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Board of Trustees meeting minutes- Organizational Meeting – June 26, 2025

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 Chris Trapp	X	
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo	X		Engineer Bob Lannon	X	
Village Clerk Alexandra Long	X		Historian Peter Pfohl		X
Village Treasurer Kim Winning	X		Building Inspector Jeffery/ Palermo		X
Estimated Attendance	40		Deputy-Clerk Treasurer Danielle Waz	X	

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:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Reisman at 7:04 p.m. and Mayor Reisman invited Boy Scout Troop 829B members Leo Clark, Oliver Clark and Nicholas Wesley to do the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION:

Boy Scout Troop 829B members Leo Clark, Oliver Clark and Nicholas Wesley remained at the front as the board took a moment to recognize their accomplishments. Each was formally honored by the Village of Youngstown. Mayor Reisman invited their parents to come forward and read proclamations on behalf of the village. Following the presentations and a few photos, the board took a short pause to allow the Scouts and their families to depart before beginning the regular portion of the meeting.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Village Appointment(s): *Each appointment requires a motion, second and voice vote.*

One-year appointment(s):

Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer/Deputy Registrar: Danielle Waz

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Danielle Waz as the Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer/Deputy Registrar. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Village Attorney: Chris Trapp

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Chris Trapp as Village Attorney. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Village Historian: Peter Pfohl

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Peter Pfohl as the Village Historian. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Two-year appointment(s):

Village Clerk/ Registrar: Alexandra Long

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Alexandra Long as the Village Clerk. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Village Treasurer/Tax Collector: Kim Winning

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to appoint Kim Winning as the Village Treasurer. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Contractors:

Engineer:

GHD- Bob Lannon will be contracted Engineer for the Village of Youngstown.
So noted.

Grant Writer:

Shana DiCamillo has been contracted as our Grant Writer for the Village of Youngstown.
So noted.

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Designation of the Official Newspaper:

The Niagara Gazette is the official newspaper for the Village of Youngstown for one year.

Dates of Regular Meetings:

The Village Board of Trustees will hold the regular meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room, unless otherwise noted.

Next Organization meeting:

The next organizational meeting will be held the third Thursday of June 2026.

Procurement Policy:

Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 104-b the Code of the Village of Youngstown, Chapter 36 -- Procurement Policy was passed on June 5, 1995. Amendments are noted where applicable.

Current Procurement Guidelines as per Chapter 36-4 are as follows:

Amount of purchase	Requirement
\$1 to \$1500	At the discretion of the department head
\$1,501 to \$2,500	Two telephone quotations or verbal quotes with documentation attached to the voucher or purchase order
\$2,501 to \$19,999	Three written quotations (if possible), documentation attached
Over \$20,000	Formal sealed bids in conformance with General Municipal law § 103 for the purchase of commodities, equipment or goods.
\$10,000 to \$34,999 for public works projects/contracts	Three written quotations, documentation attached
\$35,000 and up for public works projects/contracts	Formal sealed bids in conformance with General Municipal law § 103

Workplace Violence Prevention Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Workplace Violence Prevention Program was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on September 13, 2012 and is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office.

Sexual Harassment Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Sexual Harassment policy was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on October 25, 2018 and is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office.

Investment Policy:

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The Village of Youngstown Investment Policy was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on June 5, 1995 and is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office.

As the creation of this policy is from 1995, an updated policy will be presented to the board no later than the September 2025 board meeting for review and approval.

Code of Ethics Policy:

The Village of Youngstown Ethics Policy was adopted on November 19, 1970 with amendments where applicable as Chapter 22 – Ethics, Code as per the Code of the Village of Youngstown.

ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 005-2025

Advance Approval of Claims

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, petty cash, freight, and express charges; and
WHEREAS all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and
WHEREAS the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the Board of Trustees disallows;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, petty cash, freight, and express charges. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit. The claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims shall be jointly and severally liable for any disallowed amounts.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 005-2025, Advance Approval of Claims. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 006-2025

Mileage Allowance

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to reimburse officers and employees of the Village who use their personal vehicles for official duties at a fixed mileage rate; and
WHEREAS the IRS mileage reimbursement rate may change during the year, and the Village reimbursement rate will be adjusted accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees approves reimbursement to employees at the current IRS mileage rate, presently set at \$0.70 per mile for 2025.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 006-2025, Mileage Allowance. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 007-2025

Attendance at Schools and Conferences

WHEREAS the following meetings, trainings, and conferences are scheduled for the upcoming year:

- NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting
- NYCOM Annual Meeting and Training School
- NYCOM Fall Training School
- NYCOM Public Works Training School
- Niagara County Municipal Clerk's Association Meetings
- Niagara County MuSIP Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
- Niagara County Association of Town Highway Superintendents
- Western New York Water Works Association
- Training classes through NY State Office of the State Comptroller and NYMIR insurance;

WHEREAS attendance by municipal officials and employees at these events benefits the Village; and

WHEREAS the Mayor is authorized to approve expenses for Village officials attending workshops and official functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Trustees, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, and approved DPW staff are authorized to attend the above meetings and trainings.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 007-2025, Attendance at Schools and Conferences. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 008-2025

Designating Depositories

WHEREAS Village Law § 4-412(3)(2) requires the Board of Trustees to designate banks or trust companies as depositories for all Village funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees designates KeyBank and NYCLASS as official depositories for all monies received by the Village Mayor, Village Deputy Mayor, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer (collector of Taxes), and Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 008-2025, Designating Depositories. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 009-2025

Establishing Standard Workday for Village Employees

WHEREAS the Village of Youngstown is required to establish and report the standard workday for employees to determine retirement system service credit; and

WHEREAS the following standard workdays have been reviewed and established for designated positions:

- Village Clerk, DPW Superintendent, MEO, Laborer: 8-hour workday
- Police Chief, Police Sergeant: 8-hour workday
- Village Treasurer, Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: 7.5-hour workday
- Recreation Director, Recreation Leaders, Senior Van Driver: 6-hour workday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Village of Youngstown hereby establishes the above standard workdays for its employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be entered into the minutes of the Village Board and filed according to reporting requirements.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 009-2025, Establishing Standard Workday for Village Employees. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

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: Police Chief Bosi reported that the Stone garden grant, which provides funding for extra border patrols, has already started and will continue through August. This grant covers all costs, so the village taxpayers are not responsible for any expenses. As a result, residents may notice increased police presence in the area. The department is also coordinating with the sheriff's office and border patrol on upcoming initiatives, including traffic enforcement blitzes to address speeding and other traffic concerns. Details of these operations are being kept confidential for now.

Department of Public Works: DPW Superintendent Quarantillo reported that the splash pad at Falkner Park has been completed, including edging and power washing. The sprinkler system is now fully operational, running daily with an automatic shutoff at 8 p.m. and resuming at 9 a.m. The initial splash pad installation was largely funded by the county, while recent maintenance and improvements were covered by the village budget.

Clerk's Office: Nothing further to report

Recreation: Recreation Director Gruarin reported that Recreation programs start July 8th.

Engineer: Engineer Lannon confirmed that we will be wrapping up the Water Street REDI project coming within \$20 of the actual contract amount.

Grant Writer: Not in attendance

Building Inspector: Not in attendance

Attorney: Nothing further to report

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sales Tax:

April 2025 monthly Sales Tax distribution to the Village of Youngstown was received on May 23, 2025 in the amount of \$ 42,498.64 from Niagara County.

Mortgage Tax:

The biannual Mortgage Tax distributed to the Village of Youngstown will be deposited June 13 2025 for the second half of 2024-2025 in the amount of \$9,085.76.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Vouchers for the period from April 11, 2025 through May 31, 2025:		Vouchers for the period from June 1, 2025 through June 20, 2025:	
General:	\$ 56,361.32	General:	\$ 258,229.99
Water:	\$ 5,412.01	Water:	\$ 2,797.59
Sewer:	\$ 58,953.77	Sewer:	\$ 1,084.14
H-Cap	\$ 40,310.87	H-Cap	\$ 0.00
Trust:	\$ 5,768.23	Trust:	\$ 1,850.00
Total	\$ 166,806.20	Total	\$ 263,961.72

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve both the May 2025 and June 2025 abstracts. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment:

Peter & Elizabeth Tower Grant- Sensory Space

The Village of Youngstown has been awarded a grant from the Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation in the amount of \$26,730.00 for the Sensory Space Programming Expansion project. The funds will be provided with specific use instructions for the Recreation Department.

As this was not a budgeted revenue or expense, a budget amendment is requested in the amount of \$26,730.00. The revenue code will be A2709 – Sensory Space Tower Grant. The expenditure code will be A7989.43 – Sensory Space Program.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation budget amendment. The motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Grant:

The Village of Youngstown has been awarded a \$10,000.00 Tier 2 Community Campaign Grant from NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities Program.

As this was not a budgeted revenue or expense, a budget amendment is requested in the amount of \$10,000.00. The revenue code will be A3089 – NYSERDA Grant. The expenditure code will be A1620.2 – Village Center.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the NYSERDA Clean Energy Grant budget amendment. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Salary Budget Amendment

To properly align the Village Clerk's salary from a 37.5 hour to a 40-hour standard workweek, a budget amendment is requested to adjust the allocated salary line accordingly. This amendment will ensure the budgeted amount reflects full-time hours worked and provides appropriate compensation as intended by the Board.

The revenue code will remain unchanged. The expenditure code to is A1410.1 – Village Clerk Salary, with an increase of \$3,640. This amount will cover all board meetings (Zoning, Planning, and Board of Trustee) and eliminate compensatory time.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$3,640 reflecting the Village Clerk's salary adjustment based on a 40-hour workweek. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS:

Part-Time Recreation Leader:

A motion is needed to hire Joseph Mullen as a part-time Recreation Leader for the Recreation Department. This position is already budgeted in the Recreation budget.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to hire Joseph Mullen as a part-time Recreation Leader. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Williamson Law Book Contracts:

- Annual software support contract for Accounting Software from May 1, 2025 – April 28, 2026 in the amount of \$1,744.00.
- Annual software support contract for Payroll Software from June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$1,518.00.
- Annual software support contract for Tax Collection with Tax Glance Software from June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025 in the amount of \$896.00.
- Annual software support contract for Water/Sewer for July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$1,650.00.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve all four annual software support contracts with Williamson Law Book Company. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

2025 Village Concert Series

The following concerts are proposed for the 2025 Village Concert Series:

- **Mackenzie Highlanders Pipe Band** – July 4, 2025 – \$650.00
- **The Taverners** – July 11, 2025 – \$400.00
- **Water Street Quartet** – July 18, 2025 – \$500.00
- **Joe and the Shmoes** – August 1, 2025 – \$550.00
- **Jerry Andres Band** – August 8, 2025 – \$400.00
- **Step in Time Duo** – August 15, 2025 – \$350.00
- **Creek Bend** – August 22, 2025 – \$599.00
- **2nd Time Around** – August 29, 2025 – \$450.00

Dottie Riordan has successfully raised enough funds to fully cover the cost of all concert contracts listed above.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the above contracts and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Village. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Annual Easements/Leases:

Request for approval of the following easements and lease agreements:

Easements

- Frey – 565 Water Street: 2-year term (110724–053126), \$100/year
- DeDario – 703 Main Street: 1-year term (020125–053126), \$150/year
- Andres – 645 Main Street: 1-year term (020125–053126), \$150/year
- Kopell – 727 Main Street: 1-year term (030125–053126), \$150/year
- Reese – 725 Main Street: 1-year term (030125–053126), \$150/year

Lease Agreements

- Julie/John Calvert Room: (06/01–05/31), \$150/month or \$1,800 annually
- Niagara River Anglers: (06/01–05/31), \$300/year to cover electric
- RCR/YYC Spring Dock: (04/01–10/31), \$25 per cradle, \$25 per mooring, and \$100 per dock
- YYC (06/01–05/31) North Dock west side building \$420 annually for junior sailing/community sailing use

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the above easements and lease agreements as listed. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Special Use Permit application:

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Request for exclusive use of the Village Dock – July 11, 2025

Adam Burns, Co-Chairman of the Youngstown Yacht Club (YYC), has submitted a request for exclusive use of the Village Dock between the Youngstown Yacht Club and the marina on Friday, July 11, 2025, for the Jack Beatty Hospice Memorial Regatta.

This annual event supports hospice care and brings together community members and visitors in support of a meaningful cause.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to approve the exclusive use of the Village Dock for the Jack Beatty Hospice Memorial Regatta on July 11, 2025. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Request for Placement of Portable Restroom Trailer – July 1–2, 2025

Zach Joseph and Matt Mancuso have requested permission to place a high-end, air-conditioned portable restroom trailer on Village property near the North Dock. This request is in connection with their wedding reception, which will be held on the waterfront properties located at 301 Main Street and 313 Main Street.

Both properties have a road/driveway easement through a gate by the North Dock. The portable restroom trailer would be placed on the park's pavement alongside the fence owned by 313 Main Street. The trailer is completely self-reliant, equipped with its own water and generator, requiring no connection to public utilities.

The trailer is expected to be delivered on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, and picked up on Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

This request is not for use or rental of the park, but solely for permission to place the restroom trailer at that location for the evening of July 1.

The request has been approved by the DPW Superintendent and the Village Clerk therefore no approval is needed from the board.

Tent Camping on the North Dock – July 14–17, 2025

Kaitlyn Enderton, on behalf of the Youngstown Community Boating program and the Youngstown Yacht Club, submitted a request for tent camping on the North Dock from Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17, 2025, in support of the Junior Sailing Event. The request includes approximately 10 tents for youth participants.

The request has been approved by the DPW Superintendent therefore no approval is needed from the board.

DPW Superintendent Quarantillo stated that the Youngstown Community Boating Program and the YYC used the space last year without any issues. They were respectful, cleaned up after themselves, and everything went smoothly. He also noted that there is ongoing concrete work in the area—old slabs have been removed, one side has been reshored, and plates have been installed. Concrete is scheduled to be poured on Monday, and fencing has been placed around the area. No conflicts are anticipated.

July 4th Fireworks:

The Village of Lewiston has begun planning for the annual July 4th fireworks display and is asking for contributions to the event. In the past, the Village Board has sent and approved \$500 (as budgeted).

So noted.

ITEMS / DISCUSSION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

Short-Term Rental

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to hold a public hearing at the July 17, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting regarding the proposed Short-Term Rental Local Law. The motion was made by Trustee Stella and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Greenway Youngstown Trail

Niagara County has officially approved and signed the resolution for the Greenway Youngstown Trail.

So noted.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Stella reported on the 15th Annual Street Dance and Car Cruise held in Youngstown on June 19th from 6 to 10 p.m. The event, hosted by the Youngstown Business and Professional Association (YBPA), celebrated the beginning of summer and the end of the school year. Despite chilly and windy weather, a large crowd attended, making it a successful evening. Trustee Stella also noted a well-attended membership dinner for the Bandanas held on June 10th, showcasing their work to local business owners and officials. Additionally, the Upper Niagara Chamber hosted a business blender event and is preparing for upcoming activities, including a golf tournament and the Jazz Festival.

Trustee Stevens focused on upcoming and recent community events in the Village. She highlighted the annual Garden Club Plant-O-Rama held on June 7th, which featured a great turnout with kids' activities, bouquet workshops, music, and food. She also noted that the Lake Ontario County Summer Derby runs from June 28 through July 27, with one of the weigh-in stations and registration located at the Wicked Worm on Water Street. The derby offers over \$42,000 in prizes. Trustee Stevens encouraged families to take advantage of New York State's free fishing weekend. Looking ahead, she

mentioned the Siege of Niagara 1759 encampment event featuring artisans, merchants, and historical reenactments. The Friends of Youngstown are also hosting a community garage sale on July 19th and 20th. Additionally, she reminded everyone about the upcoming Strawberry Festival happening on the same Saturday as some of these events.

Trustee Quarantillo reported that the Celebrity Bartending event will take place on July 15th starting at 5:00 PM and encouraged everyone to attend and support the cause. She also reminded the community about the Fire Company's golf tournament scheduled for August 4th and thanked those who have donated so far. Anyone interested in golfing, donating, or sponsoring was invited to reach out. Trustee Quarantillo shared exciting news about two potential new fire company members and noted that recruitment is ongoing. Trustee Quarantillo also announced that her son, Gregory Quarantillo, recently obtained his driver's license. The Board congratulated both Trustee Quarantillo and her husband, DPW Superintendent Quarantillo, on this milestone.

Deputy Mayor Stortecky announced that the Niagara River Greenway Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism has awarded the Village \$240,993 to build the Youngstown Bike Trail and related amenities. The trail will run from Youngstown Estates to Veterans Park along the old railroad corridor, connecting to Fort Niagara State Park. Veterans Park will also get a new bike and walking loop, directional signage, bike racks, water stations, and an ADA-compliant bathroom in Faulkner Park. The project aims to provide safe access to parks and activities while promoting community health and well-being. Additionally, the Village received a \$9,500 donation from Friends of Youngstown to refurbish Ball Field Number One's backstop and dugouts at Veterans Park. This field is heavily used by the local girls' softball league and recreation programs. Residents interested in supporting Friends of Youngstown's fundraising can visit www.foyl4174.com or attend the Celebrity Bartending Fundraiser on July 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Griffin Brewery. Deputy Mayor Stortecky thanked Christine Rath founder for her persistence in securing the grant, as well as Director Jeff Gruarin, Sarah Hrywnak, and Shana DiCamillo, plus other community and county partners for their support. Congratulations to everyone involved in this exciting project!

Mayor Reisman provided an update on several important projects planned for 2025 and 2026. The Rails and Trails project is set to begin soon, and construction on the Riverview Condominium, which includes 17 units, is scheduled to start next week. Additionally, Route 93 will undergo major state-led construction beginning in spring 2026, covering the stretch from Cherry Parkway down to Main Street. This is a significant project, and the state has already held an open house to share details and gather community feedback. At the Village Center, there are several urgent maintenance issues that need to be addressed. The roof is deteriorating, and Mayor Reisman, along with DPW Superintendent Quarantillo, have inspected the attic, which is in poor condition. There is ongoing work to salvage the historic clock, though replacement costs are substantial. Other needed repairs include window replacements in the Historical Society area, gutter repairs, and upgrades to the aging air conditioning system, which requires frequent attention from the DPW. Mayor Reisman also addressed rumors regarding the Dollar General project, confirming that the developers are still moving forward. They are currently working on easement agreements with the Griffon property, and although legal reviews are still underway, the project remains active. Looking ahead to the May 2026 election, which includes the Mayor's seat and two Trustee positions, Mayor Reisman raised the possibility of hiring a part-time

Village Manager. This role would help manage daily operations and the many ongoing projects, easing the administrative burden on elected officials. He emphasized that this idea is in the early stages and will be discussed further with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Rick Lohr, residing at 435 Main Street, Youngstown, inquired about the short-term rental law, noting he had expected discussion on the topic during the meeting. Mayor Reisman responded that the matter would be addressed at an upcoming open forum. Mr. Lohr asked if information would be provided prior to the forum, to which Mayor Reisman confirmed that a summary or bullet points would be prepared with assistance from Pete Jeffrey of the code office. The Mayor further stated that this information would be made available at least one week before the meeting to ensure ample time for public review. Mr. Lohr thanked the Mayor for the clarification.

Libby Broderick, owner of Niagara Outfitters and River Runners, provided an update on her new brick-and-mortar location and boat rental business opening at 555 Water Street. The business owner noted increased activity at the marina and expressed concern over the lack of adequate parking signage, which has resulted in vehicles blocking the boat ramp and parking in restricted areas. Broderick also addressed recurring problems during yacht club events, where illegal parking often requires police involvement. To help mitigate these issues, she suggested adding signage for additional parking on Hinman Street and recommended involving the yacht club to better communicate parking information to visitors. Additionally, she requested consideration for a 15-minute parking zone near the Wicked Worm to accommodate quick customer stops. Mayor Reisman and others responded that enhanced enforcement and signage are already in planning stages. They emphasized the availability of parking at the top of the hill and agreed to evaluate peak usage times for more effective management. Broderick thanked the village for its efforts and expressed appreciation for the ongoing collaboration.

Susan Bray, Village of Youngstown, praised Trustee Stevens for asking important questions and being careful with taxpayer money. She noted past concerns when Trustee Stevens didn't vote due to lack of information but appreciated the increased transparency in today's meeting.

Rochelle Lolo, 500 Oak Street, Youngstown, raised a safety concern about speeding and stop sign compliance at Oak and Westwood Streets. She requested police presence during busy times, especially around dinner, to enforce traffic laws and prevent accidents, noting it's a neighborhood with children nearby. The police acknowledged ongoing efforts to address stop sign issues and other complaints in the area, and confirmed plans to use available funds to improve safety.

Conrad Kopczynski, 506 Westwood Avenue, echoed previous concerns about ongoing safety issues in the Westwood, Oak, and Applewood area, including loud music, car racing, fireworks, and vulgar behavior late into the night and early morning. He stressed the severity of the problem and urged the board for assistance. Conrad provided police reports and photos documenting these issues and

requested the Chief's attention. The Chief acknowledged ongoing efforts and indicated future enforcement actions.

Glynis Meith, 500 Main Street, expressed support for the short-term rental draft law but raised concerns about potential duplication with a new state law requiring a county-level registry for short-term rentals. She questioned whether the village's efforts might be redundant if the county implements this registry, noting the importance of coordination. Village representatives confirmed they are working to align local regulations with state and county requirements to avoid conflicts and duplication. They assured a draft local law is under review and efforts are ongoing to integrate with the county's system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Niagara Pioneer Soccer League tournament at Fort Niagara State Park July 12- July 13, 2025.

Community Garage Sale held by the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library will be held at the Village Center Gym Saturday July 19 and Sunday July 20 from 9:00 a.m. -6 p.m.

Niagara Lacrosse Classic will be at Fort Niagara State Park July 19- July 20, 2025.

The next Village Board meeting will be July 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to close the regular meeting at 8:36 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss contracts, current/pending litigation, and the employment of a particular person. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Reisman asked for a motion to close the executive session at 9:50 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Quarantillo and seconded by Trustee Stella. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.