

PUBLIC HEARING-APRIL 12, 2012

Mayor Reynolds called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Mayor Adamson, Trustees Hanson, Sutor and VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens and several interested residents.

Mayor Reynolds then read the Notice of Public Hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown, 240 Lockport St., Youngstown, NY will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and hearing all interested persons concerning the following:

Tentative Budget for 2012-2013, for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2012 and ending May 31, 2013. Compensation will remain the same as the past four years for the Mayor at \$7,498.00, for the Deputy Mayor at \$6,151.00 and for each of the three Trustees at \$5,656.00. A copy of the tentative budget is available at the Village Clerk's Office and may be inspected Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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The Mayor then asked for public comment regarding the tentative budget. Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. had questions regarding garbage and health care costs as well as salaries. Mayor Reynolds stated garbage costs are expected to remain the same and union negotiations are still unsettled. Monetary figures have been entered to comply with the tentative budget deadlines. Mayor Reynolds went on to state the nine cent per thousand increase stayed within New York State's 2% tax cap.

Mr. Swann stated that last month the Board increased sewer rates. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board only passed on the sewer rate increase charged by the Town of Porter. No further increase was added.

Mr. Swann then asked about Village roads. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated the Board has put funds in the tentative budget as well as the anticipated CHIPS funds to accomplish road repairs. Deputy Mayor Adamson discussed the various streets in need of repair and how with shared services and plans that meet each streets needs. He suggested paying only a portion of the \$45,000.00 BAN and use the remaining amount for street repairs. He also suggested the possibility of obtaining grant funds as well as using CHIPS and tax money for roads and the need for a five year plan for Village streets.

Mr. Swann stated that when he was Mayor, \$28,000.00 was used for road repairs and one street was done each year. He also had concerns with the Lockport St. waterline. Mr. Swann stated the Board should be congratulated for keeping the tax increase at nine cents due to increases all over. He suggested the Board talk to all department heads expressing they under-spend their department budget by 10-15%.

Louis Giardino, president of CEA International offered 20 hours pro bono to investigate roadwork repair grants for the Village. The entire Board thanked Mr. Giardino for his offer.

With no further comment regarding the tentative budget, Mayor Reynolds asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee VanDeusen motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.

Mayor Reynolds then introduced Jennifer Pauly of the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce who stated she has worked for the Chamber for two years and one year as president since the Chamber's inception in 2005. Membership includes 376 businesses and organizations in this region. Mrs. Pauly reported on the various brochures and event schedules promoting the area which are widely distributed. The Chamber is unique in that it works with Niagara County and provides networking events for local businesses and public officials. May's networking event will be held at the Niagara Frontier Country Club.

Deputy Mayor Adamson stated the need for signs directing traffic from Fort Niagara back into the Village. Mrs. Pauly reported the Chamber helps to sponsor soccer tournaments in the area. Norman Swann asked the cost of membership for the Village. Mayor Reynolds stated the cost is \$8,130.00 but negotiation of that cost is being discussed with Mrs. Pauly. The Mayor stated an “all in or all out” of the Chamber is not the answer. Mr. Swann stated he has never seen a Chamber funded on the taxpayers backs and then commented on the lack of business traffic on weekends in the Village. He then asked Mrs. Pauly why the Chamber holds its gala in a country club when there are fire halls in the communities and local restaurants could cater such galas. Mrs. Pauly stated this is a suggestion for consideration but added a large space is needed to host the number that attends. Mr. Swann reported when he was Mayor, he and the Board turned down the Niagara Chamber’s request for help. He went on to say he thought the Village could spend its money in a better way. He also commented favorably on the recent bartender’s night and the positive effect Melloni’s store has had on the Village. Mrs. Pauly reported the Chamber actively works with the Canadian Chamber, the Buffalo Niagara CVB, the 1812 Legacy Council, the Seaway Trail and the Chamber Alliance of New York State. Mr. Giardino commented that 8.5 million people that live within a 1 ½ hour drive of the Village and 6.5 million people live across the river in Canada. Mayor Reynolds thanked Mrs. Pauly for her report on the Chamber.

Louis Giardino updated those present on the Youngstown Cold Storage site. His company represents the Village and exclusive right to negotiate was recently given to Manguso Development. A senior living facility has been proposed. Mr. Giardino introduced Colby Smith, president of Manguso Development. Mr. Smith introduced his team and explained the facility would be for 55 and older residents will be affordable housing but not subsidized housing and will be 48 units of which five will have two bedrooms and the remaining 43 will have one bedroom. The three story complex will have elevators, laundry facilities on each floor, each unit will have a balcony and there will be 77 parking spaces. Mr. Smith expected building to begin in September or October.

When asked about the impact on Campbell St., Mr. Giardino stated there will be traffic and other studies required by SEQR. Manguso Development will cover all costs involved, not taxpayers and a Public Hearing will be held. Mr. Smith confirmed there is enough time for the studies to be completed for a September construction start date when asked by a resident. A discussion took place regarding funding and if there will be a community room. Mr. Smith stated the complex will be privately funded and explained the idea is to have the complex incorporate into the Village using local businesses and activities. No community room is planned. Concerns that there should be more two bedroom units were expressed by some in attendance. Mr. Smith reported studies show one bedroom units are needed and that such units will be 826 sq. ft. and two bedroom units will be 1,250 sq. ft. Proposed rents are \$800. for single and \$1,000. for two bedrooms. A discussion took place regarding common areas. There will be no garages or storage areas. Two washers and dryers will be installed on each floor. Anticipated move in date for complex tenants is mid-July 2013. A brief discussion also took place stating two RFP’s were put out by the Village before Manguso Development was approved for exclusive right to negotiate. Also, traffic changes, parking issues and signage were discussed.

