

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – December 8, 2011

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

Mayor Reynolds asked for public comment. Dennis Taylor who stated he lived on the outskirts but not in the Village itself and thereby his idea may not be considered. He then went on to suggest naming the park on Water St. next to the Yacht Club after former Mayor Riordan. Mayor Reynolds stated the idea will be taken into consideration as well as others that have been proposed. The Mayor stated the Board did not want to jump into anything without careful consideration of the most appropriate way to memorialize Neil.

Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. stated street lights are out all over the Village and stated since the Police are driving around the Village at night, they should report any non-working streetlight. He then went on to say there are window tint levels for vehicles in New York State and the Youngstown Police car windows are heavily tinted and should follow the State's regulations also. Mr. Swann then asked what has been happening with the Cold Storage site in the past 30-60 days. Attorney Caserta advised him of the recently received DEC certificate of completion which approves cleanup of the site. Also, the Village has not received RFP's for the site after the only prospective contractor withdrew his plans. Trustee Hanson stated the DEC certificate may make the property more appealing to contractors. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated our grant writer is working on a grant for demolition of the Cold Storage building. Mr. Swann gave further opinion on the subject stating the Village should not be waiting to get a grant.

Mary Ann Rolland of Lake Rd. stated she had been interested in the Cold Storage site and discussed demolition with contractor Bob McVie who priced the job at \$150,000. She went on to say the wood and stone taken from the building could be sold but salvaging these items must be supervised. Mrs. Rolland stated there is a company in Niagara Falls that does de-construction work.

Gretchen Duling commented on the wonderful interview of the new Mayor which recently appeared in the Buffalo News.

Building Inspector Choboy submitted his monthly report for November. Six permits were completed for work valued at \$32,760. and fees of \$195. were collected. Mayor Reynolds announced the Building Inspector will be retiring at the end of the month and that the Board of Trustees would like to recognize Bill for his hard work and dedicated service to the Village for 17 years. A proclamation was read and presented to Bill who then thanked the Board and those he has worked with.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his November report. 301 patrol hours were worked, 1,145 patrol miles logged, 19 Village calls, 9 Town of Porter calls, 13 calls outside the Village, 13 UTT's, 9 parking tickets issued and 2 arrests were made.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his monthly report for November. Six hours of overtime was worked and 58.58 tons of garbage collected. Leaf pick-up is almost finished and the plows are ready for snow removal. Superintendent Muller commented on Mr. Swann's concerns of street light outages stating he checks for outages and reports them. He stated the outages are also faxed to National Grid. Deputy Mayor Adamson suggested possibly asking the Police Officers to list

any poles they may see while on patrol.

Attorney Caserta will address items as they arise during the meeting and reported a possible meeting with Mr. Sahota, new property owner of parcels on Oak and West Oak Terrace. The meeting would alert Mr. Sahota of Village Board safety concerns with the auctioned property once owned by Ed Finkbeiner.

The minutes of the November 17, 2011 were approved by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Utility taxes received from TWC Digital Phone-\$92.63, AT&T-\$3.26, Cordia Communications-\$15.14, Vonage America-\$7.25, and Direct Energy-\$6.76. Sales tax distribution for October 2011 up \$928.65 from the same period last year. So noted
2. Mayor Reynolds reminded those attending the Board meeting of the Christmas in the Village event on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
3. A letter was received from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection with an offer to present an overview of the Niagara Falls Border Patrol Station to the Village Board and residents. Trustee Sutor stated a similar presentation was done approximately two years ago. Mayor Reynolds suggested a date in the new year be selected to have the Border Patrol come in.

### **AGENDA**

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending November 30, 2011-General Fund-\$80,611.41, Water Fund-\$1,262.59 and Sewer Fund-\$744.67 and for period ending December 8, 2011-General Fund-\$36,924.67, Water Fund-\$1,393.18, Sewer Fund-\$522.43 were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

### **REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Adamson stated storm sewer drawings of the 409 Main St. property owned by Shawn Weber are in the Village Office. Mr. Weber is out of town but a message was left in this regard.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported the Boy Scout room still needs to be cleaned out so the DPW crew can do electrical work and plastering in the room. Also, one proposal has been received for the electronic sign outside the Village Hall. The Deputy Mayor asked for approval to get another sign proposal which the Board agreed was needed.

Trustee Sutor reported maintenance work has been done to the Village web site which receives 1,500 hits per month.

Trustee VanDeusen reported attending the recent meeting of LOOWRAB as she is the liaison for the Village Board. She then read the mission statement of the group and briefed those in

attendance of pertinent information. A survey is on the website which can be obtained at [www.LOOWRAB.com](http://www.LOOWRAB.com)

Trustee Hanson reported the South Waterfront dock plans have been put on discs by CNS Engineering for review.

With no further business, Deputy Mayor Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon  
Clerk Treasurer