

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –February 14, 2013

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked that everyone silence their cell phone. Also present were Deputy Mayor Sutor, Trustees Adamson and Lockhart, Attorney Caserta, Building Inspector Stevens, Lyman Buck from Key Bank and three interested residents. Trustee VanDeusen, was absent. The Mayor announced that before the public portion of the meeting, Mr. Buck from Key Bank would give a presentation.

Mr. Buck stated he was asked to come to the Board meeting to explain the services of Key Bank and that no fees would be charged and the deposit accounts would be interest bearing if the Village chose to bank with Key Bank. He stated he has come up with a proposal meeting these requests from the Village Board. Mr. Buck did advise the Board to maintain a bank account with First Niagara for cash balances and transfers as it would make no sense to make the trip to the Lewiston Key Bank branch if the Village were to bank at Key. Trustee Adamson asked what the interest rate would be on accounts. Mr. Buck replied interest rates are currently low and the amount would be .1%.

Mayor Reynolds stated Mr. Buck has met the goal that the Board had asked of him which was to have no fees on the Village bank accounts and to earn interest on accounts. The Mayor went on to state First Niagara deals with government banking in Albany and not at the local branch level as HSBC had. Trustee Lockhart added that HSBC assisted in local events.

Norman Swann of Brampton Rd. stated he feared losing our local bank if the Village pulls its money and yet we give funds to the Lewiston Chamber. Trustee Lockhart explained that it wasn't the interest that was of concern but the cost of monthly fees that First Niagara would charge. Mayor Reynolds stated it is his obligation to treat the taxpayer's money as it were his own and not waste it. Mr. Swann stated we are losing businesses left and right and he doesn't want to see an empty bank in Youngstown.

Mayor Reynolds asked if there were further questions and hearing none, the meeting continued. Mr. Chris Hartwick stated he is currently building a house on Carrollwood Dr. He stated he is interested in property located between Oak St. and Church St. and has done some drawings which he shared with the Board. He said there are wetlands on the property but the project may still be possible. Mr. Hartwick stated the zoning would need to be changed from its current R15 to RCL 3 to accommodate cluster housing and then asked for feedback. Mayor Reynolds stated the Board of Trustees cannot give him direction on his proposed idea and that he would have to approach the Planning and Zoning Boards. Trustee Adamson stated single family homes were proposed for land on Third St. but the project was never started. A brief discussion took place regarding the 13 acre piece of land and the installation of roads and utilities. Mayor Reynolds stated he would like to see building happen in the Village.

Mr. Swann asked the number of bedrooms in these homes. Mr. Hartwick stated there would be two to three bedrooms in these 1,350 – 1,500 square foot homes and hoped to build 25-28 homes. Trustee Adamson stated homes in the \$200,000. range would be a good product for aging residents and would also be good for taxes.

Mayor Reynolds then asked for comments from the public. Norman Swann asked if Village workers are paying part of their health insurance and asked how much the Board was looking to have employees pay. Attorney Caserta explained some of the background and what had been proposed but that currently there is an impasse which will now require mediation. With no other public comment the meeting proceeded.

Building Inspector Stevens submitted his monthly report. One building permit was issued, one chicken permit was issued and one certificate of occupancy issued with \$155. in fees collected.

Police Chief Salada was absent but submitted his monthly report. 200 patrol hours were worked, 989 patrol miles logged, 10 Village calls, 7 Town of Porter calls, 9 calls outside the Village, 10 UTT's issued, 9 parking tickets issued and 2 arrests made.

DPW Superintendent Muller was absent but submitted his monthly report. 20.5 hours of overtime were worked. December's garbage tonnage – 49.64 tons and January's tonnage - 44.12 tons.

Engineer Lannon was absent.

Attorney Caserta stated he would address items as they appear throughout the meeting.

The minutes of the January 24, 2013 Board meeting were approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Suitor, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Utility taxes received from Vonage-\$6.49, Birch Communications-\$7.44 and Ambit NY-\$138.86. So noted
2. Niagara County Water District gallonage report for December 31, 2012-January 31, 2013, consumption down 26,683 gallons for the same time period last year. So noted.
3. Three applicants have submitted resumes for the Village Historian position. So noted.
4. Request to possibly film in Youngstown for a web series called Hometown Pride. The Board was in favor of the idea. Mayor Reynolds will call the person making the request to get more details.
5. Letter of resignation received from Claudia Andres from her seat on the Recreation Commission noting time commitments now prevent her from serving. The Board accepted her resignation with regret and a letter of appreciation will be sent to Claudia who has offered to still help when available.
6. Reminder of upcoming accident prevention workshop to be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 9-3 in the Cora Gushee Room. Information flyers are available on the table outside the Library. So noted.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending January 31, 2013 – General Fund-\$37,486.84, Water Fund-\$1,230.52, Sewer Fund-\$538.76 and for the period ending February 14, 2013-General Fund-\$54,761.01, Water Fund-\$1,433.42, Sewer Fund-\$679.75 and Trust Agency-\$20.00 were approved by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Suitor and carried.
2. Key Bank discussion. Mayor Reynolds asked if the Board was ready to make a decision regarding the Village changing to Key Bank. With no further comment or questions, Deputy Mayor Suitor motioned to move the Village banking to Key Bank except for one checking account to be kept at First Niagara. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.
3. Authorization for Clerk and Deputy to attend the Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2013 was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried.
4. Approval of monthly balance sheets, revenues and appropriation reports for the General, Water, Sewer and Trust Agency for the period ending January 2013 was made by motion of Trustee Lockhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Suitor and carried.

5. Authorization of transfer of appropriations for 2012-2013 General Fund budget in the amount of \$10,052. and Water Fund budget in the amount of \$10,332. was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor and carried.
6. Water shut off for non-payment of quarter end December 31, 2012 water/sewer bills set for Tuesday March 5, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. by motion of Deputy Mayor Sutor, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.
7. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. So noted.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson stated the Bistro at the Old Fort Inn manager has discussed the high elevation from the road at the business' parking lot. A brief discussion took place in this regard, concluding there is no easy fix to the problem and that repairs would have to be done at the owner's expense. One possible solution would be to make one side an entrance and the other, an exit. Trustee Adamson will talk to the manager regarding the discussion.

Trustee Adamson stated the toilets at Falkner Park have had overflow problems and suggested they be replaced at an approximate cost of \$2,500. Deputy Mayor Sutor stated that inasmuch as Alan Hastings is contemplating renovations in that area, such replacement is postponed until details are complete. No action was taken on the matter.

REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Sutor reported that software upgrades are progressing in the Village Office with Harris working on the data bases with use of the general accounting software to begin at the beginning of March.

Trustee Adamson reported he has secured estimates for landscaping work around the LED sign outside the Village Hall which could be paid for with grant funds. Lakewood Landscaping also shared concerns of the evergreen tree near the sign.

Trustee Adamson also secured estimates for tiered landscaping for the waterfront area with an estimated cost of \$16,000. which could be paid for with re-purposed grant funds. He also reported on the picnic table prices. A six foot tubular table has a State bid price of \$230. and the eight foot table would cost \$260. A brief discussion took place regarding playground equipment.

Trustee Adamson reported Recreation Director Kim Cudmore has approximately 54 boys participating in the open gym night. The program has been well received and is helping to keep youth off the streets.

Mayor Reynolds reported that the Garden Club has decided to discontinue the "Garden of the Week" program as it has run its course over its many years of existence. The Mayor then stated he has been attending meetings for the 1812-1813 War upcoming events. On Thursday, December 19, 2013, the actual date Fort Niagara was attacked 200 years ago, a reenactment will take place. The committee is working to involve the schools in the events.

Mayor Reynolds announced that the Christmas in the Village celebration is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2013. The Fort will host the Castle by Candlelight that evening and other events will be scheduled in between the two celebrations. A joint collaboration of the Village, Fort, businesses and local organizations is planned for the day long events. Trustee Adamson asked if Legislator Clyde Burmaster could assist in getting Greenway funds from the County for the events and that Lewiston may possibly be able to help. Mayor Reynolds reported that Legislator Burmaster has been attending the meetings and also reported Lewiston has decided to withdraw from a joint dedication. The Fort and the

Village of Youngstown will continue with the events already planned. The Mayor will alert the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Reynolds asked for any other public comment. With none, he stated the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters following the Board meeting. With no further business, Trustee Adamson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Lockhart and carried. The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and ended the Session at 8:56 p.m. by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sutor and carried.