

Village of Youngstown

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Board of Trustees meeting minutes – November 14, 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-Treas. Kim Winning	X	
Deputy Clerk Alex Certo		X			

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Winning reminded all Trustees and Department Heads to use the microphone closest to you while speaking. Turn the microphone off when not speaking. And asked the attendees to quiet their phones

QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Winning stated that there was a quorum and the meeting could proceed

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reisman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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.*

Mayor Reisman asked each Department Head if there was anything to add to their report

Clerk's Office: October water payments is ongoing, October 31st, was the deadline for collecting property taxes at the village. There are unpaid taxes of \$21,740. Niagara County will reimburse the Village in whole in early 2025. October financials are out on the table. Moving forward, the clerk's office would like to meet with department ads. Mayor, anyone who has interest in understanding these reports.

Recreation: Just planning for things.

Engineer: nothing

Attorney: nothing

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

Trust: \$ 0

Total \$ 41,709.78

A motion to approve the abstract as presented was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion carried

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. Possible expenditures, clock tower repair, elevator shaft work, new flooring for the Clerk's office and Police Department.

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, New York State Senator Rob Ortt and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

A motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments as presented was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion carried

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:

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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.

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 to approve the Recreation Donation was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried

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 has increased \$165.40 for the remaining of fiscal year 2024-2025.

A budget adjustment is requested to increase this expense. Revenue will be reallocated by using Expenditure A1190.4 -- Contingency. Expenditure code will be A9060.84– Medicare Supplement Retired Staff Expense.

A motion to approve Budget adjustment was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion carried.

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 to approve Weiland Greenhouses was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion carried.

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 to approve Stone Jug 5K run was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, motion carried.

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 to approve the St. Patrick's Day Rock'n 5K race was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

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:

Discussion and formation of the policy on Short Term Rentals. The moratorium has been extended through December 10, 2024.

A motion to extend the moratorium on Short Tern Rentals through June 10, 2025 was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Stella gave an update on the YPBA and that she and Deputy Mayor Stortecky attended the 75th anniversary celebration on November 13th.

Trustee Stevens – nothing to report

Trustee Quarantillo noted that the Trunk and Treat was a huge success but they needed more volunteers. Approached extending the by law for residents to include Town of Porter.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky gave an update on the Greenway path and that he presented the Library with a Village Proclamation.

Mayor Reisman reminded everyone that the State is doing the work on Hwy 93 and that Dish Network has completed the installations on the water tower so the Village will now start collecting revenue from that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Reisman stated:

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.

The Youngstown Fire Hall is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

At 7:46 A motion to enter into executive session was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Respectfully

Kim Winning