

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –JULY 12, 2012

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Sutor, Trustees Adamson, Lockhart and VanDeusen, Police Chief Salada, Building Inspector Stevens, Engineer Gallucci and several residents. DPW Superintendent Muller and Attorney Caserta were absent.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. stated his concerns of recent work by the DPW in his neighborhood. He reported that safety vests were not worn by the crew and no ladder or scaffolding was used in the 8 ½ ft. deep hole that they dug to replace water valves. He added that proper fencing was not used to block the open hole when workers left the site and concerns for the safety of children in the area were stressed. Plywood was later placed over the hole after Mr. Swann and another neighbor voiced safety concerns. Mr. Swann also discussed the need to notify residents when water is to be turned off for repairs. Mayor Reynolds stated notices were delivered after the initial water shut-off.

Mr. Swann stated that at previous meetings, some residents had expressed their desire to have a vacant lot on Main St. turned into green space. He stated the Village cannot afford more green space. Mr. Swann added that the area near the gazebo has weeds approximately 5 ½ ft. high that need to be cut and a pile of mulch that has sat for two months. He suggested maintaining what the Village has and went on to say, trees at that overlook and at the stairs to Water St. need to be trimmed.

Donna Huggins of Main St. stated the new LED sign outside the Village Hall is marvelous and would like to have Historical Society events displayed on it. She expressed concerns of the vacant Hastings property on Main St. and how it distracts from the beauty of the Village. Another concern of Mrs. Huggins was the safety issues of hidden driveways near Bloody Run and asked if signs could be placed to alert drivers. She then stated the view from the vacant lot at 347 Main St. is sensational and has had visitors tell her that the trees block the view of the river. Mrs. Huggins has spoken to the Youngstown Yacht Club commodore in the past who stated it was okay with him to trim the trees on YYC property. Ten feet down from there is the property owned by Mr. Smith.

Gretchen Duling of Main St. discussed the proposed Fort Niagara project and encouraged the Village Board to support developers in their grant endeavors. Mrs. Duling also expressed her concerns with the water levels discussed at a recent International Joint Commission meeting and asked if the Board had updates. Trustee VanDeusen who had attended the meeting stated that everything was informational and the Village has not received updates. Trustee VanDeusen stated she will make a call regarding the matter. Trustee Adamson stated the Village Board should go on record in opposition of changing lake water levels. (see Agenda end) Deputy Mayor Sutor stated the Department of State is trying to learn the impact water levels will have on areas such as Youngstown.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report for June. 12 permits were completed for an estimated work cost of \$67,455. and \$480. in fees collected. Inspector Stevens referred to Mrs. Huggins concerns of the Hastings property, stating Richard Hastings has turned properties over to his son Alan who expects to work on the Main St. home sometime in late summer or early fall. So far, the property has not been an attraction to kids. Inspector Stevens stated Mr. Hastings has been working on Heritage Auto with clean up and painting and that he has only so much money to work with to accomplish the work needed. Trustee VanDeusen stated he has done a nice job at Heritage Auto. Building Inspector Stevens reported he has learned that former Building Inspector Choboy had given Pat Howey, residing on Lockport St. until August to do property maintenance. Mr. Stevens will not pursue the matter until such time.

Police Chief Salada submitted his June report. 198 patrol hours worked, 953 patrol miles logged, 34 Village calls, 24 Porter calls, 28 calls outside the Village, 24 UTT's issued, 18 parking tickets issued and 9 arrests made.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his monthly report. 6 overtime hours were worked in June and 70.9 tons of garbage collected.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the June 14, 2012 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor and carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Utility taxes received from Granite Telecom-\$1.71, AT&T-\$6.51, TWC Digital Phone-\$92.96, Vonage-\$6.82, MCI -\$5.82, Dominion Resources- \$1.20, Niagara Mohawk-\$2,008.74, National Fuel-\$1,640.96 and Niagara Co. Sales Tax for the month of May-\$28,448.61 up \$1,370.99 from the same period last year. So noted.
2. Niagara Co. Water District gallonage report for May 31-June 29, 2012 – consumption down 52,689 gallons per day from same month last year and for the quarterly report for March 30-June 29, 2012-consumption down 49,340 gallons per day from the same quarter last year. So noted.
3. “Olga Wermuth Day” honoring Olga who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year will be held prior to the Friday night concert, 7/13/12 at Falkner Park. Olga and family will be present. So noted. Mayor Reynolds announced a proclamation will be presented to Olga.

### **AGENDA**

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending June 30, 2012-General Fund-\$31, 539.68, Water Fund-\$3,367.16 and Sewer Fund-\$901.57 and for the period ending July 12, 2012-General Fund-\$43,663.56, Water Fund-\$18,320.00, Sewer Fund-\$2,539.36 and Trust Agency-\$150.00 were approved by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor and carried.
2. Authorization for Mayor to sign garbage contract with Modern was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
3. Authorization to sell 2001 Chevy 1500 truck to Town of Lewiston for \$2,000. in as-is condition and in consideration of the loads of dirt/sand for the Village baseball diamond was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor and carried.
4. Authorization to order more Village flags. Fifty were purchased in summer of 2010 and five are left. Youngstown Business Assoc. has again offered to sell the flags at cost, reimbursing the Village as they are sold. (50 @ \$25.69 or 100 @ \$19.99) Trustee Adamson motioned to purchase 100 flags at a cost of \$19.99 each, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
5. Youngstown and Town of Porter will host the next Niagara Co. Municipal Clerks meeting on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Youngstown Yacht Club. So noted.
6. Offer of monetary donation from Fitch & Elmer Eye Center for the Village Community Picnic. They asked that their informational booth be set up at the park to distribute literature and beach balls. Trustee VanDeusen stated she was not in favor of the booth set up as it is setting precedence and that it's one thing to donate but another to have the appearance of buying a spot to advertise. A discussion took place and the suggestion was made that they possibly inquire about setting up at the Youngstown Firemen's Field Day. Trustee Adamson then motioned to allow the Eye Center to set up a booth at the Community Picnic, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor. Trustee Lockhart and Mayor Reynolds voted to approve the motion and Trustee VanDeusen voted nay. Carried by majority.

