

Village of Youngstown

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Board of Trustees meeting agenda – November 14, 2024

Village attendees	Present	Absent	Village attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman			DPW Supt. Greg Quarantillo		
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky			Police Chief Shawn Bosi		X
Trustee Catherine Stella			Recreation Director Jeff Gruarin		
Trustee Kristel Stevens			Attorney Tom Caserta		
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo			Engineer Bob Lannon		
Clerk-Treas. Amy Beaudreau		X	Deputy Clerk-Treas. Kim Winning		
Deputy Clerk Alex Certo	X		Sergeant Joe Palermo		

*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:

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:

Building Inspector:

Attorney:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Vouchers for the period from October 10, 2024 through November 13, 2024:

General:	\$25,334.16
Water:	\$ 2,540.37
Sewer:	\$13,835.25
H-Cap	\$ 0.00
Trust:	\$ 0.00
Total	\$41,709.78

A motion is needed on the Abstract of Audited Vouchers.

Financial reports:

A copy of the submitted reports are available online (Youngstownnewyork.us / Departments / The Clerks Office / Budget and Audit in addition a printed copy for public viewing on the table with agenda and the sign in sheet in the board room.

On November 6, 2024, the following reports were emailed to the Board and Department Heads:
 Treasurer's report October 2024
 Revenues to date October 2024
 Expenditures to date October 2024
 Balance sheet October 2024

ARPA funds must be under contractually obligation by December 31, 2024. The Village currently has \$21,983.98 remaining.

Resolution:

Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Village of Youngstown calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that Village of Youngstown urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Chuck Schumer, Assemblymember Angelo J. Morinello and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

A motion is needed on the Resolution.

Sales Tax:

September 2024 monthly Sales Tax distribution to the Village of Youngstown was received on October 25, 2024 in the amount of \$57,187.00 from Niagara County.

So noted.

Collection of Taxes:

Total collection ended for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Taxes were collected until October 31, 2024, receiving \$780,007.06. On November 5, 2024, 17 parcels with unpaid taxes were sent to Niagara County for collection totaling \$21,701.40.

So noted.

DONATIONS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Recreation Donation:

On October 22, 2024, The First Presbyterian Society donated \$200.00 to the Village of Youngstown Recreation Department who can use the donated money as needed.

A motion is needed on the donation.

Budget amendment for the Recreation donation:

As this was not a budgeted revenue, a budget amendment is requested for \$200.00. The revenue code will be A2001 – Recreation revenue. The expenditure code will be A7320.4 Joint Youth Teen contractual as per Recreation Director Gruarin.

A motion is needed on the budget amendment.

CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS:

Independent Health Medicare Insurance:

The Independent Health yearly contract for health insurance coverage for Medicare retirees renews on January 1, 2025. We currently have (1) retiree on this plan.

The cost for single Medicare coverage is \$ 480.57 per month (2023-2024 was \$406.81) with same coverage and plan as previous years.

A motion is needed on Retiree Medicare contract.

Budget amendment for the unbudgeted Retiree Medicare contract increase:

As this was not a budgeted expense, a budget amendment is being requested. Revenue will be reallocated by using Expenditure A1190.4 -- Contingency. Expenditure code will be A9060.84– Medicare Supplement Retired Staff Expense.

A motion is needed on the budget amendment.

Weiland Greenhouses:

Request for consideration for Weiland Greenhouses to plant the hanging baskets for the 2024-2025 season at a cost of \$1,275.00 for 17 baskets at \$75.00 per basket. The funds are available and budgeted under A7550.4- Celebrations Contractual.

A motion is needed on Weiland Greenhouse hanging baskets.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS:

Stone Jug 5k:

Request for approval for Paul Beatty Jr to hold the 4th annual Ontario House (Stone Jug) 5K race on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

A motion is needed on the Stone Jug 5k.

St Patrick’s Rock’n 5k:

Request for approval for Paul Beatty Jr to hold the annual St Patrick’s Rock’n 5k race on Saturday March 8, 2025.

A motion is needed on the St Patrick’s Rock’n 5k.

American Red Cross Blood Drive:

A building use form came in on November 6, 2024 for Marybeth Hall of the American Red Cross Blood Services has requested use of the Gym for Tuesday, January 28, 2025 from 10 am- 6:30 p.m.

The Clerks Office, Recreation Director Gruarin, and Superintendent Quarantillo all approved the use therefore it has been added to the calendar.

So noted.

ITEMS / DISCUSSION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

Short Term Rentals:

The Short Term Rental moratorium has been previously extended through December 10, 2024.

A motion is needed to extend the moratorium by 6 months to June 10, 2025.

BOARD REPORTS:

- Trustee Stella
- Trustee Stevens
- Trustee Quarantillo
- Deputy Mayor Stortecky
- Mayor Reisman

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Currently there will not be a Village Board work session in November or December. The next Village Board meeting will be December 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees is accepting letters of intent for a Village resident to fill (2) vacant volunteer positions on the Planning and (3) vacant volunteer positions on Zoning Board.

The Christmas Basket Program will be in the gym December 15- December 21, 2024.

Christmas in the Village will be held on December 14, 2024 starting at 11 a.m. More details to follow.

The Board will enter into executive session immediately following the work session to discuss employment history of a particular person.