Mayor Reynolds asked for any other public comment. A discussion took place regarding the South Dock after Jack Bush of Third St. asked if steel plates could be placed at the site, allowing dock usage. Trustee Hanson stated engineers have told the Village Board to keep people off of the South Dock. Mayor Reynolds stated engineers will meet to find suggestions for the dock. Until then, no one is to be on the dock. A history of engineering firms that worked on the South Dock was also discussed.

John Stevens, the new building inspector was introduced. Mr. Stevens submitted his monthly report. Two permits were completed for work valued at \$13,000. and \$80. in fees were collected. He stated he has been working with the previous building inspector, Bill Choboy to become familiar with the job.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his March monthly report. 198 patrol hours were worked, 978 patrol miles logged, 17 Village calls, 7 Porter calls, 9 calls outside the Village, 12 UTT's issued, 6 parking tickets issued and 2 arrests were made.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his monthly report for March. 18.5 hours of overtime was worked and 62.98 tons of garbage collected. Plows have been removed from Village trucks. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated money is not available to sandblast two trucks.

Attorney Caserta was absent.

The minutes of the March 22, 2012 Board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Niagara Mohawk-\$2,574.41, MCI-\$5.15, National Fuel-\$2,957.33, Dominion Resources-\$1.76, Vonage-\$7.62 and Direct Energy-\$1.92. So noted.
2. Water gallonage report for the period of February 29-March 30, 2012 down 34,043 gallons per day for the same time period last year and for the period of December 30, 2011-March 30, 2012 consumption down 29,010 gallons per day for the same quarter last year. So noted.
3. Tire Collection Day scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Youngstown Village Hall parking lot. Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter residents only. Tires with or without rims accepted. So noted.
4. Email received from Boy Scout Jonah Laurich of Lewiston looking for an Eagle Scout project idea that could benefit the Youngstown area. The Board agreed to contact Jonah for more input and details before a project could be chosen.
5. U.S. Border Patrol request to schedule a presentation for residents during a Board meeting. A mutually agreed date will be scheduled soon.
6. Complaint of a dead tree in Lion's Park. Superintendent Muller reported he has removed the tree in question.
7. Complaint of debris left behind during ditch clean-up on Glenvale Rd. Superintendent Muller will investigate the problem tomorrow.

Trustee VanDeusen questioned a complaint of a house in disrepair on Chestnut St. Building Inspector reported he is currently working to resolve the problem.

Trustee Hanson reported receiving pictures of an uprooted sidewalk problem on Lockport St. on Village property near the Karski residence. Mr. Karski advised Trustee Hanson that this is the second sidewalk uprooting at this spot. Superintendent Muller will check on the problem.

AGENDA

1. Motion to close Public Hearing. The motion was made, seconded and carried earlier in the meeting. See above.
2. Trustee Suitor motioned to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending March 30, 2012-General Fund- \$24,522.88, Water Fund-\$5,048.66, Sewer Fund-\$1,791.53 and Trust Agency-\$60.00 and for the period ending April 12, 2012-General Fund-\$39,798.10, Water Fund- \$14,428.19, Sewer Fund- \$1,582.01 and Trust Agency-\$111.80. Seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
3. Authorization of transfer of appropriations for 2011-2012 General Fund budget in the

amount of \$11,970.00 and the Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$1,400.00 was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

4. Trustee VanDeusen motioned to approve the March 2012 monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency Funds. Seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
5. A resolution authorizing any unpaid Village water/sewer bills for quarter ending December 31, 2011, any formerly exempt amounts and any outstanding Accounts Receivables to be forwarded to Niagara County for inclusion to property tax bills was approved by motion of Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
6. 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 3/1-3/26/12 in the amount of \$3,070.49 was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
7. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2012. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS No new business was discussed.

REPORTS

The Clerk's written financial report to augment the monthly revenue and expense journal for the period ending March 31, 2012 was provided to each Board member for review and is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Trustee Sutor reported he has made repairs to Superintendent Muller's computer and it is now working properly. Trustee Sutor stated he will create an email address for Building Inspector Stevens for the Village website.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported the Historical Society is purchasing signs to re-direct visitors to the museum. There will be a new traffic flow to enter the museum exhibits. Also, the Recreation Department recently held a fund raiser for the Nancy Price 5K Race. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated the Recreation Department is working with a budget reduction of \$15,000. He then reported on storm sewer issues at 222 Lake St. which Superintendent Muller has checked and that Attorney Caserta will be consulted as repairs would require access to the neighboring property. Deputy Mayor Adamson will contact Attorney Caserta. He again reviewed the Village streets most needing repair, stating he would like to see a future road fund using the assistance of grant funds. Village grant writer Bernie Rotella joined the meeting in progress and stated there are infrastructure grants available and he will review them for the Village. Deputy Mayor Adamson discussed a motion to adjust the BAN payment, using a portion for road repairs. Mayor Reynolds stated the bank should first be contacted to see if the BAN payment can be adjusted. Mr. Rotella will also advise the Board when Transportation Enhancements Grant monies become available.

Trustee Hanson reported the Niagara Heritage Group is distributing information and asked the Board to review the information and provide comment.

With no further business Trustee Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried. The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer