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Board of Trustees meeting minutes – June 13, 2024

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

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.

QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Reisman asked for public comment and stated that all comments shall be kept to 3 minutes and directed to the Village Board of Trustees.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Elected Officials:

Mayor Reisman announced Frederick “Rick” Stortecky was sworn in on Monday, June 3, 2024 as Trustee based on the results of the May 21, 2024 Village election.

Mayor Reisman announced Nicole Quarantillo was sworn in on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 as Trustee based on the results of the May 21, 2024 Village election.

Mayoral Appointment of Deputy Mayor:

Mayor Reisman announced that Trustee Stortecky was appointed Deputy Mayor on Monday, June 10, 2024.

Village Appointment(s):

One year appointment(s):

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Treasurer- Kim Winning

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Kim Winning as the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk: Alexandra Certo

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Alexandra Certo as Deputy Clerk. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Two-year appointment(s):

Clerk-Treasurer: Amy Beaudreau

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Amy Beaudreau as Clerk-Treasurer. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Four-year appointment(s):

Zoning Board of Appeals Member: James Carminati

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Member James Carminati. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Planning Board Member: Sue MacNaughton

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Planning Board Member Sue MacNaughton. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. Deputy Mayor Stortecky recused himself. Remaining Trustees in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Planning Board Member: Claudia Andres

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Planning Board Member Claudia Andres. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Reisman read the following;

Designation of the Official Newspaper:

The Niagara Gazette is the official newspaper for the Village of Youngstown for one year.

Dates of Regular Meetings:

The Village Board of Trustees will hold the regular meeting on the 2nd (second) Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room, unless otherwise noted.

Dates of Work Sessions:

The Village Board of Trustees will hold work sessions on the 4th (fourth) Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, September and October at 7:00 p.m. in the board room, unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Reisman stated that the Village Board is in process of setting up training for the summer months when work sessions are not held.

Next Organization meeting:

The next organizational meeting will be held the 2nd (second) Thursday of June, 2025 on June 12, 2025.

Procurement Policy:

Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 104-b the Code of the Village of Youngstown, Chapter 36 -- Procurement Policy was passed on June 5, 1995. Amendments are noted where applicable.

Current Procurement Guidelines as per Chapter 36-4 are as follows:

<i>Amount of purchase</i>	<i>Requirement</i>
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<i>\$1 to \$1500</i>	<i>At the discretion of the department head</i>
<i>\$1,501 to \$2,500</i>	<i>Two telephone quotations or verbal quotes with documentation attached to the voucher or purchase order</i>
<i>\$2,501 to \$19,999</i>	<i>Three written quotations (if possible), documentation attached</i>
<i>Over \$20,000</i>	<i>Formal sealed bids in conformance with General Municipal law § 103 for the purchase of commodities, equipment or goods.</i>
<i>\$10,000 to \$34,999 for public works projects/contracts</i>	<i>Three written quotations, documentation attached</i>
<i>\$35,000 and up for public works projects/contracts</i>	<i>Formal sealed bids in conformance with General Municipal law § 103</i>

Workplace Violence Prevention Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Workplace Violence Prevention Program was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on September 13, 2012 and is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office.

Sexual Harassment Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Sexual Harassment policy was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on October 25, 2018 and is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office.

Investment Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Investment Policy was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on June 5, 1995 and is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office.

As the creation of this policy is from 1995, an updated policy will be presented to the board no later than the September 12, 2024 board meeting for review and approval.

Code of Ethics Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Ethics Policy was adopted on November 19, 1970 with amendments where applicable as Chapter 22 – Ethics, Code as per the Code of the Village of Youngstown.

Trustee Quarantillo asked if the Village should have a Cyber Awareness policy. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that the office is working with the insurance company on this policy.

Trustee Stevens asked why the Grant Writer, Attorney, and Engineer are not being appointed.

Clerk Treasurer Beaudreau stated that they are not appointed positions as the work is by contract. Trustee Stevens stated that last year they were all appointed at the reorganizational meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau agreed that it did happen last year, but in fact it should be a review of their contract. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated she asked both Attorney Caserta and Engineer Lannon for an updated copy of each contract prior to the meeting, but had not received them yet for the board to review.

Clerk- Treasurer Beaudreau commented that the Christine Rath was appointed as the Grant Writer was about six months ago. Mayor Reisman added that there is no appointment for those positions annually.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve all annual business. The motion to approve all annual business was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS:

Advance Approval of Claims:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, petty cash, freight and express charges; and

WHEREAS all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and

WHEREAS the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the Board of Trustees disallows;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, petty cash, freight and express charges. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the Board of Trustees disallows.

