

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – MARCH 24, 2011

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, Attorney Caserta, 2 Lew-Port students, Peace Garden members and interested residents.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Gretchen Duling of the Peace Garden committee updated the Board on the committee's progress, standards which must be followed in order for the garden to be designated as an official Peace Garden and introduced members that were present as well as announcing the names that were not. Present: Ann Johnston, Janice Bush, Tracy Lloyd and Gretchen Duling. Those not present: Karen Noonan, Kathy Mahtook, Gaylynn Long and Nancy Greulich.

Mrs. Duling asked the Board for a proclamation which Mayor Riordan will draft. Invitation letters will be sent soon noting the dedication ceremony time as 2:00 p.m., August 20, 2011 during the Community Picnic. The Coast Guard will be asked to conduct the flag ceremony and Lew Custode has agreed to donate his services as the bugler. The Historical Museum will have costumed historical characters during the festivities and possible participation of Ft. Niagara and Ft. George reinactors. Members of the Tuscarora Nation will participate and native children and Lew-Port students will be asked to do a ceremonial planting. Ann Johnston reported native plants will be incorporated in the garden. A brochure is required to be printed regarding the Peace Garden as well as a yearly educational program.

Mayor Riordan stated tents for the Community Picnic will be ordered and a large tent for the seating during the official ceremony will be ordered for protection against possible rain or heavy sun. Mrs. Duling stated parking will be a problem. Mayor Riordan stated this could be worked out.

Janice Bush stated the positioning of the garden has been worked out during a meeting with Trustee Adamson and DPW Superintendent Muller. Tracy Lloyd showed proposed signage for the garden.

Mayor Riordan thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication for such an endeavor.

Fred Stephens of Carrollwood Dr. asked for an update on the Cold Storage site. Mayor Riordan stated only one company, Burke Builders gave RFP's for the site and currently things are stalled. The Mayor stated that Mr. Burke will be meeting with the Board during tonight's Work Session. Mayor Riordan also stated he will be meeting next week with National Grid representatives in an attempt to obtain financial assistance for demolition of the Cold Storage building.

Building Inspector Choboy, Police Chief Salada and DPW Superintendent Muller were absent and submitted their monthly reports at the first March meeting.

Mayor Riordan advised the Board of the Town of Porter's request to Chief Salada for a proposal for Town coverage. Chief Salada will do the research and submit his recommendations and costs to the Village Board before moving forward.

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Direct Energy - \$ 6.58, TWC Digital Phone - \$83.55, AT&T - \$5.04, Sprint/Nextel - \$937.34 and Sales tax for February \$25,264.84 up \$325.66 from last year at the same time period. So noted.
2. Notification of liquor license renewal by the Youngstown Yacht Club. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending March 24, 2011-General Fund-\$31,755.76, Water Fund-\$39,023.80, Sewer Fund-\$839.76 was approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. Authorization for the Clerk to transfer funds from the Water fund owed to the Sewer fund from water /sewer bill collections during the period of 1/28/11-3/16/11 in the amount of \$25,262.14 was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.
3. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Modern Refuse Collection contract expiring May 31, 2012 and with no price increase from last year was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
4. Attorney Caserta advised the Board that a strip of land dedicated during the Brookshire Rd. development is of no use to the Village, cannot be used as a street due to its size and that it is no longer necessary to the Village. The parcel owned by the Village is 33+/- feet wide running from Brookshire Rd. to Lockport St. A motion for abandonment /no necessity for parcel owned by the Village of Youngstown which is 33+/- feet wide running from Brookshire Rd. to Lockport St., due to it not being necessary for any Village use and that it is unusable as a street was made by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
5. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson reported he and Deputy Mayor Reynolds attended a meeting held at the Town of Porter Hall regarding electric transit rights and a proposal for possible purchase of electrical poles. The Towns of Niagara, Lewiston and Porter are interested in such a plan due to the cost savings from the current 20 cent per kilowatt to 1.5 cent per kilowatt.

Transmission costs are what bring bills up so high. A feasibility study will be done which would include the number of poles in a municipality and the wattage of lights. Trustee Adamson reported in municipalities where such studies have been done, it was found that they were overbilled for poles that did not exist. Overall, both Trustee Adamson and Deputy Mayor Reynolds stated the meeting was interesting and informative.

REPORTS

Trustee Adamson reported a playground inspection will be conducted to check equipment for safety. Superintendent Muller will contact the inspector who performs such work. Also, the four water supply meters will be calibrated / tested for accuracy. Superintendent Muller has contacted the County who will do the testing at no charge to the Village.

Trustee Adamson reported a problem on Water St. where Superintendent Muller had installed a “no trailer parking” sign on Village property near Petroy Marina. The sign has been removed by unknown sources. Mr. Muller will install another sign. Mayor Riordan will draft a letter to Petroy Marina regarding their violations in such parking.

Trustee Adamson stated he has received a price quote from local contractor John Stevens to have light poles cleaned and painted in Veterans Park. Mr. Stevens will also repair the park shelter. Trustee Suitor motioned to have this work done in the current fiscal year, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.

Fred Stephens asked about the south dock separation. Mayor Riordan stated Engineer Gallucci is looking into the matter for the Village. The Mayor will be discussing this problem next week with National Grid.

Attorney Caserta reported the Melloni’s who will take over the grocery store in the Village are experiencing a longer than expected wait for SBA financing. Possible bridged financing may be necessary so work can be performed in preparation of the Melloni’s opening.

With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer