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Board of Trustees meeting agenda – August 8, 2024

Trustee attendees	Present	Absent	Staff attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman			DPW Superintendent Greg Quarantillo		
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky			Acting Police Chief Shawn Bosi		
Trustee Catherine Stella			Recreation Director Jeff Guarin		
Trustee Kristel Stevens			Grant Writer Christine Rath		
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo			Attorney Tom Caserta		
Clerk-Treasurer Amy Beaudreau			Engineer Bob Lannon		
Deputy Clerk Alex Certo					
Deputy Clerk-Treas. Kim Winning					

Reminder to all Trustees and Department Heads: Use the microphone closest to you while speaking. Turn the microphone off when not speaking.

QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Comments shall be kept to 3 minutes and directed to the Village Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC HEARING/DETERMINATION ON LOCAL LAW 1-2024:

Use of Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY (716-745-7721) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will be for the purpose of considering and hearing all interested persons concerning Local Law 1-2024.

Local Law 1-2024 modifies Chapter 128: Historic Preservation of the Village code book for: Use of Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property.

The above proposed local law is available for viewing at the Village Clerk's Office (240 Lockport Street, Youngstown) during normal business hours.

Amy Beaudreau
Clerk-Treasurer

LOCAL LAW 1-2024

Use of Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property

Section 128.1: Legislative intent is repealed.

New:

Section 128.1 Legislative intent.

The Village acknowledges that certain artifacts, objects and relics may be found by individuals using metal detection devices while on Village grounds. The purpose of this section is to allow metal detection devices to be used on Village property while preserving the integrity of any objects found of historical significance.

Section 128.2: Legislative intent is repealed.

New:

Section 128.2 Use of Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property.

The Village agrees to grant up to three (3) special use permits to individuals to use metal detection devices on Village property. Applicants will need to complete an application provided by the Village. The application shall contain the conditions and rules for the granting of the Special Use Permit as well as the duration of the Permit.

Activities shall not interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Village lands or the maintenance thereof by Village Employees. Any items retrieved must be brought to the Village. Applicant acknowledges any item found belongs to the Village of Youngtown, which retains sole authority to keep any item(s) recovered.

Public hearing and board determination is needed regarding the proposed local law.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: *A copy of all written reports submitted prior to the meeting are available for public viewing on the table with agenda and the sign in sheet in the board room.*

Police:

Department of Public Works:

Clerk's Office:

Recreation:

Engineer:

Grant Writer:
Building Inspector:
Attorney:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sales Tax:

June 2024 monthly Sales Tax distribution to the Village of Youngstown was received on July 26, 2024 in the amount of \$42,410.36 from Niagara County.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Vouchers for the period from July 12, 2024 through August 5, 2024:

General:	\$ 56,141.70
Water:	\$ 2,052.82
Sewer:	\$ 41,350.81
H-Cap	\$ 0.00
<u>Trust:</u>	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
Total	\$ 100,445.33

Collection of Taxes:

Total collection of taxes through August 2024 is \$735,805.36 with outstanding taxes in the amount of \$61,477.85.

CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS:

Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce:

Determination needed for the annual Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce membership for the Village of Youngstown in the amount of \$1,000.00. The 2024-2025 budget includes \$1000 for this expenditure.

RESOLUTIONS:

Pro-Housing Communities Resolution

Any village government in New York State can take part in addressing the housing crisis by adopting the Pro-Housing Communities pledge. The resolution must be adopted as written below by the highest body of elected officials – The Village Board of Trustees. The final resolution

document must include a signature from the municipal clerk verifying the authenticity of the resolution and indicating the date of passage. Local governments should then designate a primary contact person to complete the online registration form and upload the resolution as part of their submission to the Pro-Housing Communities.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Village of Youngstown (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Youngstown, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

- 1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.*
- 2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.*
- 3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.*
- 4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.*
- 5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.*

Determination needed on adoption of the resolution to become a Pro-Housing Community. As discovered with the NY Forward meeting, in adopting this resolution, grant funding is more readily available to Pro-Housing Communities.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS:

Christmas Baskets, Youngstown/Porter, NY:

Colleen Mary Summerville is requesting use of the gym from December 15-December 21, 2024 for the annual collection, organization and distribution of Christmas baskets.

Determination needed on the use.

ITEMS / DISCUSSION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

NYPIRG (New York Public Research Group)

ATTN: Clerk's Office

Greetings:

I am writing to update you on the outreach plans for the New York Public Interest Research Group Fund, Inc. (NYPIRG).

NYPIRG, as you may know, is a non-partisan corporation organized in 1976 under the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. NYPIRG's areas of concern include consumer protection, environmental preservation, public health and several other public policy issues. As a charitable organization, NYPIRG files annual financial reports under the provisions of the New York State Executive Law, Article 7-A, with the Secretary of State. NYPIRG has been issued a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Contributions to NYPIRG are tax deductible.

We anticipate conducting our door-to-door outreach in your community for a brief period between April 29 and August 31, 2024 Outreach is conducted on Monday-Friday 4pm-9pm, and on Saturdays from 12pm-5pm. Our activities will entail circulating support statements, collecting small contributions, distributing information and recruiting support (letters, calls, participation) on a variety of issues of concern to the community.

Your office will receive a list of our employees' names and addresses before we begin working in your community. As always, we will coordinate our outreach activities with those of other organizations to ensure we are contacting residents in the most professional manner.

This letter represents part of our commitment to cooperating fully with local municipalities while we are conducting our outreach efforts. Toward that end, I ask that you please send written

confirmation of this letter to buffalooffice@nypirg.org. If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to call me at (212) 349-7474.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Please note: This correspondence was originally received in March of 2024 with notice that they would contact us when they planned to conduct the outreach within the Village. This correspondence was received again August 1, 2024 and it included the list of employees and vehicles as they plan to conduct the door-to-door outreach in the Village in August.

Traffic/lighting idea:

Skyler Cruz Wolsey sent a letter to the Mayor and “village current NY official’s crew of the main Village Hall Officials . . . of Youngstown, New York.” He has completed an in-depth study of our traffic light and intersections to help us avoid traffic issues. He included a diagram section of his letter to visualize his thoughts:



BOARD REPORTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas in the Village has been set for Saturday, December 14, 2024 in the Village Center.

The Falkner Park Summer Concert Series has had a great turn out. The next concert will be Emerald Isle performing on Friday, August 9, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The next Village Board meeting will be September 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.