

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2011

Mayor Riordan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Reynolds, Trustee Adamson, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Choboy, several residents and the Youngstown Librarian Jan Gilgore. Trustees Sutor and VanDeusen were absent.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Amy Vanone of 100 Lake St. reported on a continuous problem of a neighbor in the 90 Lake St. apartment building who feeds the wildlife. Mr. Vanone submitted a letter of complaint prior to the Board meeting expressing the health and safety concerns created by such wildlife. Mr. and Mrs. Vanone have talked to the tenant and a letter was sent by the Board asking that the feeding stop. Mayor Riordan stated the Vanone letter of complaint will go on record with the meeting minutes and the Board will send another letter to the tenant.

Richard Lucas of Second St. voiced his concerns regarding concrete poured at 940 River Rd. which is close to the property line of the home his daughter rents. Mr. Lucas asked how much of a property can the owner be allowed to have concreted. He is concerned with the driveway's pitch and water going in the direction of his daughter's home. Building Inspector Choboy will talk with the resident regarding Mr. Lucas' concerns and stated there is nothing in the Village Code that says how much concrete is allowed on a property. A discussion took place regarding the concrete apron at the street. Mayor Riordan asked that Inspector Choboy investigate Mr. Lucas' water concerns at the aforementioned property.

Librarian, Jan Gilgore reported the library is applying for a NY State construction grant which requires the library to have a ten year contract agreement with the Village and to be submitted by Thursday, August 18, 2011. She stated that in the past, the agreement was for ten years but over the years, was changed to three years. Mayor Riordan stated the Board will discuss the matter in the Work Session and will return to regular session if any decision is made so it can be recorded in the minutes. The Mayor stated a structural engineer has examined the building and will be back for follow-up. The engineer cited major cracks and the need to re-pour the mortar. Mayor Riordan advised Ms. Gilgore that the engineer found sags in the floor of the room requested by the library, ventilation issues, nails popping through the floors and that there should be no storage of books or file cabinets due to the weight issue. If the room were to be used, reading tables would be the extent of acceptable weight. Ms. Gilgore asked if the floor could be shored up. The Mayor stated the Village would not be able to cover such an expense at this time. Ms. Gilgore asked the Mayor if in the event they continue with the grant application, would it be acceptable for the library to renovate the room. Mayor Riordan stated there would be no problem with the library choosing paint colors for the room. A discussion took place regarding the library replacing windows. Superintendent Muller asked that the library match the windows with the Village Office windows which are soon to be replace. This would give consistency with the windows facing the Third St. parking lot. The order has been placed but delayed due to the incorrect frame color. Mayor Riordan stated Superintendent Muller would help with window coordination. Ms. Gilgore was in agreement.

Building Inspector Choboy stated this has been a busy month although the jobs are smaller this year. He submitted his July report. Seven building permits were completed for a total cost of \$87,790., 2 driveway permits were completed and \$495. in fees collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report. 345 patrol hours were worked, 1,589 patrol miles logged, 36 Village calls, 24 Porter calls, 25 calls outside the Village, 19 UTT's issued, 33 parking tickets issued and 2 arrests were made. Chief Salada stated scheduling has been adjusted for best surveillance in light of recent damage in the park. Mayor Riordan stated a proposal for surveillance cameras is in the works.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his July report. 11 hours of overtime was worked in the month and 62.28 tons of garbage collected. Mr. Muller stated paving has been done and work has been done in the parks. Mayor Riordan stated picnic tables will be loaned to the Village for the upcoming Community Picnic by the State Parks and tents will be placed in Falkner Park on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

The minutes of the July 14, 2011 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Utility taxes received from AT&T-\$4.61, Verizon-\$1.138.02, Vonage-\$7.48, Direct Energy-\$1.95, IDT Telecom-\$6.02, TWC Digital Phone-\$81.14 and Accent Energy-\$13.08. Sales Tax distribution for June-\$43,292.44 up \$1,573.02 from same time period last year. So noted.
2. Water gallonage report for July 2011, consumption down 5,850 gallons per day from the same time period last year. So noted.

### **AGENDA**

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending July 31, 2011-General Fund-\$48,426.91, Water Fund-\$20,860.09, Sewer Fund-\$43,113.09 and Trust Agency-\$270.00 and for the period ending August 11, 2011-General Fund-\$79,794.64, Water Fund-\$1,191.42, Sewer Fund-\$3,862.76 and Trust Agency-\$878.48 were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
2. Authorization for employee recertification of AED use was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
3. Authorization for the Clerk to transfer \$16.40 from A231 Cash Special Reserve Unemployment to General Fund checking (A200) for payment to NYS Unemployment Services was approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.
4. Deputy Mayor Reynolds motioned to authorize closing the Village Office for approximately 2 hours to host the Niagara County Clerk's Association meeting with the Town of Porter on Thursday, September 15, 2011, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. If any Board member wishes to attend, please RSVP with the Village Office.
5. Water shut off for non-payment of quarter ending June 30, 2011 water/sewer bills set for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried.

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Discussed in REPORTS

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Trustee Adamson recapped some of the work accomplished recently. "Weed & Feed" has been spread in Veterans Park to maintain the baseball fields, soccer is being played there and soon football will also. Trees have been trimmed in Falkner Park which allows more lighting visibility. The Community Picnic is well organized and several volunteers will help with the event. Village Center restoration work will begin. Deputy Mayor Reynolds motioned to approve the work, seconded by Mayor Riordan and carried. Trustee Adamson stated work on the Boy Scout Room will be done as a winter project beginning in December. Mayor Riordan stated it was good to see the multiple use of Veterans Park for various kid sports. Resident Lucas stated the park looks great.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds reminded everyone of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. and the Labor Day Parade and Field Day. Some monetary donations have been received for the event. Trustee Adamson asked Deputy Mayor Reynolds to ask the Fire Co. for approval for the Recreation Department to sell tee shirts on Sunday at the Field Day grounds.

Superintendent Muller reported a boat cradle storage problem at Veterans Park. Mayor Riordan will draft a letter to the offender.

Mayor Riordan asked the Clerk to contact Steve Pierce and accept his offer to donate a bike rack to the Village. The Mayor reported the Black Pearl ship will check the water depth in Youngstown prior to offering cruises from the Village dock. A shuttle will be offered from the Village Center parking lot to the Community Picnic at Falkner Park. Van driver Paul Inskip will drive that day. The Mayor stated a Union grievance meeting was canceled at the last minute by the employee filing the grievance. Mayor Riordan will draft a letter to the Union representative, Joe Nowak regarding the matter. The Mayor also announced the RAB group is still at work in the area. Trustee VanDeusen has expressed to the Mayor, her interest in working as the Village representative for RAB.

With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reynolds and carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon  
Clerk Treasurer