Section 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the annual resolutions. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau explained that yearly contracts approved by the board, Independent Health for example, can be paid in advance of the approval of claims in addition to the specific items listed as the board has agreed to the payment when the contract was signed.

Mileage Allowance:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their automobile while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village of Youngstown and

WHEREAS the rate determined by the IRS may change throughout the year, at any point shall the rate of reimbursement change it shall change the reimbursement allowed under Village policy as well.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such employees at the current rate of .67 cents per mile or the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate and

Section 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve mileage allowance. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Attendance at Schools and Conferences:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

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WHEREAS there is to be held during the coming official year a) NYCOM's Winter Legislative Meeting, b) NYCOM's Annual Meeting and Training School, c) NYCOM's Fall Training School, d) NYCOM's Public Works Training School, e) the following County association meetings; Niagara County Municipal Clerk's Association Meetings and Niagara County MuSIP Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, Niagara County Association of Town Highway Superintendents, Western New York Water Works Association, f) training classes held through, but not limited to, the NY State Office of the State Comptroller and NYMIR insurance.

WHEREAS attendance by certain municipal officials and employees at one or more of these meetings, conferences or schools benefits the municipality; and the Mayor has the authorization to approve expenses for Village Officials to attend workshops or other official functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, DPW Superintendent and DPW Staff as approved, be authorized to attend the previously named meetings/trainings and

Section 2. That the resolution takes effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman stated that NYCOM is the New York Conference of Mayors and they are an advisory group for all Villages and Cities in New York State. Many reference materials are available to the Village through NYCOM.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Attendance at Schools and Conferences. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Designating Depositories:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined that Village Law § 4-412(3) (2) requires the designation of banks or trust companies for the deposit of all Village monies:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees designates KeyBank and NYCLASS as depositories of all moneys received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and Receiver of Taxes and

Section 2. That the resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Designating Depositories. The motion to was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: *A copy of all written reports submitted prior to the meeting were available for public viewing at the board meeting. Below in italics are the submitted reports.*

Attorney:

Attorney Caserta stated that he sent a copy of the updated Section 128 local law (regarding metal detecting) and requested it to be put on the agenda for discussion at the July Board meeting.

Trustee Quarantillo stated that she believed the board agreed on making the metal detecting permit valid for 30 days. Attorney Caserta responded that his thought was to have the updated code be very generic and then have the permit application be more specific. He also stated that it is up to the board to decide however, allowing more flexibility with the code rather than the permit seems logical as a permit application can be modified by with board approval.

Department of Public Works:

D.P.W. May Activities

Hello all. May has been a very busy and exciting month! The ball diamonds over at Vets Park received a much needed make over, Thanks to the Town of Lewiston Highway and Town of Porter. We will also be doing some weed and feed around the diamonds! We are continuing spraying round up in the park to knock down the weeds. Its all coming together. I had a couple community service people helping out with the weeding down on Water St. We will be mulching as soon as we get Main St complete. The Water St project is 80% complete. With the remaining balance of approx \$235,000.00 we have enough money to redo the stairs going to Hinman St. This leaving about \$45,000.00 left to look into a generator. This is HUGH!

The Village and American Flags have been put up along with the hanging baskets. We had some complaints about people hitting their heads on the baskets so we raised them 6 inches. There was some sidewalk blocks that we had to pull and repair. We changed out the Village flags with new ones that the YBPA had purchased last year, but for some reason I was unaware of the new flags when we put up the old ones. We will be looking into a rotation of flags every couple of years to keep them looking fresh!

I have had 7 trees cut down due to disease and rotting. National Grid removed 4 of them and will also be coming down Main St and shaping the trees there as well.

Lastly all the road cuts from the water main breaks have been repaired. We continue mowing and our weekly activities to keep the Village looking beautiful! And questions please feel to reach out! This is our very busy season! I ask all to be patient with special request! We will get to it, its just a matter of scheduling it in. Thank you and have a great day!

*Greg Quarantillo
Superintendent
Village of Youngstown DPW*

Superintendent Quarantillo reiterated that the DPW is very busy during the summer months.

Engineer:

Mayor Reisman asked if the DPW had a resolution for the stairs going down to water street, and asked if the cost was determined and covered by the grant funds remaining.

