

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – MARCH 8, 2012

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 and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, DPW Superintendent Muller, students from Lew-Port and several interested residents. Trustee Suitor was absent.

Mayor Reynolds asked for public comment. Mark Butera of Anchor Spirits and secretary of the Youngstown Business Association reported the “Welcome to Youngstown” brochure is in the making. He and his wife will attend a grant meeting for financial assistance in printing the brochures. For approximately 5-6 years, the YBA has been involved in the project. A walking map will be included in the new publication. Mr. Butera also reported that last year, the YBA paid for half the printing costs. The grants funds have also paid for hanging baskets in the business district.

Building Inspector Choboy was absent but submitted his monthly report for February. One permit was issued for work estimated at \$27,000. and \$45. in fees were collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his February report. 232 patrol hours were worked, 1,102 patrol miles logged, 24 Village calls, 12 Town of Porter calls, 14 calls outside the Village, 17 UTT’s issued, 9 parking tickets issued and 3 arrests. Chief Salada attended the graduation ceremony at the Police Academy for Vanik Aloian, who will now start training with other Youngstown officers.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his monthly report. 44 overtime hours were worked and 41.1 tons of garbage collected. Parking lot posts have been installed and work in the museum and second floor rooms is near completion.

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

The minutes of the February 23, 2012 Board meeting were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Vonage-\$7.90, Ambit NY, LLC-\$37.47, Direct Energy-\$2.04 and Sales Tax distribution for January - \$31,637.91, down \$84.33 from the same time period last year. So noted.
2. Tire Collection Day for the Village of Youngstown and the Town of Porter residents is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Village Hall parking lot from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tires with rims will be accepted. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending February 29, 2012 – General Fund-\$20,295.24, Water Fund-\$21,227.87 and Sewer Fund-\$504.92, and for the period ending March 8, 2012-General Fund-\$17,305.96, Sewer Fund-\$27.55 and Trust Agency-\$187.00 were approved by motion of Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. Authorization for the Clerk to transfer funds from the Water Fund owed to the Sewer Fund from water/sewer bill collections during the period of 1/26/12 – 2/29/12 in the amount of \$20,059.32 was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
3. Authorization for the Clerk and Deputy to attend the Niagara County Municipal Clerk’s Meeting on March 15th was approved by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
4. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried to approve the request from Thomas Reese, President of the Bistro at the Old Fort Inn to renew his liquor license with the State of New York.
5. Authorization for the Clerk to attend the Niagara County MuSip Ad Hoc meeting on March 21st from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. was made by motion of Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
6. The following resolution was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
Election Resolution: WHEREAS Section 15-104(3) of the Election Law of the State of New York requires the Village of Youngstown to hold its general election on the third Tuesday in May, and WHEREAS the office of Mayor is to be filled for a two year term and offices of two Trustees are to be filled for four year terms each: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: FIRST: The annual election of and for the Village of Youngstown, New York will be held in said Village at the Village Center gymnasium, 240 Lockport St. on the 15th day of May 2012. SECOND: The polls shall be open between the hours of noon and nine o’clock in the evening. THIRD: At such election the following offices will be filled for the terms as set forth:
Mayor 2 years
Trustee 4 years
Trustee 4 years
FOURTH: At least ten (10) days prior to the Election Day set in this resolution, a copy of such resolution shall be published in the official newspaper and a copy be posted in at least six (6) conspicuous places in said Village. FIFTH: This resolution shall take effect immediately.
7. Approval of election inspectors, 2 Democrat and 2 Republican and machine custodian and to set their rate of pay at \$7.50 an hour was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.
8. Notification from the Town of Porter of a \$.65 per thousand gallon increase in the

sewer rate. This 16% increase took effective January 1, 2012. Deputy Mayor Adamson motioned to increase the Village sewer rate by \$.65 to cover the Town's charge to the Village, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried. The increase will reflect in the April 2012 billing.

9. Trustee Hanson motioned to approve the monthly budget sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency for the period ending February 29, 2012, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
10. Authorization of transfer of appropriations for 2011-2012 General Fund budget in the amount of \$10,073. and for the Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$1,220. was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
11. A motion to enter into negotiations with Manguso Development for exclusive development contract rights for the Youngstown Cold Storage site was made by motion of Trustee Hanson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. Deputy Mayor Adamson reported Jim Fittante of the Planning Board had looked at the plans.
12. The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2012. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee VanDeusen reported the RRG (Residents for Responsible Government) meeting will be held in the Cora Gushee Room on Saturday, March 10th .

REPORTS

Trustee Hanson reported a successful meeting was held by the Niagara Falls Heritage Area Commission in the Cora Gushee Room. The Commission thanked Youngstown for hosting their February meeting and complimented our facility.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported he has price estimates for carpeting in the Village Hall. He also asked if there is any word from the State regarding approval of grant funds to purchase an electronic sign outside the Village Hall. He stated the sign company representative has been calling him in this regard. Mayor Reynolds stated he would contact the sign company as to the grant status which still awaits approval and fund release. The Mayor stated he has been in touch with Assemblyman Ceretto's assistant in an effort to move things along. Trustee VanDeusen stated the Village has been advised not to proceed with the sign purchase until the grant funds are released. Mayor Reynolds stated he will speak to Senator Maziarz at the RRG meeting on Saturday, March 10th regarding the release of grant funds.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported on signs for the Fort Niagara entrances / exits directing traffic into Youngstown. The cost for two small signs would be \$500. and \$650. for two larger signs. A discussion took place regarding placement and sign colors. Trustee Hanson advised the Board that the Niagara Falls Heritage Area Commission is also working on sign colors and possibly coordinating colors which must be approved at the Fort / State level. The Board agreed to purchase the larger sized signs at a cost of \$650. Louis Giardino President and CEO of CEA International and who was attending the meeting, stated he will donate the signs for the Village. Mayor Reynolds thanked Mr. Giardino for his generous offer as did the other Board members. Fort Niagara will install the signs.

Deputy Mayor Adamson discussed the storm sewer problem that exists at his wife's property on Lake St. He stated he is mentioning the problem but wants no conflict of interest in the matter since he is on the Board. He then stated flooding occurs in the front yard of the property and that a contractor was hired and found no storm sewer. Mayor Reynolds stated the matter will be looked into.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer