

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2010

Mayor Riordan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Adamson, Sutor and VanDeusen, Attorney Caserta, Police Chief Salada, DPW Superintendent Muller, Engineer Gallucci, several Lewiston Porter students and residents. Deputy Mayor Reynolds was absent.

Mayor Riordan opened the floor to the public. Gaylynn Long from the Peace Garden Committee introduced others present who are also on the committee and showed a rough sketch of the planned garden in Falkner Park. Commemorative bricks are on sale and will be used as a walkway. The bricks are being donated by Rick Lohr and will be engraved. Trustee Adamson asked for measurements of the project for the DPW's reference and that the DPW will assist whenever possible. Mayor Riordan told Ms. Long the letter she requested for the committee's submittal will be forthcoming and placed on Village stationery.

James Huggins of Main St. asked the Mayor about the Fort Niagara hotel project. The Mayor stated it is not a question of if the project will happen, it is a question of when it will happen. Mayor Riordan stated Acquest; the company doing the project has been given a time extension for raising funds. Mr. Huggins also asked about the ferry shuttle from Youngstown to Niagara-On-The-Lake. The Mayor stated both areas are supportive of such a venture and that using Greenway funds could be the catalyst in getting such a service. Mayor Riordan went on to explain the Greenway fund process.

Donna Huggins of Main St. asked permission of the Board for the Study Club to host a Victorian tea in the second floor hallway adhering to fire codes during the Christmas in the Village celebration on December 11th. The tea is open to the public as is all events scheduled that day. There is no charge for the tea. The Board approved use of the area and stated if assistance is needed with set up, the DPW would be able to assist.

Gretchen Duling of Main St. questioned a recent newspaper article where John Kinney of the Lewiston jet boat spoke of the cross border ferry. Mayor Riordan stated that was the first he had heard it and was also surprised.

Building Inspector Choboy was absent but submitted his monthly report for October. Two permits were issued and completed work at cost of \$5,000. and \$70. in fees were collected.

Police Chief Salada submitted his report. 251 patrol hours were worked, 1,267 patrol miles logged, 28 Village calls, 11 Town of Porter calls, 17 calls outside the Village, 8 UTT's and 5 parking tickets were issued. Chief Salada stated he is looking into grants for surveillance cameras.

DPW Superintendent Muller submitted his October report. Four hours of overtime was worked and 68.43 tons of garbage collected. Superintendent Muller reported the crew is busy collecting leaves and readying the trucks for plowing.

Attorney Caserta will address items as they come up during the meeting.

Trustee Adamson motioned to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2010 Board meeting, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request from Public Scoping Committee for support to retain the Robert Moses Pkwy. Copies of contact information and websites for comments are available tonight on Clerk's desk, Village Office and on Village Center bulletin board. So noted. Mayor Riordan stated a letter of support has been sent today. A Board representative will attend the meeting on November 30th.
2. Unsigned letter of complaint regarding a shelter built on vacant land behind Oak & Elm Sts. at parkway boundary. Also, vehicles, bath tub and other items stored on property abutting the parkway. Superintendent Muller reported has resolved the shelter problem. Mayor Riordan stated the Building Inspector will be alerted of the vehicles stored.
3. Water gallonage report for September 30 to October 29, 2010- consumption down 65,425 gallons per day compared to the same time period last year. So noted.
4. Christmas in the Village celebration scheduled for Saturday, December 11th with various activities throughout the Village from noon through the evening. So noted. Trustee VanDeusen motioned to approve the expense of a horse drawn carriage during the celebration, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried.

AGENDA

1. The Abstract of Audited Vouchers for period ending October 31, 2010-General Fund - \$29,316.69, Water Fund - \$59,557.91, and Sewer Fund - \$53,876.80 and for the period ending November 18, 2010-General Fund-\$51,831.17, Water Fund-\$938.43 and Sewer Fund-\$559.91 were approved by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
2. Water shut off for non-payment of quarter end September 30, 2010 water / sewer bills set for Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. by motion of Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee VanDeusen and carried.
3. Authorization for Mayor and Board to sign the list of overdue taxes as of November 1, 2010 in the amount of \$21,592.91 and for the Clerk to submit them to Niagara County Real Property Tax Service for reimbursement was made by motion of Trustee Adamson, seconded by Trustee Sutor and carried.
4. The Board set the Public Hearing date for wind turbine legislation for December 16, 2010

5. The next Board meeting was set for December 16, 2010 with only one meeting in December.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Adamson reported the Christmas lights will be going up soon as well as newly purchased snowflake lights.

REPORTS

No reports were given.

Rod Fairbank of Water St. along with his neighbors Carol Mathewson and Mary Jane Laidlaw attended the meeting to discuss a timeline for the Greenway project work. A discussion took place with Engineer Gallucci concluding that if the funds come through as the Mayor has hoped by June 2011, it will be at least nine months to a year later for a work start date. Don Finkle also attended. Concerns of the Water St. wall and the dumpster collection were also discussed.

With no further business, Trustee Sutor motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Adamson and carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Castilon
Clerk Treasurer