonage American-\$7.56, AT&T-\$3.25 and Niagara County Sales Tax for April-\$28,235.69 up \$809.92 from the same period last year. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending May 26, 2011-General Fund-\$33,081.66, Water Fund-\$1,163.72, Sewer Fund-\$872.93 and Trust Agency-\$45.00

were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

2. A request from the Lewiston Kiwanis Club to conduct their annual Block of Dollars Fundraiser on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the intersection of Main and Lockport Sts. from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried. The Mayor asked the Clerk to notify the Kiwanis and asked that they wear yellow safety vests during the collection.
3. A request from Greg & Kathy Schlaich of 565 Main St. to relocate the speed limit sign from the "right of way" in front of their home to the "right of way" in front of Village property will be forwarded to the County as the Village does not have jurisdiction on such signage moves. The Schlaich's also requested the Village investigate paving Water St. and installing a curb. Mayor Riordan stated the paving and curb would be part of the Greenway renovations which he must appeal to Greenway fund recipients to share in their distribution. A letter will be sent to the Schlaich's regarding the matter.
4. A request from Amy McCalister to use a room at the Village Center for Secular Organizations for Sobriety, a recovery group on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried. The Community Room will be offered and room capacity will be addressed with Ms. McCalister when the Clerk advises her of the Board's decision.
5. Authorization for Mayor to sign insurance voucher/binder for the new fiscal year in the amount of \$29,664.47 up \$856. from last year. Trustee Sutor motioned to authorize the signing, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
6. Resolution to authorize the collection of taxes: Take notice that the Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Youngstown, New York has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and that taxes will be collected as follows: at the Village Office, 240 Lockport St., Youngstown, New York on each Monday through Thursday 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. from June 1 through July 1, 2011. During the period of June 1 through July 1, taxes may be paid without additional charges. Take further notice, that on all such taxes remaining unpaid after July1, 2011, five per centum (5%) will be added through July 31st and one per centum (1%) per month will be added thereafter. Any unpaid taxes as of the close of business on October 31, 2011 will be turned over to Niagara County for collection. Trustee VanDeusen motioned to accept the resolution, moved to adoption by Trustee Sutor and duly carried.
7. Authorization for transfer of appropriations for any General, Water and Sewer Funds to offset any overspent line item at fiscal year end was made by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.
8. Authorization for Clerk to transfer \$12,000. from A1620.2 Village Center Capital Fund to H201.a Village Center Capital Projects Account was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
9. Authorization for Clerk to transfer \$1,185.72 to A1410.1 (Deputy Clerk Treasurer Salary) and \$948.58 to A1325.1a (Deputy Clerk Salary) from A9060.8 (Employee Benefits Hospitalization) was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
10. Authorization for Mayor to sign the yearly agreement with Niagara River Anglers was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and

carried.

11. The organizational meeting date has been changed to Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

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REPORTS

Trustee Adamson thanked Building Inspector Choboy for his help to get the Village cleaned up. Mr. Choboy and Trustee Adamson spoke to the Rite Aid manager and Melloni's regarding improvements to the back of the stores. Also, the Rite Aid manager will speak to the corporate office regarding exterior repairs. Pastor Webb of the Baptist Church will also do clean up and repair work. Mayor Riordan stated the fence separating the plaza parking lot and the Village Center side yard has deteriorated and should be removed and possibly replaced by flowering trees. Superintendent Muller expressed his concerns that garbage that collects at the fence will then blow into the Center's side yard.

A discussion took place regarding the vacant Hastings property on Main St. as it has been neglected. Broken windows and unkempt conditions have created an unsafe situation and the need for possible demolition to resolve health and safety issues.

Trustee Adamson reported John Stevens has completed work at Vets Park and the ball diamonds are in good shape but more dirt is needed to complete the job. Volley ball courts will be groomed and sand will be ordered for their use once again.

Trustee VanDeusen asked about replacement tree plaques for the broken ones in Falkner Park. Superintendent Muller stated he has them and will place them once the rain has stopped.

Trustee Suitor reported he will be updating the Village website over the weekend with upcoming events.

Mayor Riordan stated Village brochures should be ready this week for distribution. He also announced the Memorial Day ceremony to be held at the Fort Niagara cemetery at 11:00 a.m., encouraging all to attend.

Superintendent Muller reported the 1812 era flags have been placed on Main St. and the flowers will go up tomorrow.

Mayor Riordan reported meeting with Senator Maziarz and Fort Niagara representatives regarding the proposed hotel project at the park. He also reported that Brennan's Restaurant hopes to re-open this weekend. Also, Mike Clark, owner of the Main St. property once operated as the Fyfe and Drum Restaurant is looking for someone to lease the building.

With no further business, Trustee Suitor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee

VanDeusen and carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer