

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –MAY 24, 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, Sutor and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, DPW Superintendent Muller, Building Inspector Stevens, several Lew-Port students and several residents.

Bob Emerson of Fort Niagara reported on the many upcoming events at the Fort as this is the bi-centennial of the War of 1812 which will feature soldiers through the ages dressed in era garb. The annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held this coming Monday in the Fort's cemetery. On June 16th, a commemorative celebration will be held honoring Betsy Doyle for her part in the War of 1812. An encampment will be held the weekend of July 6, 7 and 8th. The Navy and Marine Corp bands will perform a free concert on September 14, 2012. Mr. Emerson stated over 1,200 re-enactors will be at the Fort at various times with the Fort working with area restaurants to provide informational packet data encouraging local trade. For more information on Fort Niagara, Mr. Emerson suggested going on the special events page of the Fort's website. Mayor Reynolds thanked Mr. Emerson for the informative update. Deputy Mayor Adamson stated signage for traffic to flow into the Village from the Fort is still being worked on and hopes signs will be placed soon.

The Mayor asked for any public comment. Howard Krieger of Lockport St. congratulated Mayor Reynolds on his election win. He then went on to discuss paperwork given to him by Building Inspector Stevens questioning if all residents received such data. Mayor Reynolds stated any resident would if they were found in violation of Village Code. A discussion took place regarding burning and fires in the Village. Mr. Krieger mentioned a neighbor's home and asked when the Village was going to take action and asked if the Village ever takes residents to court. Attorney Caserta stated affirmatively and when asked who had appeared in court, Mr. Caserta stated Heritage Auto has appeared. Mr. Krieger also stated that ever time you pick on me; I'm going to pick on you.

Jack Bush informed the Board that the Niagara County Sheriff's boat can't dock at Fort Niagara for a period of time and asked if the Village dock near the hatchery could be used. Trustee Sutor cautioned that the slip area could be a problem in inclement weather. The Board asked for details on use dates due to upcoming events.

Bill Oddy of Mary's Lane congratulated the three election winners and then thanked Trustee Hanson for her help by returning to the Village Board during the recent transition time.

Gretchen Duling of Main St. spoke on her concerns regarding the vacant Hooker property on Lockport St. and also the uncut vacant lot on Main St. owned by Gary Smith. Mayor Reynolds stated the matters would be looked into. Mrs. Duling then thanked the Board of the irrigation system around the Peace Garden.

Mayor Reynolds announced that he would like to publicly thank Trustee Hanson for all her help during the past several months, for providing her experience and knowledge from her previous terms on the Board and helping during the transition. Trustee Hanson received a round of applause from the entire room. Trustee Hanson then stated she has enjoyed serving on the Board for the past seven months although it started out as a sad time. She complimented the Board for the good job they have done and they too were applauded.

Building Inspector Stevens also congratulated the election winners and went on to report he is reviewing former Building Inspector Choboy's files. He added there are several new permits for various work throughout the Village.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his report earlier in the month.

DPW Superintendent Muller was asked about the Main St. lift station by Trustee Sutor. Mr. Muller stated the unit is over 20 years old and he is getting prices for new equipment. A discussion took place regarding the Garden Club's garden of the week. It was agreed that the Garden Club will forward the list of winners to Todd and that each Monday morning; the garden of the week sign will be placed in the winner's yard. Trustee VanDeusen will continue to update the signage on Main & Lockport Sts. stating the yard of the week address. Trustee Hanson interjected that the Garden Club sends their thanks to the DPW for the mulch delivered to the volunteers for use in maintaining Village flower beds.

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

The minutes of the May 11, 2012 Board meeting were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received-Granite Telecom-\$1.71, AT&T \$2.87, TWC-\$85.95 and Vonage-\$6.53. Sales tax distribution for April 2012-\$29,133.39, up \$897.70 from same time period last year. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending May 24, 2012-General Fund-\$30,489.69, Water Fund-\$1,169.04, Sewer Fund-\$963.66 and Trust Agency-\$210.00 was approved by motion of Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
2. Resolution to authorize the collection of taxes: Take notice that the Clerk Treasurer Village of Youngstown, New York has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and that taxes will be collected as follows: at the Village Office, 240 Lockport St., Youngstown, New York on each Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. from June 1 through July 2, 2012. During the period of June 1 through July 2, taxes may be paid without additional charges. Take further notice, that on all taxes remaining unpaid after July 2, 2012, five per centum (5%) will be added through July 31st and one per centum (1%) will be added thereafter. Any unpaid taxes as of the close of business on October 31, 2012 will be turned over to Niagara County for collection. A motion was offered by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hanson, moved for its adoption and the Resolution was duly carried.
3. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town of Porter and the Village of Youngstown in consideration of the Village providing and maintaining various facilities and programs that are available to the citizens of the Town of Porter and known as the Waste Tax Agreement in the amount of \$20,000. per year was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
4. Authorization to amend the 2011-2012 budget, to increase revenue code A1090 by \$629.01 due to an increase of tax penalties collected was made by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
5. Written notification received from resident advising the Board of damage to her car tire while traveling on Oak St. after hitting an unmarked construction hole. Trustee Hanson motioned to pay for the damaged tire, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. The bill amount is \$100.78.
6. Authorization for Mayor to sign Village Tax Warrant for 2012-2013 was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
7. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenue and appropriation reports for the General, Water Sewer and Trust Agency accounts for period ending April 30, 2012 was made by motion of Trustee VanDeusen, seconded by Trustee Hanson and

carried.

8. Authorization for Clerk to transfer \$5,665. from Unreserved Unappropriated Fund Balance to the 2012-2013 budget was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
9. Authorization for transfer of appropriations from General, Water and Sewer Funds to offset any overspent line item at fiscal year end was made by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
10. Request from Youngstown Garden Club to place two displays / signs promoting their plant sale on June 9th on Village property was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee Hanson and carried.
11. Authorization to transfer \$15,000. from A9950.0 (Transfer to Capital Projects Fund) to A231.A (Special Reserve Equipment Savings) and \$7,500. from F9950.0 (Transfer to Capital Projects Fund) to F231 (Special Reserve Water Line Savings) and will therefore be for reserved for future purchases or repairs was made by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.
12. Authorization to transfer \$13,177 from A1620.2 (Village Center Capital Fund) to H201.A (Capital Projects Village Center Savings) and \$8,372. from A7180.2 (Waterfront Docks Capital Fund) to H201.B (Capital Projects Pier/Boat Launch Savings) as the funds have not been expended during the fiscal year and will therefore be reserved for future repair or equipment purchases was made by motion of Deputy Mayor Adamson, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
13. Complaint of uncut grass on Carrollwood Court. Building Inspector Stevens will check into the matter and also stated he will check into the Hooker property mentioned earlier by Mrs. Duling.
14. Update on Petroy Marine docking application status. Mayor Reynolds stated a follow up with Engineer Gallucci and that the information should be sent to the Planning Board.
15. The Organizational Meeting was set for Thursday, June 14, 2012 by motion of Trustee Suitor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed

REPORTS

Trustee VanDeusen reported the Garden Club will announce the Garden of the Week winners at the Friday night concerts. She updated the Board on her research to start a group similar to Welcome Wagon for new Youngstown residents and should have more information by the next Board meeting. Trustee VanDeusen also congratulated the election winners and then thanked all who ran for office but did not win.

Trustee Suitor reported new computers; monitors and software have been ordered for the Village Office. The cost will be \$400. less than originally quoted. They should be installed within the next 4-6 weeks.

Deputy Mayor Adamson reported on the successful Nancy Price 5K Race that took place on May 12, 2012. The turn-out was good and 3 scholarships are to be given out which have been totally funded by race proceeds. He also stated the parks are looking good.

With no further business Trustee VanDeusen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer

Grant Writer Bernie Rotella came in as the meeting had ended and asked to update the Board on grants. He stated the grants funds for the Village sign are still in limbo and suggested re-appropriating the \$18,000. Maziarz grant monies. A portion of the funds could be used for the sign and re-appropriation could be made to any left over funds. Mayor Reynolds agreed that the funds should repurposed for the sign purchase.

Mr. Rotella updated the Board on the \$400,000. in grant funds which are now open and have a 50% match. This grant could be used for LWRP purposes. Also, Mr. Rotella suggested the Board apply for emergency funding for the dock which has a mid-July date for submission. A discussion took place regarding a green innovation grant but a new engineering report needs to be submitted as the previous report did not support what was stated in the application. Mr. Rotella stated a green technology group might be able to help. No grant funds are currently available for purchasing a senior van. Mr. Rotella advised the Board that NYSERDA is offering energy grants.

After Mr. Rotella left, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Executive Session ended at 8:45.