Superintendent Quarantillo and Engineer Lannon both confirmed that the stairs will be completed and that they are waiting on the materials to schedule the job. Engineer Lannon stated that everything will be replaced except for the posts – including the benches.

Mayor Reisman asked what kind of material would be used to construct the stairs and Engineer Lannon stated that composite decking will be used.

Clerk's Office:

May was a very busy month for the Clerk's Office.

Taxes: Working with the Niagara County Real Property office, taxes were prepared, proofed, printed and mailed for June 1. Collection started June 1.

Training: The Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer took a 2 day training session from the NYS Comptroller's office. A second session is scheduled for mid-June. In addition, webinars and phone conferences were held regarding accounting practices and procedures for the Annual Financial Report. In addition, training is daily for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer as she becomes acclimated to the office.

Phone system: The new phone system from Spectrum is being installed with a live date in mid-late June. There have been phone conferences, webinars and technicians surveying the sites, installing wiring and getting ready for the new system.

Handbook: After many phone calls, emails and a video conference the handbooks are being developed by Sheridan Benefits. Estimated time frame for the first draft is the end of June.

Month/year end: Month end. Year end. Start of a new budget. AFR. Needless to say, we have had a lot of focus on and will continue to (through June and July) on our Village financials.

*Amy Beaudreau
Clerk-Treasurer*

Recreation:

*Recreation Report
Jeff Gruarin
June 2024*

Indoor: Toddler time will continue throughout the summer as the rest of the programs have wrapped up

Nancy price : We ended up with 119 participants, which is VERY good. We had beautiful weather and an overall great event

Punchlist:

- 1. gym mats pricing has been received (approx. \$10,500 to cover the rest of the walls) still waiting for grant work (**waiting**)*
- 2. DPW started painting the gym (**complete**)*
- 3. Figure out dirt situation with TOL and TOP (**complete**)*
- 4. Perfect seal confirmed we are first on his list (**waiting**)*
- 5. Plan Summer schedule at Vets and Falkner (**complete**)*
- 6. Get new signage for disc golf via modern- waiting for confirmation on exact hole yardage (**complete pending \$**)*

Summer: Falkner Park & Vets Park will be released next week

We received a grant where we can do a 6 week course for open play for kids to be given equipment to use. The grant covers (2) employees for 60 total hours and will cover their pay

We also are able to run a 6 week disc golf course. We met with Sam Castiglione (disc golf professional) and created the flyer and plan with him.

As soon as we get the okay to release I have the signups created and the FOY will release ALL info.

Grant Writer:

All, I will not be at the Board meeting tonight. The following are my updates:

Grants/Projects:

- 1. FOY did not receive the Garman Grant for updates to the Village gym including padding and an interactive projector. They were very interested in our efforts but they received so many applications. They encourage us to apply for the next round.*
- 2. FOY is applying to another grant for the same content that is due in July.*
- 3. No update on DOT grant*
- 4. Project Play: The Project Play grant is in full swing! Registrations for the disc golf and free play sessions are up and filling up fast as these are "free" to residents! FOY has worked up a process*

with the Village Treasurer to receive invoices and provide checks within 5 business days. The Village is responsible for the budget, implementation, and tracking key metrics. So far \$2,350 of the \$6,790 has been provided to the Village. Jeff Gruarin will be ordering additional equipment in the next week which is covered under the grant. The grant also includes the hourly staff, project director stipend, & t-shirts. Public news articles& press releases have been written in the Sentinel and appear on the web regarding this award.

5. *Splash Pad - the painting has begun! The target completion for the painting is to be ready for the Summer Dance. Stop by and see the great work Jess is doing!*

6. *NY Forward: I am working on a presentation and tour route for the meeting in July with the WNY Regional Director. This will highlight who is Youngstown, what opportunities we have and suggested projects. Additional information forthcoming.*

7. *Veteran's Park Fields: The first official ball games were held this week at Veteran's Park with many residents and local community members from Lewiston and Porter in attendance. This will drive additional business into our area twice a week for games and additional days for practices.*

8. **Issue:** *With the focus on Veteran's Park and driving active lifestyles, we need to ensure public restrooms are open and available for the public from dawn to dusk. Currently, it is very inconsistent when they are available. I strongly urge the Village to install timed door locks which will provide consistent open/locking of the restroom doors for every day from dawn to dusk. We need to get out of the mindset that bathrooms will only be available during events. Maglock information has been provided to the Recreation Director and DPW Superintendent.*

Events:

9. *Trails: The Community Input event for the Greenway trails is scheduled for this Saturday, July 15 from 10am to 1pm at Veteran's Park. We have over 70 people registered to attend and expect additional residents to attend that have not registered. We hope to see all of you there to hear and provide input on potential trails that would link Youngstown to Joseph Davis and through the Fort.*

10. *Summer Dance: FOY will be in attendance at the Summer Dance on June 20 with a informational table. Please stop by and say hello!*

11. *Fundraising event: FOY will be hosting their first Celebrity Bartending event on June 30 from 2-6pm at the new Griffon Brewery in Youngstown. We hope you will come out and join us to help raise funds to improve Veteran's Park.*

Christine Rath

Building Inspector:

- ◆ *Reviewed and issued twenty-one (21) **Building Permits** for the month of **May**;*
 - *15 permits for the Town of Porter*
 - *6 Permits for the Village of Youngstown*
- ◆ *Issued three (3) Registration Certificates for **Town Short Term Rental Homes (STRH)**.*
- ◆ *Received, Inspected, and followed up on eleven (11) New formal **Complaint/Violations**;*
 - *8 Complaints for the Town of Porter*
 - *3 Complaints for the Village of Youngstown*
- ◆ *Completed twelve (12) **inspections** for Permits & Complaints compliance.*
- ◆ *Coordinated/Reviewed Town **Planning and Zoning Board applications** and Documentation.*

- ◆ Participated in Town of Porter **Justice Court** for pending Zoning enforcement cases.
- ◆ Participated in the Town **Planning Board** meeting May 2, 2024.
- ◆ Participated in The Town **Zoning Board** meeting on May 23, 2024
- ◆ Continued, regular/daily response to **phone inquiries** on Land Use & Building questions.

Peter T. Jeffery

Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Porter/Village of Youngstown

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

Sales Tax:

May 2024 monthly Sales Tax distribution to the Village of Youngstown was received on May 24, 2024 in the amount of \$40,866.98 from Niagara County.

Mortgage Tax:

The biannual Mortgage Tax distributed to the Village of Youngstown will be deposited June 14, 2024 for the second half of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$7,835.86.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Vouchers for the period from
May 10, 2024 through May 31, 2024:

General:	\$ 64,228.67
Water:	\$ 888.56
Sewer:	\$ 342.29
H-Cap	\$
Trust:	\$ 3,772.27
Total	\$ 69,231.79

Vouchers for the period from
June 1, 2024 through June 13, 2024:

General:	\$ 7,547.05
Water:	\$
Sewer:	\$
H-Cap	\$
Trust:	\$
Total	\$ 7,547.05

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers. The motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor.

Trustee Stevens stated that she had just only received that Abstract of Audited Vouchers tonight because she was having technical issues. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that she had emailed out the abstract previously, but would be modifying procedures within the office to have the abstract available around the same time as the agenda.

Trustee Stevens asked why there appeared to be duplicate entries on the abstract. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau explained that there are different codes for every voucher and the voucher would further document the entries.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

The Friends of Youngstown have received a grant from Project Play in the amount of \$6,790.00. that will be given with specific use instructions to the Recreation Department.

As this was not a budgeted revenue or expense, a budget amendment is requested for \$6,790.00. The revenue code will be A2089 -- Other Culture and Recreation Income. The expenditure code will A7989.4 -- Other Culture and Recreation Expenditure.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve budget amendment as requested. The motion to was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman congratulated the Recreation Department for getting the Project Play Grant.

CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT POSITION:

Police Sergeant:

Mayor Reisman read the following.

Mayor Reisman stated the PT Police Sergeant position was previously removed from the Civil Service roster in 2022. Discussion on re-adding the position to the Village Roster with approval of the (Civil Service) Niagara County Personnel Officer.

The 2024-2025 budget includes 450 hours for the Police Sergeant at \$24.00 per hour.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the PT Police Sergeant position. The was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman stated that as per Chief Paul, he would like to promote Officer Bosi to the Police Sergeant position contingent on Civil Service approval.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Officer Bosi to the PT Police Sergeant position. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman reiterated that this promotion is pending Civil Service approval and Mayor Reisman would update the Board of Trustees on its progress.

CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS:

Williamson Law Book:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Determination is needed for the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Tax Collection with Tax Glance software for June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025 in the amount of \$853.00.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Tax Collection. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Determination is needed for the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Payroll Software from June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1446.00.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for Payroll Software. The was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Niagara River Anglers:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Determination is needed for the annual lease agreement with the Niagara River Anglers Association effective June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025. In the past, the amount invoiced to the Anglers was \$300.00 to cover the cost of electricity.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the annual lease agreement with the Niagara River Anglers Association. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Rasing Fowl Permit:

Mayor Reisman read:

James and Jodi Woock, 452 Northfield Drive applied for a license to raise 5 chicken hens. As per Village Code, residents within 50 feet of the applicant were notified of the application for the license. No opposing written comments were received.

Neighbor Kyle Heath submitted a letter of support: Please accept this email in support of the request for laying hens at 452 Northfield Drive. I am passionate about locally sourced sustainable food. I also believe that nothing is better at eliminating green household waste than chickens. Thank you for your time, Kyle Heath Sent from my iPhone

As per Village Code, the Village Board shall determine whether or not a license is issued to the applicant; The Village Board shall be empowered to impose further conditions on the license that is deems to be necessary preserve the public safety and welfare (§ 67-26).

Mayor Reisman asked what the limit is on the hens. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated the maximum is five.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the raising fowl permit.

Trustee Stevens asked if the Woock's for the lot size of the applicants as there is a minimum requirement. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that they do meet the minimum requirements of $\frac{3}{4}$ an acre.

Mayor Reisman added that the property owners previously had a raising fowl permit. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau clarified that the Woock's did in fact previously have a permit however, their permit expired a few years ago which is why they are applying for a new one.

Trustee Stevens asked how many chicken permits the Village currently had open and Deputy Clerk Certo stated that there are currently 2 active permits.

Trustee Quarantillo asked if there was a policy on how many we would allow. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that the code limits the number of chicken hens, but not how many permits are allowed.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the raising fowl permit. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Special Use Permit application:

Mayor Reisman stated that the Village Board has received an application for a Special Use Permit for the Village docks/parcel between 491 and 555 Water Street from the Youngstown Yacht Club for June 15, 2024 for overnight boat docking.

Mayor Reisman asked YYC representative Mark Schimley where the boats would be docking and how many boats they expected. Mr. Schimley stated that currently there are 40 boats confirmed with YYC, however, there were 54 registered boats that are spread over 5 potential venues.

Mayor Reisman asked if the boats would be docked to moorings and Mr. Schimley stated that he would like to have the boats docked in the 2-hour spots at the Village docks for about 20 hours total. They would leave the end slot and ramp open for the Villagers.

Mayor Reisman stated that we should inform the businesses in the area. Mr. Schimley stated that the businesses have been notified and are aware of the event.

Mayor Reisman asked if there were any further questions or concerns for the boat docking. With none, Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the application for a Special Use Permit for the Village docks/parcel between 491 and 555 Water Street. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Stortecky and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

July 4th Fireworks:

Mayor Reisman stated The Village of Lewiston has begun planning for the annual July 4th fireworks display and is asking for contributions to the event. In the past, the Village Board has sent and approved \$500 (as budgeted).

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the donation for the Village of Lewiston July 4th fireworks. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Stortecky and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

ITEMS / DISCUSSION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from Niagara Hospice:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Email correspondence from Niagara Hospice for their up-and-coming events including:

- *The 22nd Annual Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Cruise & Clambake, July 12*

- *Niagara Hospice Gran Fondo, August 10, 2024*
- *Mighty Niagara Half Marathon, October 5, 2024.*

Further details about the above events can be found on the Village Center bulletin board.

Correspondence from Resident Henry Sloma:

Mayor Reisman stated that there was written correspondence from resident Henry Sloma addressed individually to each Trustee and Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau dated May 22, 2024 and received Jun 6, 2024. The general context was in regard to promoting gender equality.

Mayor Reisman read the following letter:

Dear Mayor Reisman

Now that the 2024 Village election has concluded successfully, it is time to reorganize and strengthen our Village government for the challenges and opportunities ahead. I am heartened to see the re-election of both incumbent Trustees, which ensures the continuity of experienced leadership for our community.

Our Board of Trustees now comprises three women and one man, with 75% of our Trustees being intelligent, dedicated, and experienced women. This composition is a testament to the progressive values and inclusive spirit of our community. However, it also brings to light the broader historical context of women's participation in politics, which remains a critical issue.

As you are aware, our nation was founded in 1776, but it was not until 1919 that women were granted the right to vote. This monumental step forward marked the beginning of a long and ongoing journey toward gender equality in the political arena. Despite significant progress, women have often struggled for recognition and equal opportunities within the political system. This struggle for equality is still evident today, even within the Youngstown Village Board.

Given this context, I urge you to take a decisive step toward promoting gender equality and recognizing the outstanding contributions of our female Trustees by appointing one of them as Deputy Mayor. This appointment would not only acknowledge their competence and dedication but also serve as a powerful statement of our community's commitment to equality and fairness.

Selecting a female Trustee for the position of Deputy Mayor would bring a fresh perspective and further diversify our leadership. It would also inspire confidence and trust among residents, showcasing our Village as a forward-thinking community that values and supports the contributions of all its members, regardless of gender.

I believe that making this appointment would set a positive precedent and help pave the way for future generations of women leaders in our community. It is an opportunity to honor the legacy of those who fought for women's rights and to continue building a more inclusive and representative government.

Thank you for considering this important matter. I am confident that your decision will reflect the progressive values and inclusive vision that have always characterized Youngstown.

*Sincerely,
Henry M Sloma*

*CC: Clerk/Treasurer
Trustees*

Mayor Reisman read a prepared statement (not provided for the minutes) expressing acknowledgement of the education and professional experience of all the woman on the board and employed in the Village of Youngstown. Mayor Reisman explained that his decision to appoint Deputy Mayor Stortecky was not based on his gender.

There was a discussion about Mayor Reisman's response to resident Henry Sloma's letter and his appointment of Trustee Stortecky to Deputy Mayor. The Trustees declared their opinions on the Deputy Mayor position.

BOARD REPORTS:

YBPA and Upward Niagara Chamber:

Trustee Stella updated the Board on the YBPA's upcoming Street Dance. This is Trustee Stella's 9th year putting together the map. Trustee Stella stated that the Thurman Brothers will be performing at the Street Dance this year.

Trustee Stella stated that there is a chamber sponsored upcoming Legislators luncheon at the Niagara Crossing Hotel bringing together legislators ad elected officers.

Trustee Stella stated that the Upper Niagara Chamber is working on the Lewiston Jazz Festival.

Trustee Stella also added that there was a ribbon cutting for Petey's Treats and Happy Tails within the Village.

Labor Day Parade, Clean Energy report, Plant O-Rama, Youngstown Free Library:

Trustee Stevens stated that she had been working on the Labor Day parade application.

Trustee Stevens stated that the Clean Energy report is due June 30th.

Trustee Stevens said that the Plant-O-Rama was a huge success at the Village Center.

Trustee Stevens also stated that the Friends of the Library was having a fundraiser at Bandanas tonight from 12-8.

Recreation Commission, YVFC

Trustee Quarantillo stated that the painting of the splash pad is taking place and pictures of the progress are on Facebook.

Trustee Quarantillo stated the Village was awarded the Project Play and that registration for the summer programs are filling quickly. And that the recreation program continues to grow.

Trustee Quarantillo stated that the board would be receiving a building use form for the YVFC annual baseball tournament in August.

Friends of Youngstown (FoY)

Deputy Mayor Stortecky stated that the FoY is hosting a Bike Trail Community event Saturday, June 15th from 10-2.

A Celebrity Bartending event will be held at the Griffon is scheduled for June 30th where there will be a basket raffle, 50/50 and other activities.

Building Use request for Town of Porter Story Hour

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau presented the board with a building use request received from the Town of Porter's Story Hour Summer Program. She explained that the program is located in the gym on Tuesday mornings for the summer months.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the building use received from the Town of Porter's Story Hour Summer Program. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Water Tower information, "Operation Sidewalks", REDI

Mayor Reisman reported that DISH Network has signed a 20-year contract for usage of the water tower for antennas. The Water Tower currently has 3 companies operating and the Village receives about \$3,000 a month in revenue from this use.

Mayor Reisman stated that "operation sidewalks" is going to be in full effect this summer and the DPW is also working on trimming trees – which are all good things for the Village.

Mayor Reisman explained the history of the Water Tower and property at 120 Lockport Street from 1972 until current. He stated that this tower has been an icon for many years and will remain standing due to the hard work of those involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The YBPA Annual Street Dance will be held Thursday, June 20 on Main Street from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

The next Village Board meeting will be July 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:11 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.