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Board of Trustees Minutes– August 8, 2024

Village attendees	Present	Absent	Village attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman	X		DPW Supt. Greg Quarantillo	X	
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky	X		Acting Police Chief Shawn Bosi	X	
Trustee Catherine Stella	X		Recreation Director Jeff Guarin		X
Trustee Kristel Stevens	X		Grant Writer Christine Rath		X
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo	X		Attorney Tom Caserta		X
Clerk-Treas. Amy Beaudreau	X		Engineer Bob Lannon		X
Deputy Clerk Alex Certo	X		Deputy Clerk-Treas. Kim Winning	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. There were no public comments.

Mayor Reisman explained that starting in September, public comments will be moved to the end of the agenda allowing the public to hear what the Board of Trustees have discussed prior to public comment.

So Noted.

PUBLIC HEARING/DETERMINATION ON LOCAL LAW 1-2024:

Use of Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property.:

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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*

Mayor Reisman read the following local law:

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Section 128.1: Legislative intent is repealed.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 Youngstown, which retains sole authority to keep any item(s) recovered.

Mayor Reisman asked the audience for any questions or comments. There were none.

With no comments from the public Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Trustee Stevens stated that she thought there was going to be a time frame on how long each applicant will be permitted to metal detect. Mayor Reisman replied that the time frame would be on the Special Use Permit.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky stated that the board agreed there was going to be specific language to Veterans Park only in the local law.

Mayor Reisman suggested the due to outstanding questions, the local law approval be tabled.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to table Local Law 1-2024 Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. 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.*

Department of Public Works:

The DPW's activities for the month of July.

Gary and Drew assisted Porter in a fire hydrant install and water line push. We are further building our knowledge for future Village projects. Town of Porter also made there way down to mow the ditch behind Glenvale Rd. We had to do a little tree trimming and hand weed whacking to complete the project. We also took the mini excavator to the retention pond and removed blockage from the inlet and outlet pipes from Carrollwood Dr storm sewer. With the pond and ditch mowed down this will help us to see and fix any protentional problems. A lot of storm sewers flow towards the pond and continue North.

We removed and replaced a 20' sections of sidewalk in Falkner Park by the bathrooms. We continue to spray for weed control in and around the play ground area. Since the cameras have been installed, we have had "knock on wood" no issues in the park. I have talked to Rob about leaving those bathrooms open for the season. We have a lot of people inquire as

to why we don't leave them open. Now we don't have a reason not to. I would recommend leaving them open! We continue to mow the parks and street sides as the rain continues to fall weekly. We started removing garbage and debris around the 707 building by the dump.

We have a water issue at the Village center. I had 3 contractors down to give me prices on repairs. I'm waiting on the last estimate to come in to make my recommendation to the board. The new A/C unit was installed in the Police Dept. I have Jon in the building twice a week cleaning, it seems to be working out!

We have been on the roof of my building trying to repair the many leaks! We can only put band aids on them until we figure out the next steps. The South metal building is rotting out and the main building has begun to shift.

*Thanks Greg Quarantillo
DPW Superintendent*

Superintendent Quarantillo stated the sidewalk crew would be in the Village Monday as long as the weather cooperates. The tentative dates for the milling and paving of the streets will be the week starting September 16.

Police:

Acting Chief Bosi stated that six bikes were donated to the Police department however, the department only needs three bikes. Trustee Stevens asked if they were E-bikes and Acting Chief Bosi stated they were mountain bikes. He continued that some bikes are in need of repair and will be sold in "as is" condition for around \$100 a piece.

Superintendent Quarantillo stated that when the police are ready to sell bikes, the DPW has abandoned bikes to add to the sale.

Clerk's Office:

July Clerk's Office report:

Property tax collection continues and as August 5, 2024 the total collection was \$735,805.36 with outstanding taxes in the amount of \$61,477.85

Working hand in hand with Sarah at Tronconi, the Village supplied all financial information for the report at the end of July. Andrew Toth, managing partner, is still reviewing the information and will submit the report within the next week. We did need to apply for an extension, and it was approved with no issue. Once the AFR is filed, we will be able to close out the year and supply all financial reports for fiscal year end 2023-2024. We can then also open fiscal year 2024-2025.

Water bills were due by July 31 without penalty, making the month busy with collection.

An application for the development of 710 Nancy Price Drive (Cold Storage site) was received and the Clerk's Office has been coordinating/attending meetings and discussions. A Planning Board meeting was held on August 5 and discussion of rezoning occurred after that meeting. There is a large team working on this project and we are all on the same page to move forward. An update on the project will be discussed at the Board meeting along with a meeting timeline.

Our office has received numerous FOIL requests within the last month. When a FOIL request is submitted, it is reviewed by Attorney Caserta prior to any files being released. If the applicant is not satisfied with the materials submitted or if the FOIL is denied, an appeal request can be made. Currently the FOIL requests are in varying stages – however, they are all in the hands of Attorney Caserta at this point.

The Clerk's Office team continues to work on training and creating written procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Amy Beaudreau
Clerk-Treasurer*

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau explained that the Clerk's Office and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Winning have been working with Sarah Bowser from Tronconi Segarra & Associates on the AFR (Annual Financial Report). All of the Village financials have been sent to Ms. Bowser and the Village has met all deadlines however, the managing partner who will be submitting the AFR to the NYS Comptroller's Office is behind.

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau explained that once the AFR is submitted, she will be able to close out 2023–2024. Once that happens, she stated she can get the Board and Department Heads reports for May and the Clerks Office will start June 1 entries.

Recreation:

Recreation Report

Jeff Gruarin

August 2024

Vets:

Still waiting on lines for courts

- 1. Programs are almost coming to an end, I was pleased with the number of participants in each session and how the staff did thus far*
 - 2. Open play has been hit or miss with weather but the kids are enjoying themselves*
 - 3. I ran the session 1 disc golf with Sam. The feedback was very good and most of those kids signed up to do session 2 which starts the second week of August. We have 25 signed up for session 2.*
 - 4. There will be a pizza party at the end, \$200 of the grant is for this so I will invite all project play staff and participants to the pizza party*
 - 5. I am hoping to order through Daniella at the Marketside*
- Falkner:*

1. *Splash pad programs have been steady, dealing with the weather has been an issue with the downpours and lightning*
2. *We cut back on the programs we bring in and I haven't had any complaints. I attended Shenandoah Acres with my family and that was busy and fun!*
3. *We have also received a lot of comments about the painting of the splash pad and how kids are enjoying it*
4. *We have realized we are catering to the younger age which is fine, it gives us a target audience going forward*

Still waiting on a grant from FOY to determine how I go about ordering the wall padding. Once I know I will proceed with approval to order and work with the office on the financials of it.

Going to get with Greg shortly to decide on benches and tables which is part of the grant from FOY for \$12,000. Greg reached out to his contacts

*Thanks,
Jeff*

Engineer:

No report submitted

Grant Writer:

No report submitted

Building Inspector:

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE - MONTHLY REPORT
July 2024

- ◆ *Reviewed and issued Seventeen (17) **Building Permits** for the month of **July**;*
 - *15 permits for the Town of Porter*
 - *2 Permits for the Village of Youngstown*
- ◆ *Received, Inspected, and followed up on eight (8) **New formal Complaint/Violations**;*
 - *8 Complaints for the Town of Porter*
 - *3 Complaints for the Village of Youngstown*
- ◆ *Completed twenty (20) **inspections** for Permits & Complaints compliance.*
- ◆ *Coordinated/Reviewed Town **Planning and Zoning Board applications** and Documentation (seven new projects)*
- ◆ *Participated in Town of Porter **Justice Court** for pending Zoning enforcement cases (three cases)*
- ◆ *Participated in the Town **Planning Board** meeting July 1, 2024.*
- ◆ *Participated in The Town **Zoning Board** meeting on July 25, 2024*

- ◆ Continued, regular/daily response to **phone inquiries** on Land Use & Building questions.
 - ◆ Completed a joint inspection of **Heritage Mannor Ransomville** with **NYSDOH**, on request of Department of Health.
 - ◆ Met with supervisor Johnston & **Energy Audit** company for the Town Hall
 - ◆ Participated in a Q&A session with Riverview Drive residents, Supervisor Johnston, Highway Superintendent Burmaster, & Deputy highway Superintendent Stone regarding **Drainage Easement/Encroachments conditions**.
- Peter T. Jeffery**
Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Porter/Village of Youngstown

Attorney:

No report submitted.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sales Tax:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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.

So noted.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Mayor Reisman stated vouchers for the period from July 12, 2024 through August 8, 2024 totaled \$108,010.15

<i>General:</i>	\$ 63,706.52
<i>Water:</i>	\$ 2052.82
<i>Sewer:</i>	\$ 41,350.81
<i>H-Cap</i>	\$ 0.00
<i><u>Trust:</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 900.00</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 108,010.15</i>

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

Collection of Taxes:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Total collection of taxes through August 5, 2024 is \$735,805.36 with outstanding taxes in the amount of \$61,477.85.

So noted.

Budget Amendment:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

The walls of the Police department were discovered to have mold and continual water damage and mitigation is needed. Superintendent Quarantillo received three quotes for the work and would like the contract to be awarded to Frank's Basement Systems for \$8115.00.

As this was not a budgeted item, a budget amendment is needed. The revenue code will be established by moving ARPA funds (code will be established by Tronconi Segarra & Associates) and the expenditure will be code A1620.4 Village Center.

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau updated the Board with the Revenue code of A4089 - Federal Aid Other.

Mayor Reisman estimated that we have approximately \$22,000 left in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds to be expended by the end of October and he will keep everyone up to date.

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

Code Book update/General Code:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Previously General Code updated our code books when a new local law was passed. Years ago, it was decided that the Clerk's Office would codify the code books to reduce expenses. However, this has not happened due to the amount of time it will take to format and update the code.

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau is requesting to again use General Code to update the code books to include any local law passed within the last 5 years and to update the code book to present. General Code is the only company that has our Village Code in editable format.

As this is not a budgeted expense, a quote from General Code will be gathered and a budget amendment will be needed once that amount is determined. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau is suggesting that the revenue used is from the contingency budget.

Updating our code books is a project that needs to happen sooner rather than later so that the entire Village team has a working copy of the updated code.

So noted.

Mayor Reisman informed the Board that requesting the quote from General Code is a plan and not a request to move funds as this time.

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated this update to the code book would include all local laws to present.

CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS:

Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Pro-Housing Communities Resolution

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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.

As discovered with the NY Forward meeting; in adopting this resolution, grant funding is more readily available to 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.*

Trustee Stevens stated this was the first time she was seeing this resolution and asked if there had been any previous discussion with the Board. She stated she would like more time to review the program before making a decision.

Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Stortecky and Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau briefly explained that the purpose of the Pro-Housing Resolution was to show the Village's intent to welcome more housing opportunities.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the Pro-Housing Community resolution. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. In favor were Mayor Reisman, Deputy Mayor Stortecky, Trustee Stella and Trustee Quarantillo. Opposed was Trustee Stevens with the request for more information before making the decision.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS:

Planning Board Appointment:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Bruce Andrews has stepped down as Chairperson of the Planning Board due to his current workload (effective August 8, 2024). He would like to remain a Member of the Planning Board. Dale Halverson is willing to accept appointment to the Chairperson role and was acting Chairperson at the Planning Board meeting on August 6, 2024..

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that Dale Halverson is a current member of the Planning Board. Trustee Quarantillo asked how long Mr. Halverson has been a member and Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau estimated that Mr. Halverson has been on the Planning Board for one year. She also stated that the two most senior members have indicated that they are not interested in being the Chairperson.

Mayor Reisman asked Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau where there is a need for members. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated alternates for both the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as a member for the Zoning Board are needed.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve appointing Dale Halverson to Planning Board Chairperson. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS:

Girl Scouts of WNY:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Girl Scouts of WNY (council) would like to hold a Girl Scout information night on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. with an approximate attendance for 25 people. Last year the board room was used and the request is the same for this year. Insurance is on file.

The local Girl Scout troop 71482 holds their meetings in the board room on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. To accommodate council, with approval from Recreation Director Gruarin, they will hold their meeting that evening in the gym.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the use of board room for the Girl Scouts of WNY. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Christmas Baskets, Youngstown/Porter, NY:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the use of the gym for Community Christmas Baskets. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

SHORT TERM RENTAL MORATORIUM

Mayor Reisman read the following:

The moratorium on Short Term Rentals expires on August 10, 2024.

Mayor Reisman asked if there was any discussion from the board on extending the Short-Term Rental Moratorium.

Mayor Reisman read the following email that he sent to the Board of Trustees earlier that day:

Good afternoon all. After speaking with Tom and meeting with Amy this morning, it has been brought to my attention that our Moratorium will expire. 08/10/24 It was my impression it was month end. My expectations were to have a work session in August and

go over a preliminary plan and move forward. With that said, we have waiting periods and possible county input which will take some time.

Amy recommended at least 4 months. I agree.

I have also, consulted with NYCOM.

I will get everyone a preliminary outline via email with a general consensus of what may work for the village. We will meet with Peter Jeffery as our bldg/code oversight. for his ok as well. I will have this out, well before our Sept. meeting.

I have had input from:

Mayor Welch

Supervisor Johnston

Realtor, resident Jeff Barker.

ABB owner Kristy Lamb

ABB manager: Mike Clark. (briefly)

ABB owner in the T/P

As we know, the town of Lewiston has pulled way back and Ellicottville is having issues like many other areas. A lot of opinions for sure.

Mayor Reisman stated he recommends the board take the next 4 months to put together a local law on Short Term Rentals. Mayor Reisman stated that he will have a preliminary draft ready for the September meeting.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve for the extension of the Short-Term Rental moratorium by 4 months. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

701 NANCY PRICE DRIVE APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

A complete application has been received by Ant Russ Properties, LLC (Anthony DeMiglio, Managing Partner) for the development of 701 Nancy Price Drive.

Project summary: Construction of three buildings total – (2) 6 unit buildings and (1) 5-unit building. Each unit will have a driveway and garage. Each building will face one of three roads including Nancy Price Drive, Elliot Street or Second Street.

The sketch plan was approved as presented at the Planning Board meeting on August 6, 2024.

The parcel needs to be rezoned to properly represent the use of the development. Currently is it zoned commercial. An application for rezoning has been submitted by Mr. DeMiglio asking to have the property rezoned to R-8A – General Residences. This is the same zoning as The Villa and Townhouses of Youngstown.

The Village Board must submit an application for rezoning for a recommendation from the Niagara County Planning Board. All materials for the application are in hand. The application must be submitted by end of the day on Friday, August 9, 2024.

Mayor Reisman stated that Mr. DeMiglio is local and lives only a quarter of a mile outside of the Village of Youngstown. Mayor Reisman stated Mr. DeMiglio is looking to invest in the community.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve signing the rezoning application to submit to the Niagara County Planning Board. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stortecky. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman read the following:

On September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing and make final determination on the Site Plan for the application. This determination will be a recommendation to the Village Board who has final approval of the project.

On September 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. the Village Board will make a final determination on the Site Plan as well as the rezoning with recommendations from both the Niagara County Planning Board and the Village of Youngstown Planning Board.

So noted.

ITEMS / DISCUSSION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

NYPIRG (New York Public Research Group)

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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.

So Noted.

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau added she emailed NYPIRG informing them they cannot go door-to-door after 8:00 p.m. as per Village code. NYPIRG responded they would meet code. Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau stated that NYPIRG could be starting as early as tomorrow (August 9) or Monday (August 12) and canvassing takes a few days to complete.

Mayor Reisman requested that Acting Chief Bosi noted the dates and times NYPIRG would be going door-to-door.

American Red Cross blood drive:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

In July, the staff of the Clerk's Office and Trustee Stevens donated blood during the blood drive held at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company hall. The next blood drive is on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 and the Red Cross is again asking for Village participation. The Clerk's Office employees have already made their appointments and it would be great to have more Village employee representation!

So noted.

Traffic/lighting idea:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

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:



Deputy Clerk Certo stated Mr. Wosley has contacted many municipalities throughout NYS with similar traffic studies.

Mayor Reisman shared that a thank you letter will be sent to Mr. Wosley for his efforts.

So noted.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUESTS:

VFW Lake Ontario Post 313:

Mayor Reisman read the following:

Ed Jackson is requesting use of Veterans Park on Labor Day, September 2, 2024 for a Flea Market.

Trustee Quarantillo mentioned that with all of the updates to Veterans Park, there should be a sketch plan showing vendors and parking. Mayor Reisman agreed.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the Special Use Permit for the VFW for the use of Veterans Park on Labor Day, September 2, 2024 for a Flea Market with the condition there will be no alcohol and that a list of vendors and a sketch plan will be given to the Village Board. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

YBPA and Upward Niagara Chamber:

Trustee Stella stated that the Upper Niagara Chamber is looking forward to the Jazz Fest upcoming and Christmas Walk in December. She stated July was a busy month and there are two new members to the Chamber.

Trustee Stella noted that the Town of Porter/Youngstown Christmas Basket Program will be looking for volunteers to help with the organization and disbursement of baskets.

Trustee Stella stated that the YBPA is currently prepping for the Business of the Year fall dinner on September 10, 2024 at the Niagara Frontier Golf Club.

Neighborhood Watch:

Trustee Stella stated she and Acting Chief Bosi discussed planning a Community Event to hear the needs of the residents.

Labor Day Parade:

Trustee Stevens stated the application for road closure for the Labor Day Parade was submitted to the NYS DOT three weeks ago. The Clerks Office assisted and emailed a parade invitation to all previous participants. Trustee Stevens has scheduled a DJ for the parade and ordered new banners.

Trustee Stevens shared details about three positive events within the Village.

- The Jack Beatty Memorial Cruise and Clam Bake which was very successful.
- The Ontario House sponsored Summer of '69 for the H.A.R.T. Association. This program helps elderly with medical care needs in our area.
- The American Red Cross held a blood drive at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company where 31 people donated including, Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau, Deputy Treasurer Winning, Deputy Clerk Certo and Trustee Stevens herself.

Recreation Commission:

Trustee Quarantillo shared that the Recreation Department is creating a new Sensory Space program with help from Niagara County. She thanked to the Friends of Youngstown and Recreation Director Guarin for their hard work to make this grant/program happen.

YVFC

Trustee Quarantillo read the following letter:

Community Members,

Saturday July 20th a bright young lady Melanie Georger lost her life in a tragic plane crash. This is a devastating and tragic for accident for Melanies family and friends and I want to express my deepest condolences to them.

As the liaison between the village board and YVFC and as a member I would like to ask the community for help. When there are car accidents, fires, or tragedies like we had on July 20th I am asking each of you to please stay home and stay safe. When someone decides to leave their home to find or see the incident, you are not only putting yourself at risk but also the First responders who are trying to get to the scene or are at the scene. At the scene of the plane crash I witnessed multiple people park on the side of the road taking pictures of the accident, I understand as humans we are curious but at an accident such as the one on July 20th you could be putting yourself in harm's way as there where multiple first responders arriving on scene.

Please remember to pay attention to your surroundings and the first responders around you, whether it is Fire Police closing a road down or moving traffic to one lane or a police officer driving to the scene of an accident. As a reminder First Responders are at a scene to hopefully stop the tragedy. For someone else that might mean seeing what is going on and taking pictures but put yourself in the person's shoes whose life is being turned upside down, have sympathy and care for them. Be a shoulder to lean on and not someone who is taking pictures or standing around to see what is going on.

All first responders are there to keep you safe, but it is our job as the community to do what we can to keep them safe and allow them to go home to their families at night.

*Thank You,
Nicole Quarantillo
Youngstown Village Trustee
Liaison for YVFC*

So noted.

Friends of Youngstown (FOY):

Deputy Mayor Stortecky thanked Friend of Youngstown Founder and Village Grant Writer Rath, Recreation Director Gruarin and FOY member Shana DiCamillo for all their help with the Sensory Program Grant.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky shared that the Village and Town of Lewiston together have put in a lot of work to enhance the appearance of the baseball fields. Friends of Youngstown would like to now focus on the safety by adding backstop fencing. Deputy Mayor Stortecky also mentioned getting sponsors for an outfield fence and sign.

Deputy Mayor stated that current Friends of Youngstown projects can be found on FOY14174.com.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky stated he believes the next Friends of Youngstown meeting is Tuesday (August 13) and they will be discussing the next steps for the bike trail with Town of Porter and Niagara County. Greenway is very interested in continuing the bike trail after the recent community interest.

Solar Simplified:

Mayor Reisman stated that he was notified by Solar Simplified that the Village now has a total of 93 residents will be receiving a discount on their electric bills now that two additional solar farms have been added to the grid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas in the Village:

Mayor Reisman announced the Christmas in the Village event has been set for Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the Village Center.

Falkner Park Summer Concert Series:

Mayor Reisman announced the Falkner Park Summer Concert Series has been successful. The next concert will be Emerald Isle performing on Friday, August 9, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Village board meeting schedule:

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Certo

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Deputy Clerk