7. Invitation to the Village Board from the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. to participate in the Youngstown Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 3, 2012. Line up at 11:00 a.m. with parade beginning at noon. The Board agreed to participate and will decide at a later time if they will walk or ride in the parade. Mayor Reynolds suggested a sign be used to identify the Board.
8. Request from US Customs & Border Patrol to give a presentation to Board and residents regarding the Border Patrol's mission on September 13, 2012 during the Board meeting. The Board agreed on the Border Patrol's date for the presentation. The Clerk will confirm the arraignments.
9. Authorization for Mayor to sign contract agreement with the Youngstown Free Library was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Sutor, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.

Trustee Adamson motioned to support a resolution in opposition of the International Joint Commission's proposed plan to control Lake Ontario levels, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. A meeting regarding the plan was held at the Olcott Fire Hall on 6/5/12.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Sutor stated the Petroy Marina dock plans submitted to the Army Corp of Engineers and Department of State are configured in the same manner as in the past six years. He also stated it is the Village Board, not the Zoning or Planning Boards that state their objections if any regarding the issuance of the dock permit. Deputy Mayor Sutor motioned to accept the dock plans as submitted, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

Norman Swann then discussed the poor condition of the fence at the water bank area. Trustee Adamson confirmed the split rail fence has been repaired many times but now does need replacement of some rails. He then motioned to approved replacing portions of the fence, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. Mr. Swann went on to say the vacant Main St. house owned by Hastings is an eye sore to the center of our Village.

Jack Bush of Third St. reported that the "no swimming" signs at the South Dock have deterred youths but they now swim at the North Dock. Trustee Adamson will alert Superintendent Muller of the need for a sign at the North Dock also.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business discussed.

### **REPORTS**

Trustee Adamson reported getting good feedback from participants and visitors of baseball tournaments played at Veterans Park. He then reported the Recreation Department has budgeted and purchased new high quality basketball poles and is getting a good turnout for use. Mayor Reynolds added that Recreation Director Cudmore does a good job at staying within her department's budget. Trustee VanDeusen agreed.

Trustee VanDeusen reported she was the guest reader recently at the Falkner Park summer program and had positive response from parents in attendance, stating how good this program is.

Trustee Adamson reported that water valves are being installed in the Bonwyn Acres area and all streets must have water shut off to complete the work. He added that street grinding will begin on July 24. A savings of \$1,400. will be realized by using a different company than in the past. The DPW crew will be cleaning an easement ditch after roads are completed. Trustee Adamson alerted the Board that the DPW crew needs training in high lift use to be in compliance. The cost will be \$300. for the four crew members.

Trustee Adamson motioned to approve the training, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried. Trustee Adamson then thanked Dottie Riordan for cleaning out the two large flower pots on Lockport St. and help in selecting hanging baskets on Main St.

Deputy Mayor Sutor reported he has updated the website with several items including the summer concerts and Recreation schedules. The site has received over 1,200 hits with approximately 500-600 of them being new visitors.

Trustee Lockhart had nothing to report.

Trustee VanDeusen announced the next RRG meeting will be held next week and that membership has recently increased. She will attend the meeting and have a report for the next Village Board meeting. Trustee VanDeusen stated she is working on the Community Picnic. The Board agreed to purchase food items from Melloni's Market. Trustee Adamson will get picnic staff shirts for the approximate 4-6 volunteer workers for ease in identification.

Mayor Reynolds reported the Youngstown Yacht Club has offered to take Board members and spouses on a boat tour of the Regatta race course with narration to explain the event. The Mayor asked that the Board alert him if attending and he will convey the count to the Club.

Norman Swann stated the attendance numbers are down for the Regatta and asked if "no parking" signs could be eliminated in some areas. He then asked about the Cold Storage site. Mayor Reynolds stated the Village is working with a company and have a few more items to cover before a public hearing is held. Mr. Swann asked about the south dock. Mayor Reynolds stated TVGA Engineering has looked at the site and will give their recommendations if the Board so chooses. The cost would be \$ 2,700. Other engineering firms have been contacted also. Mr. Swann had many questions directed to Engineer Gallucci which lead to a discussion regarding the dock project. Mayor Reynolds made a recommendation that the Board contact TVGA who designed the project and get their opinion.

Executive Session to follow Board meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters as needed.

With no further business Deputy Mayor Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon  
Clerk Treasurer

At 9:20 p.m., the Board returned to regular session by motion of Deputy Mayor Sutor, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried after a brief Executive Session.

Police Chief Salada alerted the Board of the resignation of Officer Guiliani and requested to hire another officer to fill the open position. Deputy Mayor Sutor motioned to approve the hiring of another officer, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

Chief Salada asked that the DPW crew put the speed display sign on roads to discourage speeding in the Village. The crew will be asked to place the sign.

Deputy Mayor Sutor then motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried. The meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

