

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –MARCH 10, 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, Police Chief Salada, Attorney Caserta and four interested residents.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Tim Schmitt who has worked for the Gazette and channel 7 sports has now developed a website WWW.BELOWTHEFALLS.COM. The site will feature news and events in the Youngstown, Lewiston and Ransomville area. Mr. Schmitt stated a representative from Below the Falls will be attending the Village Board meetings for attaining news items. He stressed that so many good things are going on in the area that needs to be reported. Mr. Schmitt is also a news director for radio station 1340 in Lockport. Mayor Riordan expressed his enthusiasm with this new initiative for the area.

Building Inspector Choboy was absent but submitted his monthly report for February. Two permits were issued for work estimated at \$9,000, one Certificate of Occupancy issued and \$145.00 in fees collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report. Patrol hours logged-121, 1,537 patrol miles driven, 12 Village calls, 14 Town of Porter calls, 19 calls outside the Village, 2 UTT's issued, 14 parking tickets issued and no arrests. Chief Salada reported continued positive feedback from the Crime Watch meeting held recently. He informed the Board that he has started a program in the Lewiston area where the Police check homes and well being of residents. Chief Salada will keep the Board updated on the success of this program and may start it in Youngstown also. Letters have been sent to 13 residents for unregistered vehicles.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but submitted his February report. 63 overtime hours were worked. Trustee Adamson then updated the Board of an earlier meeting with Superintendent Muller and members of the Peace Garden committee to discuss updates of their work planned for Falkner Park. Trustee Adamson also updated the Board on a proposed used truck purchase. The estimated cost for purchase and repairs should be approximately \$15,000 which is much less than the purchase of a new truck. He also reported the need for landscaping at the north and south docks which should cost \$1,500. from the current fiscal year budget. Mayor Riordan reported the County will chip the brush collected by the DPW this year.

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

The minutes of the February 24, 2011 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Water gallonage report for January 31, 2011-February 28, 2011-consumption down 56,785 gallons from the same time period last year. So noted.
2. Utility taxes received from AT&T-\$3.26, TWC Digital Phone-\$82.97 and final

NYSDEC reimbursement for Cold Storage project-\$7,810.49. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending March 10, 2011-General Fund-\$23,056.69, Water Fund-\$15.00, and Sewer Fund-\$18.34 and Trust Agency-\$176.40 was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.
2. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency for the period ending February 28, 2011 by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
3. Authorization for Clerk to transfer \$4,500. from A5142.2 Snow Removal Capital to A231.A Special Reserve Street Equipment savings account was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
4. Authorization for the Deputy Clerks to attend the March 17, 2011 Niagara County Clerks Association meeting was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
5. Next Board meeting-March 24, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson expounded on his meeting with the Peace Garden committee and showed a sketch of the sign to mark the garden. Flags have also been purchased. Many invitations will be sent for the dedication which is scheduled to take place on August 20th, the same day as the community picnic and Nancy Price 5K Race. The time of dedication will be determined once plans are set. Commemorative brick may still be purchased for the garden walkway.

REPORTS

Mayor Riordan reported renovations will be made to the Boy Scout room with plans to allow the Museum to expand to that room. He stated he has talked to one of the Scout leaders regarding another meeting room or site. Tony Clark of the Museum thanked the Board for their consideration of the room once renovated as it gives a flow to the Museum rooms, allowing more displays as well as displaying historic pictures in the Cora Gushee room for all to enjoy. Mr. Clark reported the Museum will have permanent displays such as the trolley in the hall as well as temporary displays. Those will be changed periodically so the public will not see the same thing each time they visit

The Mayor stated he has talked to the Village grant writer regarding several grant opportunities. Some grants require no matching funds from the Village while others require a match of 50%. Plan preparations are needed so the Village is ready when grant funds become available. He stated the Village I & I work continues with success. The Youngstown Business Association will again apply for grant funding for this year's tourism brochure and flowers for the Main St. business district.

Mayor Riordan also reported on other upcoming events. A memorial service will be held on March 23, 2011 to honor deceased Coast Guard members. The service will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center. On March 14th at 4:00 p.m. the Board is invited to meet the new park manager for Fort Niagara. Mayor Riordan stated the Village and Fort Niagara staff has always enjoyed a good working relationship. On Saturday, June 11th, Bob Emerson of the Fort has several War of 1812 speakers scheduled. The Mayor has offered the Village Hall gym as a site for such speakers. Parking in various Village lots will be needed to accommodate visitors to the area for this event. The Market Place store is scheduled to close on Sunday, March 13th. New owners will take over with cleaning and repairs for the spring opening of a full service grocery store.

The Mayor has been in touch with Modern Disposal and budgetary figures for garbage collection should arrive next week.

Bruce Oliphant of Elliott St. and possible candidate for Village Fire Inspector distributed his resume to the Board member. A brief discussion took place regarding Mr. Oliphant's training and credentials. Mayor Riordan stated the Village has been without a Fire Inspector for some time now, with Building Inspector Choboy filling in as needed. The Board will review the resume.

The Clerk's written financial report to augment the monthly revenue and expense journal for the period ending February 28, 2011 was provided to each board member for review and is on file in the Clerk's office.

With no further business, Trustee Suitor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer