

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2011

Mayor Riordan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Reynolds, Trustees Adamson and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Building Inspector Choboy and three residents. Trustee Suitor was absent.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Rod Fairbank of Water St. thanked the Mayor for his follow-up letter regarding the wind energy data discussed at a recent meeting of the Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Jim Burke, representing St. John's Lutheran Church asked what needed to be done to allow the Church to acquire the lot next to Church property. Attorney Caserta advised Mr. Burke of an upcoming meeting next week with Steve Zastrow who is representing the legal interest of St. John's.

Scott Szarejko who owns property on the west side of the St. John's Church and the aforementioned paper street lot, asked if it would be offered to him also. Attorney Caserta stated that typically the paper street would be offered to both abutting neighbors, divided equally. If one did not want half of the lot, it would be offered to the other neighbor.

Building Inspector Choboy reported on a continued complaint from a neighbor of the 90 Lake St. apartment complex regarding a dog at that site. Also, residents at the complex are leaving food out which attracts multiple feral cats. The neighbor fears rodents will also be drawn to the food. Inspector Choboy advised the Board that he will be out of town for the next two weeks and suggested a letter from the Board be sent to the complex management company. Mayor Riordan agreed that a letter should be sent. The Clerk stated that the same letter could be forwarded to each tenant also as their names and unit numbers are in the water billing records.

Mr. Choboy reported a problem concerning a vehicle on Lockport St. has been resolved. He also reported a problem with the Petroy Marina tenant who leaves weekly garbage in the roadway. During a recent plowing of Water St., this placement of snow covered garbage was hit, strewing it across the road. Inspector Choboy stated there has been a continual garbage problem with this tenant even though he has been verbally advised of the problem. Mayor Riordan stated a letter needs to be sent to both owner and tenant regarding this matter.

Inspector Choboy broached the subject of fire safety concerns at 409 Main St. A discussion took place regarding the need to have businesses and apartment buildings inspected, thus the need for a fire inspector. A candidate for such a position was mentioned and his qualifications. Trustee Reynolds will talk to the potential candidate and an invitation to the February 10, 2011 Work Session will be given. Concerns of the unkempt condition of the Main St. apartment building and its location in the heart of the Village were discussed.

Police Chief Salada was absent. A discussion took place regarding recent car break-ins.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent.

Attorney Caserta stated he will address items as they arise in the meeting.

The minutes of the January 13, 2011 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Accent Energy-\$15.46, AT&T-\$30.74, IDT Telecom-\$5.63, TWC Digital Phone-\$78.09, Broadview Networks-\$10.40 and Direct Energy-\$3.88. Sales tax distribution for December-\$38,681.80 up \$4,036.06 from the same time period last year. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending January 27, 2011-General Fund - \$31,537.37, Water Fund - \$18,767.08, Sewer Fund - \$38,803.72 and Trust Agency-\$100.00 was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
2. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency for the period ending November and December 2010 was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.
3. Authorization for Clerk to transfer funds from the Water fund owed to the Sewer fund from water/sewer bill collections in the amount of \$17,540.92 for the period of January 1-January 27, 2011 was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
4. Deputy Mayor Reynolds motioned to authorize the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the Niagara County Clerk's Association meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2011, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The guest speaker will be newly elected Assemblyman John Ceretto. Board members are also invited to attend.
5. Authorization for Mayor to sign agreement between the Town of Porter, Village and Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
6. Trustee Adamson motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the LWPCC sewer use contract for 2011. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Reynolds reported on the January 22, 2011 meeting held at NCCC regarding Federal mandated radio system changes which must be in effect by 2013. The current system dates back to the 1950's and 1960's. The new system will allow more effective communication

between agencies and is being implemented at the County level. A line item in the upcoming budget will be made to accommodate the expense.

Trustee Adamson reported he attended the Heritage Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Upcoming events are being planned to celebrate history in this area including the anniversary of the War of 1812. The Village will host a meeting of the Niagara Heritage Commission during the week of February 14, 2011 to include members of the Lower Niagara River Chamber of Commerce, Youngstown and Lewiston Business Associations, Fort Niagara personnel, Historical Society representatives, Village Mayors and Town Supervisors.

Trustee Adamson also reported the Teen Center is open again, movie night has started again and a four week adult computer class is underway. Also, the DPW crew continues with the painting of the Village Center halls. A radiator from the upstairs hallway has been removed. Trustee Adamson asked the crew to return it, keeping with the historical integrity of the building.

REPORTS

Mayor Riordan reported that a meeting between the Town of Porter and Village regarding the sewer contract with the same was cancelled. The Mayor stated another meeting will be scheduled.

With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,