

PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 13, 2011

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

Deputy Mayor Reynolds asked that those present remain standing for a moment of silence for Mayor Riordan who recently passed away. After the observance, Trustee Adamson motioned to appointment Deputy Mayor Reynolds as Mayor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. Mrs. Linda Reynolds came forward to hold the Bible as her husband took the Oath of Office. Congratulations were extended to the new Mayor. Mayor Reynolds then motioned to appoint Trustee Adamson as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried. Congratulations were also extended to the new Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Reynolds continued the meeting by reading the Notice of Public Hearing for the following:
Proposed Local Law 2-2011 to add Chapter 141-13 of the Licensed Occupations Law of the Village of Youngstown, New York to add penalties for failure to comply.

Section 141-13 Violations

A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.00 and/or imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) days.

Proposed Local Law 3-2011 to amend Chapter 232-21 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the Village of Youngstown, New York to add fines for illegal parking.

Section 232-21 Fines for Illegal Parking

Fines Penalties for the illegal parking of motor vehicles within the Village shall be as set forth from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees in this Chapter shall be of a fine not more than \$250.00.

Attorney Caserta explained both proposed Local Laws stating that previously Chapter 141-13 had no stated penalty and with this addition, penalties are now set. LL #3-2011 would help to gain revenue for the Village.

Mayor Reynolds asked for public comment regarding the proposed local laws or any other matter. Brian Muller of Elm St. stated he has purchased an 8'x8' portable plastic shelter at a cost of \$279. He distributed a picture of the unit to the Board members and explained it will sit on stone, will be anchored into the ground and will have the proper setbacks. Mr. Muller stated he had called the Building Inspector to inquire about needing a building permit for the unit. He was told he would. Mr. Muller stated he had no problem with obtaining a permit but did feel the \$45. fee was extremely high for such an inexpensive project. Mr. Muller cited the fee schedule began at \$45. for construction valued at \$1,000. but fees for lesser valued construction reverted to the \$45. He then stated it made no sense when the fee for a fence or driveway permit is \$25. and construction costs for those items are thousands of dollars. Mr. Muller asked the Board to consider a fee for such an inexpensive unit. The Board agreed to discuss it during the Work Session and would have an answer for him soon. Attorney Caserta stated fees are set by the Board and can be changed from time to time. Building Inspector Choboy asked that the unit be properly secured to prevent it from blowing away during a storm. Mr. Muller stated it would be and then thanked the Board for their consideration.

Building Inspector Choboy stated his report has been submitted with 8 permits issued for work valued at \$47,000. and \$290. in fees were collected. A brief discussion took place regarding a Wingate Place property which is overgrown. Inspector Choboy will investigate the matter.

A discussion took place regarding the Finkbeiner property being sold at auction. Brian Muller advised the Board that the original grade at one of the auctioned properties is too high and has and will continue to cause problems for surrounding neighbors. Attorney Caserta stated that before any building can be put on said property, infrastructure must be put in and he will verify that fact. A suggestion was brought up to have the new owners meet with the Board. Attorney Caserta will find out who purchased the auctioned property so a meeting can be scheduled.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his monthly report. 286 patrol hours were worked, 1,139 miles were logged, 24 Village calls, 9 Town of Porter calls, 9 calls outside the Village, 9 UTT's issued, 8 parking tickets were issued and 2 arrests were made.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his September report. No overtime was worked. Superintendent Muller will plant the tree donated in Mayor Riordan's memory in front of the Village Hall. The large evergreen will be removed by Mike Costello. A brief discussion took place regarding the procurement of grant funds for a double sided electronic sign which would be placed in front of the Village Hall. The used Town of Porter pick-up truck which the Village will be purchasing will be ready sometime in November. The truck was painted last spring and new tires and brakes have been installed. The gas tank and seat should be the only repairs necessary when the Village takes possession.

Attorney Caserta will address items as needed.

The minutes of the September 22, 2011 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from TWC Digital Phone-\$90.03, AT&T -\$6.83, MCI-\$5.49, Vonage-\$7.22, Dominion Resources-\$1.18, Direct Energy-\$10.18, Niagara Mohawk-\$3,096.31, National Fuel-\$835.52. AIM (Aid Incentives for Municipalities) disbursement -\$16,066. down \$328. from last year. So noted.
2. Water consumption for quarter 6/30-9/30/11 down 29,565 gallons per day for the same quarter last year and monthly consumption for 8/31-9/30/11 down 48,000 gallons for the same period last year. So noted.
3. Card of thanks received from the Youngstown Garden Club for the Village's support of the gazebo landscaping project. So noted.

AGENDA

1. Deputy Mayor Adamson motioned to accept the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending September 30, 2011-General Fund-\$21,513.61, Water Fund-\$1,780.06 and Sewer Fund-\$1,029.38 and for period ending October 13, 2011-General Fund-\$40,519.95, Water Fund \$24,212.60, Sewer Fund-\$1,058.26 and Trust Agency- \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. With no further discussion regarding the Local Laws, Trustee Suitor motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. Trustee VanDeusen then motioned to approved Local Law 2-2011, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. Trustee Suitor motioned to approve Local Law 3-2011, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.

3. Trick or Treat hours to be set. (In past years, Halloween hours were set for the actual day, from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) Deputy Mayor Adamson motioned to approve the aforementioned date and hours for Trick or Treating, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
4. The Recreation Department will hold its annual Halloween parade and party on Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration for the parade begins at 12:30 p.m. with the parade starting at 1:00 p.m. and party to follow. Games and food will be featured. So noted. Mayor Reynolds stated Recreation Director Cudmore asked to have a Board member act as a costume judge along with Dottie Riordan. Deputy Mayor Adamson volunteered to judge.
5. Authorization for Clerk and Deputy to attend the Niagara Co. Municipal Clerks meeting on Thursday, October 20th. was given by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
6. Resolution authorizing Mayor Reynolds to file for grant funding for the proposed ferry boat project between the Village of Youngstown and Niagara-on-the-Lake was made by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.
 1. Resolution authorizing Mayor Reynolds to file for grant funding for the proposed demolition project of the Youngstown Cold Storage Building was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
 2. Resolution authorizing Mayor Reynolds to file for grant funding for the proposed Waterfront Stormwater Renovation Project located along Water St. and Ferry St. on the Niagara River was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Adamson updated the Board on Recreation programs. Currently, 21 children along with their parents are participating in the Toddler Program on Fridays. Open gym will begin on Friday evenings in November from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Movie night will be held every third Friday of the month. Floor hockey is played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported that the Holiday in the Village event will be held again on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m.-5 p.m. with Recreation Commission member Claudia Andres in charge of organizing vendors in the gym and the carriage ride. Commission member Ann Johnston will chair the children events at the Fire Hall. The lighting of the tree in Falkner Park will take place at dusk. Deputy Mayor Adamson will borrow character costumes from the Lower Niagara River Chamber of Commerce and the characters will walk through the Village greeting participants.

Mayor Reynolds announced the next Board meeting will be held on October 27th. Due to the holidays in November and December, the Board will meet only once in each of those months. They will be November 17th and December 8th.

With no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer