VILLAGE BOARD MEETING - February 23, 2012

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Adamson, Trustees Hanson and Suitor, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, a reporter and several interested residents. Trustee VanDeusen was absent.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Jeff Baker, a councilman for the Town of Porter stated a Youngstown native, Sgt. Major Michael Barrett has achieved the highest rank for an enlisted Marine and asked that the Board consider naming a portion of a street after Sgt. Major Barrett. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated he has previously talked to Mr. Baker regarding the matter and suggested a sign be placed honoring the Sgt. Major under the "Welcome to Youngstown" sign located on Church St. This is the street which coincidently is the where Sgt. Major Barrett once lived. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated he and his wife would be willing to purchase such a sign. He also suggested a possible monument at Vets Park. Mayor Reynolds stated the matter will be discussed in the Work Session to follow and the tie-in with Vets Park would be appropriate.

Ryan Smith of Nussbaumer & Clark Engineering reported he had given the Board a proposal to inspect the Village Hall and the South Dock. The Board had concerns with the cost at that time and Mr. Smith asked how he should proceed with the matter. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board had put these items on hold since funding must be budgeted for. He also stated the Board is working with our Engineer and others toward resolution.

Building Inspector Choboy and Police Chief Salada were absent.

DPW Superintendent Muller reported the crew is working on the Historical Room now. Deputy Mayor Adamson asked that after that work is completed would the poles in the parking lot be installed. Superintendent Muller stated they would.

Attorney Caserta reported he is working on the update of the Village Code of Ethics making it more applicable to all. The work should be completed in the next few days.

The minutes of the February 9, 2012 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Letter of thanks received from Peggy Hanson, for the community donations and efforts during the Christmas basket distributions. So noted. Mayor Reynolds thanked Peggy for her hard work and dedication. She stated thanks go to the community for their many efforts. Mayor Reynolds stated it's too bad that there is such a need in the community but it's also good that such a distribution is available to those in need. A round of applause was given to Trustee Hanson.
- 2. Franchise fees received from Time Warner \$27,656.88. Utility taxes received from AT&T \$2.44 and TWC Digital Phone \$90.85. So noted.
- 3. Reminder of Accident Prevention Workshop on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. in the Cora Gushee Room. So noted. The Clerk stated that late this afternoon she received a call from the instructor stating because of the overwhelming number of pre-registrants, no walk-ins will be accepted. The next class is scheduled for March 3rd in Wheatfield.
- 4. Invitation from NCCC to celebrate their 50th anniversary which includes the second Balloons Over Niagara event. All municipalities are invited to host a municipal sponsored event, demonstration or revenue generating activity during the weekend of festivities. So noted. Discussion will follow in the Work Session.

AGENDA

- 1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending February 23, 2012-General Fund-\$31,819.96, Water Fund-\$1,876.46, Sewer Fund-\$884.33 was accepted by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
- 2. Niagara Military Affairs Council letter requesting support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. So noted.
- 3. A request from the Youngstown Peace Garden Committee to do a short dedication ceremony for the installation of a plaque in the garden prior to the Friday, June 29th concert beginning at 6:00 p.m. was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Hanson reported receiving questions on the way the Village is flying the American flag. She has received information stating the United States and Canadian flags should not be flown on the same pole. A discussion took place regarding flying the American flag on a separate pole and higher than the Canadian flag. Falkner Park / Peace Garden flag etiquette will be reviewed and resolved.

REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported he has gotten price estimates for new carpeting in the Village Hall and would like to discuss them at the next budget session. Also, Recreation Director Kim Cudmore would like to attend and speak about programs. Mayor Reynolds invited Superintendent Muller to attend. Mr. Muller stated he has received some prices for items needed in the new budget while still waiting for asphalt prices.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon Clerk Treasurer