

PUBLIC HEARING –APRIL 7, 2011

Mayor Neil Riordan called the Public Hearing to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Reynolds, Trustees Adamson and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Choboy, several interested residents and students from Lew-Port. Trustee Sutor was absent.

The Mayor then read the Notice of Public Hearing as seen below and asked for public comment.

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, 240 Lockport St., Youngstown, NY will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and hearing all interested persons concerning the following:

Tentative Budget for 2011-2012, for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2012. Compensation will remain the same as the past three years for the Mayor at \$7,498., for the Deputy Mayor at \$6,151., and for each of the three Trustees at \$5,656. A copy of the tentative budget is available at the Village Clerk's Office and may be inspected Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. questioned the proposed ten cent raise in taxes for the tentative budget. Mayor Riordan explained that the increase came from increased fuel, heating and salt costs and fiscal cuts from the Town of Porter, State and Federal governments. Mr. Swann discussed improvements to Queen St. in Niagara Falls, Ontario as he has mentioned at prior Board meetings. When he asked if the Board was participating in the Niagara River Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Swann stated the \$8,000. fee was not justified by what they offer Youngstown for such a yearly membership fee and that the Chamber of Commerce has worn its welcome out. Mayor Riordan stated the Chamber will promote the upcoming opening of businesses in the Village as well as events planned. The Mayor stated the Board is sensitive to resident's finances in light of the economy by the careful budget review and cuts to keep costs down. Many hours were spent doing line by line review of the budget.

Mr. Swann had several other questions and also alerted the Board of Danny Andrews' 50 years as a Youngstown businessman. He asked that a proclamation be made by the Board in Mr. Andrews' honor. Mayor Riordan thanked Mr. Swann for bringing this to the Board's attention and a proclamation will be drafted.

Mr. Swann discussed the census results showing population decline in the area and stated he was shocked the tax increase was only ten cents. Mayor Riordan stated grants are being researched to assist the Village with various projects.

Trustee Adamson discussed the many ways the Village has saved taxpayer's dollars in the past year. The Village used the Niagara County Work Program to roof the shelter at Falkner Park, the Recreation building was painted by a volunteer and Four Mile Park was contacted when they were disposing of several picnic tables and the Village was in need of purchasing replacements. There was no cost to the Village for the tables. Trustee Adamson reported the new Police patrol car was obtained by a grant, summer concerts have been paid by donations and negotiations with Modern Disposal produced a renewed contract with no increase in price. Mr. Swann asked if the

garbage tote program which was mentioned in the past was going to begin. Mayor Riordan stated such a program is too expensive to implement at this time. He did stress the need for residents to cover their garbage cans thus preventing rain and snow collecting inside and adding to the weight and cost of garbage collected.

Bruce Paepflow of Second St. stated he agreed with Mr. Swann regarding membership with the Chamber of Commerce being costly. He stated his motel business is down all year until the summer months and that he is considering turning his business into apartments in approximately two years.

Greg Robertson of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. discussed the mandates now required of them by the State resulting in higher expenses to the Fire Company and the effect on the Fire Protection agreement with the Village. Mr. Robertson reported on the jaws of life now needed to cut through the metal of passenger compartments of vehicles. Their jaws of life cannot do the job which means a \$12,000. equipment purchase.

Fred Stephens of Carrollwood Dr. questioned employee pensions and health care costs as it relates to contributions from employees. Mayor Riordan stated employee contributions cannot be changed in regard to the pension and most recently hired employees do pay a portion toward health care coverage. The current union contract for DPW workers expires next year and the matter will be addressed at that time. Mr. Stephens asked if the Board had considered downsizing the Board from five members to three. Mayor Riordan stated the matter would be addressed if there were interest in doing so.

With no further discussion regarding the tentative budget, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried. The Public Hearing ended at 7:50 p.m.

Building Inspector Choboy submitted his monthly report for March. One building permit was issued for work of \$2,500. Total fees collected for the month-\$25.00. Mr. Choboy reported he has talked to the new owners of the grocery store and work will begin soon to prepare for their opening. Permits are increasing as the weather improves. Inspector Choboy asked that a Village tour date be set. Mayor Riordan thanked Inspector Choboy for his recent donation to the summer concert program.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report. 237 patrol hour logged, 1438 patrol hours worked, 15 Village calls, 10 Town of Porter calls, 13 calls outside the Village, 11 UTT's issued, 11 parking tickets and 1 arrest was made. Chief Salada has had response to 12 of the 13 unregistered vehicle letters written. He has applied for and will receive a \$5,600. grant for a radio. The Border Patrol has approved a security camera which will be installed soon. Mayor Riordan stated the Youngstown monthly Police report is now being forwarded to the Town of Porter councilmen and supervisor so they are aware of calls to their municipality. A proposal for Police coverage in the Town is being prepared and Mayor Riordan asked that it show the work there as a separate entity.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his March report. Overtime hours worked-18.5. Mayor Riordan reported Niagara County will chip brush collected by the Village but at a time when the ground is dry at the collection site. He also reported another company has offered to do the chipping and will take the chips when finished. Trustee Adamson alerted the Board and Mr. Muller of a standing water problem. Engineer Gallucci will also be notified of the problem.

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

The minutes of the March 24, 2011 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee

Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from MCI Transmissions-\$6.87, Dominion Resources-\$1.99, National Fuel-\$3,482.34 and Niagara Mohawk-\$2,910.64. So noted.
2. Tire Collection Day scheduled for Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Village Center parking lot. Rims may be left on tires. The event is open to Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter residents only. A public service notice has been placed in the Sentinel and Niagara Gazette. So noted
3. Niagara Co. sponsoring free rabies immunization clinics throughout the county. For more details call 439-7511. Flyer posted on community billboard in Village Hall. So noted.
4. Water gallonage report for February 28-March 31, 2011, consumption down 58,563 gallons per day from the same time period last year. So noted.
5. Notice given by Senior Citizen Club that due to lack of membership and aging members, the group will suspend operations in June 2011. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending March 31, 2011-General Fund-\$16,945.68, Water Fund-\$1424.60 and Sewer Fund-\$492.62 and for period ending April 7, 2011-General Fund-\$33,411.52, Water Fund-\$203.98, and Sewer Fund-\$139.49 were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
2. Motion to close Public Hearing. (see motion and approval above)
3. Authorization for Deputy Clerk to attend NYS Archives “managing maps” workshop on Friday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Boston, NY was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
4. Authorization for Deputy Clerk to attend Niagara Co. Clerks meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2011 was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
5. Resolution authorizing any unpaid Village water/sewer bills for quarter ending December 31, 2010, any formerly exempt amounts and any outstanding Accounts Receivables to be forwarded to Niagara County for inclusion to property tax bills. Further be it resolved that the Board authorizes the following outstanding Accounts Receivables totaling \$1,000 or more to be included on Village tax bills for unperformed upkeep/maintenance of property for public health and safety for properties known as 45.19-1-38 and 59.07-2-58.1 and 59.07-3-1 through 59.07-3-59 was moved to adoption by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and duly carried.
6. Authorization of transfer of appropriations for 2010-2011 General Fund budget in the amount of \$33,172.00 and the Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,978.00 was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

1. A motion to approve monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General Water, Sewer and Trust Agency Funds for the period ending March 31, 2011 was made by Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
8. The next Board meeting will be held on April 28, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

REPORTS

Trustee Adamson reported Vets Park is under utilized and that this year, soccer teams will play at that park also. An English soccer camp will be held at the park which is usually held at Fort Niagara. He also advised the Board that the Town of Lewiston will help with shared service work on the ball diamonds at Vets Park.

Mayor Riordan reported he met with National Grid representatives in an attempt to procure financial assistance for various projects in the Village. The meeting and tour of the Village which followed were very positive.

Trustee Adamson asked that Superintendent Muller save the sod from the digging of the Bi-Centennial garden so it can be re-used at various spots in Vets Park. Mr. Muller will reserve the sod for such patch work.

Norman Swann questioned the Board on road work needed throughout the Village. Mayor Riordan stated the Village will work on the streets needing the most attention using the State CHIPS fund in an effort to avoid a large tax increase to residents. Superintendent Muller was asked to compile a list of needed road work.

The Clerk's written financial report to augment the monthly revenue and expense journal for the period ending March 31, 2011 was provided to each Board member for review and is on file in the Clerk's Office. So noted.

Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried. The meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer