

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Deputy Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson and Sutor, Attorney Caserta, Building Inspector Choboy, DPW Superintendent Muller, one student and several interested persons. Trustee VanDeusen and Mayor Riordan were absent.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds asked for public comment. Tony Collard of Youngstown Lockport Rd. in the Town of Porter thanked the Youngstown Police Department and particularly Officer Quarantillo who had been dispatched to the Collard residence for an activated security alarm while the home was unoccupied. Officer Quarantillo found no problem upon inspection. Trustee Adamson stated in reference to the Youngstown Police response to the scene, the Village does not receive funds for such Town of Porter calls. Trustee Adamson also advised the public that the Town of Porter has cut waste tax funds slated for the Village which Porter receives from CWM. The Town of Porter has reduced the funds to the Village by \$15,000. The previous annual distribution had been \$35,000. and now lowered to \$20,000. for 2011.

Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. discussed rising costs due to the economy, the Village budget, the recent hiring of police officers and asked if Village taxes will go up. Deputy Mayor Reynolds told Mr. Swann that the Board is currently in the middle of budgeting sessions. Trustee Adamson stated the Board cannot predict if Village taxes will increase due in part to the Village garbage contract negotiations still to be agreed upon. Mr. Swann suggested Allied Waste instead of Modern Disposal for collecting Village garbage.

Historical Society representative Tony Clark addressed the Board regarding a recent letter requesting the use of space should it become available on the upper floor of the Village Hall. Mr. Clark stated the museum collection has increased over the past five years resulting in the request. Deputy Mayor Reynolds stated that at this point, the Board is not sure what space we will have available and that the Department of Public Works is currently painting and repairing rooms in the building. Trustee Adamson asked what room the museum was requesting. Mr. Clark stated the back room currently occupied by the scouts would be ideal due to its proximity to the museum which would have a good traffic flow for visitors when passing the permanent display in the hall. Trustee Adamson stated a time frame for a response from the Board should take approximately a month. Mr. Clark stated the museum would also like to hang pictures in the Cora Gushee Room, making it more “user friendly”.

Building Inspector Choboy stated he submitted his monthly report at the first February meeting. He reported Gary Brennan plans on reopening a portion of his restaurant on Main St. Mr. Brennan is cleaning the building and has applied for a liquor license and has also applied for a certificate of occupancy.

Police Chief Salada was absent but also submitted his report at the first February meeting.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported on continued work at the Village Hall. Deputy Mayor Reynolds alerted Mr. Muller of a pothole at Northfield Dr. and Elm St.

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

The minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting were accepted by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes-Direct Energy-\$5.38, Sales tax for January \$31,722.24 up \$2,201.15 from the same time period last year. So noted.
2. Notification of sales tax equalization of distribution after 2010 Census figures arrive in April by Niagara Co. Treasurer Kyle Andrews. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending February 24, 2011-General Fund-\$27,786.37, Water Fund-\$923.36, Sewer Fund-\$410.97 and Trust Agency-\$200. was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
2. A request has been received from Lew-Port Middle School Builders Club to have the Village Hall designated as a drop-off site for the Club's food drive March 1-15. The non-perishable food collection will benefit the Magdalene Project Soup Kitchen in Niagara Falls. Trustee Sutor motioned to approve the request, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

REPORTS

Trustee Adamson updated the Board on another National Heritage Commission meeting held yesterday in Niagara Falls regarding Bicentennial / War of 1812 plans. The group meets once a month to support the work of local communities in this endeavor.

The Clerk's written financial report to augment the monthly revenue and expense journal for the period ending January 31, 2011 was provided to each board member for review and is on file in the Clerk's office.

With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sutor. The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer