Village of Youngstown



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Work Session meeting agenda – September 26, 2024

Village attendees	Present	Absent	Village attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman	X		DPW Supt. Greg Quarantillo		X
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky		X	Police Chief Shawn Bosi		X
Trustee Catherine Stella		X	Recreation Director Jeff Gruarin	X	
Trustee Kristel Stevens	X		Attorney Tom Caserta	X	
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo	X		Engineer Bob Lannon	X	
Clerk-Treas. Amy Beaudreau	X				
Deputy Clerk Alex Certo	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 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION / DETERMINATION

Mayor Reisman read the following:

LOCAL LAW 1-2024: Use of Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property.

The current proposed law states:

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Section 128.1: Legislative intent is repealed.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Section 128.2: Legislative intent is repealed.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.

Trustee Stevens and Trustee Quarantillo asked what the time limits would be Special Use Permit Application. Trustee Quarantillo also wanted to confirm that Falkner Park would be excluded from the Special Use Permit Application. Attorney Caserta confirmed that Falkner Park would be excluded from the Special Use Application.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Local Law 1-2024 Metal Detection Devices on Village Owned Property with the condition that Falkner Park would be excluded. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Short Term Rentals:

Mayor Reisman stated he is looking to have something available in writing by the end of next month for the board to review. The moratorium was extended through December 10, 2024.

EV Stations:

Mayor Reisman stated the state is requiring PPR Energy Solutions at least two sets of four chargers.

Trustee Quarantillo asked if a set of chargers would be able to go in at Fort Niagara or if they need to be inside of the Village.

Mayor Reisman stated he will discuss with Mike Prinzi about potentially installing chargers at the Village Center, Veterans Park, Fort Niagara and Hinman Street.

Sewer billing for Water Street property owned by Rick Lohr:

Attorney Caserta stated he had spoken with Rick Lohr's attorney and informed him the marina does not have a sewer hookup, so the sewer rate will not be charged. The El Dorado property will be charged the minimum water and sewer rate since the sewer is available.

Greenway Project:

Friend of Youngstown's President, Christine Rath, presented the Greenway Trail project Phase 1. Christine Rath stated The River, Trails, Roads, and Rails Committee, a subcommittee of local residents, has been working with Greenway and others to form a plan for funding, design, and acceptance of a Greenway Trail that starts in the fort and goes all the way down along the river to Joe Davis State Park. She stated this is part of the larger New York State Greenway Trail. Ms. Rath stated that according to Greg Stevens at Greenway, this is the last section to be committed to complete the Greenway Trail from Manhattan to Fort Niagara, which is one of Governor Hochul's goals. The discussion focused on phase one, which includes the portion from Fort Niagara to Youngstown Estates, with future phases to be included in the town of Porter.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the grant application for Phase 1 of the Lower Niagara River Trial Project to move forward which would involve a possibility of \$108,000 funded by the Village of Youngstown. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

701 Nancy Price Drive:

Ant Russ Properties, LLC – Anthony DeMigilo, Managing Partner for 701 Nancy Price Drive, Youngstown; Tax Map 59.06-3-6 to demolish the former cold storage building and to develop/build multi-unit condominiums.

SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review)

Engineer Lannon explained the classification of projects into Type I, Type II, or Unlisted, based on criteria identified in the SEQR. Engineer Lannon discussed the criteria for determining the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) classification of the project.

The SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) process is ongoing, and the developer is awaiting a response from SHPO regarding the demolition of the building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Village Board meeting will be October 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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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