

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –MAY 10, 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 Sutor and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salad, Building Inspector Stevens, two Lew-Port students and several residents. Trustee Hanson was absent.

The Mayor announced that prior to the public portion of the meeting, the Youngstown Business & Professional Association representative would like to speak. YBA secretary, Mark Butera and owner of Anchor Spirits, reported the William G. Mayne grant program has been available since 1998 for all local business associations to apply for grant funds. On May 1st, the YBA received a \$2,500. grant which will be used for enhancement programs shared with the Village. Over the years, \$457,000. in grant funds have been given to 30 different business associations with YBA receiving the most grant dollars. Mr. Butera went on to report what the grant funds will be used for this year. The funds will go toward the “Welcome to Youngstown” brochures, hanging baskets, and signage that will match the Fort Niagara signage, directing traffic into the Village. In the past, grant funds have been used for welcome signs, holiday lights, benches, hanging baskets and brochures. Mr. Butera then announced the annual Beginning of Summer Street Dance will be held on June 21st and asked for Police and fire protection presence that night as well as port-a-potties. The Board thanked Mr. Butera for his report and for the great news regarding the receipt of grant funds.

Mayor Reynolds asked for public comment. Joan Spira of the Friends of the Library thanked the Board for their efforts in allowing the creation of a meeting room which has already been used for several meetings. Mrs. Spira also report NIOGA grant funds helped to defray expenses related to the project.

Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. asked for an update on the waterfront dock. Mayor Reynolds stated TVGA Engineering will examine the dock area and prepare a cost estimate for repairs. Mr. Swann asked if the Village was fixing the problem or finding out who is to blame for the problem and stated there would be engineer sign-offs. Attorney Caserta stated it is not as simple as that, as it involves several people. Mayor Reynolds stated the Village will do both fixing the dock and finding out where the blame lies. Mr. Swann stated the engineer did not do his job or made sure he looked out for the Village. A discussion took place regarding tie-downs and why the engineer signed off on items. Mr. Swann then advised the Board of the confusion regarding handicap parking in the Village Hall parking lot. There is a sign on the building stating handicap parking but no marking on the ground. The Mayor stated the matter will be looked into.

Jack Bush of Third St. stated the north portion of the dock looks like it has also moved. Mayor Reynolds stated that when the engineering company comes in, they are going to check the north side of the dock as well. A brief discussion took place regarding pre-cast dock sections.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report. Eight permits were completed for work estimated at \$82,300. and \$555. in fees collected. Mr. Stevens reported speaking to Alan Hastings who has taken over his father’s properties and he discussed the many plans he has with some clean-up started. Also, Vince Burke of Heritage Auto has left the business owned by Hastings. Other workers will stay on.

Police Chief Salada submitted his monthly report for April. 179 patrol hours were worked, 838 patrol miles logged, 26 Village calls, 7 Town of Porter calls, 10 calls outside the Village, 13 UTT’s, 5 parking tickets issued and 2 arrests were made. The Chief also reported his department has received a new donated computer and he has received a grant for vests for his department. Preparations for summer events are being made.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but submitted his monthly report. 8 overtime hours were worked and garbage tonnage was 47.82 tons.

Attorney Caserta will address items as needed throughout the meeting.

The minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received-Birch Communications-\$8.17, and Vonage-\$6.88. Sales Tax Distribution for March 2012-\$33,559.47, down \$185.58 from same period last year. So noted.
2. Water gallonage report for period of March 30, 2012-April 30, 2012 down 55,606 gallons per day for the same time period last year. So noted.
3. DOT notice of CHIPS distribution for the Village to be \$25,787.46. So noted.
4. Niagara County Board of Elections holding a campaign finance seminar on Tuesday, May 15th from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Niagara County Public Safety Building, 5574 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport. Pre-registration requested. So noted.
5. Niagara County Dept. of Economic Development sponsoring a Planning & Zoning Training Seminar on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at ECCC North Campus. Contact the Clerk's Office for further information. Notices sent to applicable persons but others may also attend. No fee for the seminar. So noted.
6. Nancy Price Walk & Run will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012. For more information contact, the Youngstown Recreation Dept. So noted.
7. Niagara County Sheriff's open house will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office, 5526 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending April 30, 2012-General Fund-\$4,981.31, Sewer Fund-\$42,881.20 and Trust Agency Fund-\$12.50 and for period ending May 10, 2012- General Fund-\$34,341.19, Water Fund-\$1,672.60, and Sewer Fund-\$1,460.74 were approved by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. Water shut-off for non-payment of water bills for quarter period of March 31, 2012 is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
3. Letter from Senator Maziarz requesting attendance to the Tuesday, June 5, 2012 meeting regarding the International Joint Commission plan to control lake levels. Meeting will be held at Olcott Fire Hall, 1691 Lockport-Olcott Rd., Olcott. So noted. Trustee VanDeusen stated she will attend the meeting.
4. Authorization for Clerk to attend meeting regarding election results reporting sponsored by the Niagara County Board of Elections on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 was given by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.
5. Authorization for Mayor to sign insurance binder / voucher for the new fiscal year in the amount \$30,975.30. up \$1,310.83 from last year was given by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
6. Authorization to purchase 200 recycling bins at a reduced rate of \$8.00 each. One bin left in Village supply. After a Board discussion on the possible use of large roll-out recycling totes in the future, Deputy Mayor Adamson motioned to purchase 100 bins instead of the 200 suggested. The motion was seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

7. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the yearly agreement with the Niagara River Anglers Assoc. was given by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
8. Authorization for the Mayor to sign Fire Protection Contract with the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co. in the amount of \$98,900., reflecting a 2% increase for the fiscal year June 1, 2012-May 31, 2013 was given by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Suitor and carried.
9. Authorization of transfer of appropriations for 2011-2012 General Fund budget in amount of \$9,725., Water Fund budget in the amount of \$34. and Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$3,943. was given by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.
9. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2012. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

REPORTS

Trustee VanDeusen reported attending the recent LOOW meeting. She stated there are concerns regarding an Army Corp. of Engineer's feasibility study of the LOOW site in that air testing has been done but not soil testing. More letters are being written requesting more information from the Army Corp. Trustee VanDeusen reminded those in attendance that the public is welcome to attend LOOW meetings.

Trustee VanDeusen stated Welcome Wagon was once in the area to welcome new residents to the Village. She wondered if any group reaches out to these newcomers. The Clerk advised her that Marn Weld has sent welcome letters / packets to newcomers and may have worked on this in conjunction with the Library. Joan Spira will check with Marn regarding this matter.

Mayor Reynolds distributed Trustee Hanson's written report to the Board for their review.

Trustee Suitor reported on the need to update the Clerk's Office computers and that the funds are available in the budget. Trustee Suitor then motioned to purchase 3 computers, 3 monitors and newest software, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. Trustee Suitor also reported he has been performing regular maintenance to the website.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported former resident Olga Wermuth, now living on Grand Island has turned 100 years old. Although she has only lived on Grand Island for several months, they honored her with "Olga Wermuth Day". The Deputy Mayor recommended the Village also proclaim an "Olga Wermuth Day" as she lived in Youngstown for so many years. The Board agreed and Deputy Mayor Adamson will get further information and a date to honor Mrs. Wermuth.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported the number of entrants for the annual Nancy Price Race has double this year. Scholarship candidates are being interviewed.

The Clerk took the opportunity while every candidate running in the May 15, 2012 election was in attendance, to announce that the voting machine to be used that day will be opened by the machine custodian, Les Myers on Monday, May 14, 2012 between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. All candidates were invited to inspect the machine personally or by their representative.

Norman Swann asked if there is any update on the Cold Storage site development. He was informed there was nothing new to report.

Mayor Reynolds stated a Work Session will follow the Board meeting to discuss personnel / litigation matters in executive session.

With no further business, Trustee Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. and ended the Session at 8:45 p.m.