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Village Board of Trustee Work Session minutes – May 23, 2024

Trustee attendees	Present	Absent	Staff attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman	X		Clerk-Treasurer Amy Beaudreau	X	
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky	X		DPW Superintendent Greg Quarantillo	X	
Trustee Catherine Stella	X		Chief Joe Paul	X	
Trustee Kristel Stevens	X		Recreation Director Jeff Gruarin		X
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo	X		Attorney Tom Caserta	X	
			Engineer Bob Lannon		X
			Grant Writer Christine Rath	X	

QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT:

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau reminded the Trustees and Department Heads to use a microphone for speaking. To conserve battery life and to reduce background noise, the microphones should be turned off if not speaking.

Clerk- Treasurer Beaudreau announced there is a quorum and the meeting can proceed.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reisman announced that Kim Winning was appointed to the part-time Deputy-Clerk Treasurer position effective May 20, 2024.

Mayor Reisman announced that DPW Superintendent Quarantillo is requesting that Todd Muller become a part-time permanent laborer. Currently Mr. Muller is listed as a seasonal laborer.

A motion was made to hire Todd Muller as a permanent employee by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS / AUTHORIZATIONS:

John Calvert Room Lease

Mayor Reisman stated that Julie Perrault would like to renew the yearly lease agreement for use of the John Calvert room. The currently the fee is \$150.00 monthly. Current renewal agreement ends May 31, 2024.

A motion to renew the lease agreement was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo at a monthly fee of \$150.00. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION:

Youngstown Business and Professional Association Street Dance and Car Cruise

Mayor Reisman stated that a Special Use Permit application has been received for the Youngstown Business and Professional Association for the Annual Beginning of Summer Street Dance and Car Cruise on Thursday, June 20, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Mayor Reisman stated that street closure paperwork has been submitted by YBPA and insurance is on file through the Town of Porter for this event.

A motion to approve the Special Use Permit as requested was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company ambulance billing.

Mayor Reisman announced that because Greg Robertson was currently on a fire call, the presentation from the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company would be held until the end of the meeting.

EV Stations:

Mayor Reisman stated that Michael Prinzi from PPR Energy Solutions will discuss and answer questions about the status of EV Station proposals and the future of them within the Village.

Mr. Prinzi introduced himself to the Board and audience as the President and owner/operator of PPR Energy Solutions. He stated that his company is looking to install and maintain (4) four EV charging stations with no expense to the Village.

Mr. Prinzi explained that the charging stations are meant to last for (10) ten years and that his company would install, maintain and operate the (4) four stations within the Village. There would be a contract with the Village to allow the land use for the parking spaces.

Currently Mr. Prinzi is proposing a level 2 charging station which will fully charge a vehicle in 4-6 hours using either Tesla EV chargers or Switch's platform, which is the NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) choice.

Mr. Prinzi stated that the rebates from NYS are expected to run out by the end of 2025 if not sooner (once the funding is used).

Mayor Reisman asked what happens to the stations once PPR is done with the project. Mr. Prinzi stated that it would be discussed when the agreement is created with a few options including the Village buying the stations for fair market value or PPR removing the stations.

Mr. Prinzi stated that the timeframe for a contract is 6-8 weeks and once signed they would be able to install the stations. He stated that all work is done in-house with no outside contractors. PPR will work with National Grid on the electrical connection. He stated that each connection will have the network provided phone number listed if a customer has any issues with the stations.

Trustee Stevens asked how long the land contract would be and Mr. Prinzi stated it would be between 5-7 years.

CONTINUING ITEMS:

Short Term Rentals (STRs):

Mayor Reisman stated that discussion and formation of policy on STRs – with suggested deadline completion is June 2024.

Mayor Reisman stated he has polled a few of our residents regarding STRs and knows that there are growing concerns as other municipalities have modified their local laws to be restrictive and not allow STRs at all. He stated he is speaking with other municipalities who have had local laws for STRs and will come back to the board with his findings. Trustee Stevens asked what the timeline will be and Mayor Reisman stated that he feels good progress will be made, if not completed, by the end of June.

Sewer billing for Water Street property owned by Rick Lohr:

Mayor Reisman asked for an update from Attorney Caserta on sewer service billing/meeting for Rick Lohr's Water Street marina property.

Attorney Caserta stated that he and Mr. Lohr's attorney hope to set up something in the following week.

Metal Detecting:

Mayor Reisman asked for an update on the metal detecting Local Law/Special Use Permit from Attorney Caserta.

Attorney Caserta stated that he thought he needed clearer direction from the Board. Mayor Reisman clarified that the local law draft provided was supposed to be combined with the current local law to have a cohesive plan.

Attorney Caserta stated that he would finalize a combination of the two.

Use of Parks/Shelters:

Mayor Reisman stated that in the past, all park use for an individual event like this has been on a first come, first served basis. Board approval was not needed. Discussion is needed on the process going forward for park use including fees, required paperwork, etc.

A brief discussion occurred regarding how garbage, cleaning and maintenance would be handled. It was decided that a \$75.00 refundable deposit would be required for scheduled park use. As per the facilities use agreement, the park needs to be returned to the same condition in which it was found and if not, that deposit would be used for cleaning the park.

The Trustees agreed that no alcohol will be allowed in the parks. And it was determined that if an application comes in for the use of the park, that becomes a reservation for the area with the deposit payment. Therefore, the parks can be used first come, first served ONLY if there is not a reservation.

Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company President Virginia O'Neil stated that the Veteran Park user could dispose of their garbage in the YVFC dumpster.

The Trustees agreed that this process can be updated or modified as needed.

A motion to allow park reservations with a \$75.00 refundable deposit for cleaning of the park was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The Trustees confirmed that they do not need to approve the park use applications when they are received in the Clerk's Office.

Human Resources and Handbook update:

Mayor Reisman stated that Sheridan Benefits offers Human Resource services free of charge if awarded brokerage of the Village major medical plan. Base cost to write the Village handbook starts at \$1600.

Mayor Reisman asked for an update regarding Trustee findings for human resource services and handbook creation.

Trustee Stevens stated that although she contacted the Department of Labor, she has not heard back from them in weeks to get the information she was requesting. She stated that “you get what you pay for” and in this case it was nothing.

Mayor Reisman thanked her for the effort. The Trustees agreed that it was time to move forward with engaging Sheridan Benefits for the services.

A motion was made to make Sheridan Benefits the Village’s major medical broker and to contract with them for an updated Village handbook for \$1600.00. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorial Day Ceremony

Mayor Reisman read:
VFW Post 313 will hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony at the 1812 Cemetery at Fort Niagara at 11:00 a.m. Monday May 29, 2023. There will be a wreath dedication and Lewis Custode will be performing with his trumpet. All are invited to attend.

Election Results

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that the agenda had a mistake on one of the election result numbers so she announced that the numbers as follows:

Frederick “Rick” Stortecky	(total number of votes): 164
Nicole Quarantillo	(total number of votes): 138
Todd Muller	(total number of votes): 101
Jennifer Dick	(total number of votes): 57

Village Board meeting

Mayor Reisman announced that the next Village Board meeting will be the organizational meeting on June 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company ambulance billing.

Mayor Reisman announced that because Greg Robertson was no able to attend, President Virginia O'Neil would make the presentation and answer questions. Trustee Quarantillo stated she would help as well as a Fire Company Member.

President O'Neil stated that there is a new New York State law that allows volunteer fire companies with ambulance services to bill for those services. The YVFC needs the approval from both the Town of Porter and the Village of Youngstown to bill for the services.

Trustee Quarantillo stated that the billing would be for residents who have health insurance and ambulance coverage. If the resident has a copay, that copay would not be billed. She stated that if there is no insurance or ambulance coverage, there would be no bill from the fire company.

President O'Neil stated the maximum billing would be \$1000 as the company offers BLS (Basic Life Support) services. There is a \$38.00 a loaded mile fees and a treat and release fee of \$400 that would also be billed if appropriate.

President O'Neil stated that the revenue from the billing will be used to purchase new equipment.

President O'Neil stated that many local companies will be doing the same and all will be using the same billing company with similar charges (depending on the services provided).

Trustee Stevens asked if the YVFC is in network and President O'Neil said it is. Trustee Stevens also asked about electronic medical records and President O'Neil stated that all members will have training on the billing/records.

Trustee Stevens asked how residents who have high deductibles will be billed. President O'Neil was not sure. DPW Superintendent Quarantillo, who is also Assistant Chief of the YVFC called Greg Robertson who stated that if there is a high deductible, there will be no out-of-pocket cost for the residents. He stated the fire company will only bill the insurance company with no out-of-pocket fees for Village residents from the YVFC.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the YVFC billing for ambulance services. Attorney Caserta stated that because the proposal from the fire company came with a resolution, it would be best to use that.

Mayor Reisman read:

VILLAGE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YOUNGSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. TO COMMENCE AMBULANCE BILLING

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law 209-b permits Fire Companies to bill users of ambulance services for ambulance transportation;

WHEREAS, the Village of Youngstown contracts with Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Inc. for ambulance services and is the authority having jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Inc. passed a resolution of its membership authorizing the commencement of ambulance billing following approval by the Village of Youngstown and the Town of Porter. A copy of the resolution is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Inc. is hereby authorized to commence with billing pursuant to General Municipal Law §209-b in accordance with the terms set forth in the resolution annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.

A motion was made to approve the resolution as read by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the work session meeting at 8:16 p.m. was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Beaudreau

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Clerk-Treasurer
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