

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 11/9/10

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 9th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Gambitta, San Jule, Steele, Tobin Underwood

Commissioners excused: Ryan, VanGorder, Schaap, Wright, Eberhart

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott, Bob Craig, 1st Ward Alderman

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor, and Youth Services Activity Reports were read and accepted as part of the regular meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Underwood, seconded by Commissioner San Jule, the minutes were approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Underwood, seconded by Commissioner San Jule, the Youth Bureau bills totaling \$7,240.70 were audited and authorized for payment.

Other Business:

- A. John reviewed the minutes. He gave an update on the grant submitted to the Cortland Community Foundation for Yaman Park cabana repairs.
- B. Update on the Beaudry Park Building. Bids will be opened this Friday at 3:00 at City Hall.
- C. Tom asked for update on the Rotary Shelter repairs. John said that the project is in the Capital Budget, and Forrest Earl has also offered to take the shelter on as a Noon Rotary Project.
- D. John reviewed the financial statement. We are in much better shape financially for November than in previous years. John mentioned this to the Common Council last night at the budget hearing.
- E. John reviewed the bills: Graph Tex \$1,031 is for soccer and cheerleading. Kids will pay for these in the registration. PACS Security is \$635.00 for the year.
- F. John's Report: John talked about the Small Fry Football Banquet and how well it went this year. Over 325 players and parents attended. The speakers were from

SUNY Cortland, two football players Dan Pitcher and John Stephens who are both bone marrow donors. John talked about the Regional Sports Council and the report that was released at the annual meeting about the economic impact on Cortland County as a result of the sports events that were brought to the county this year. The impact was over \$1,766,969.45. John is the current president of the Regional Sports Council. Chrissy mentioned how fantastic the Chiller Haunted House was. This year's turn out was over 900 people. Jim Coon puts the event together every year and donated the money to the Youth Bureau.

- G. Cecile's Report: Cecile talked about the new collaboration with Mindy Lesenring at the Historical Society. She and Mindy decided that since the One Hundred Years of Cortland Sports display was such a big hit this summer, why not do something with all the photos they had collected. The resulting project is a One Hundred Years of Cortland sports candenar for 2011 that will be available for purchase in the near future.
- H. Andrea's Report: Ang mentioned that she enjoys attending the Fun For Tots program and what a good job Andrea does with the program.
- I. Teen Center Report: Chad asked about the NYC trip. We are not sure of the exact itinerary. The registrations are picking up after a slow start.
- J. John talked about last night's budget hearing. He read the statement he shared with the council last night. The mayor's proposed budget included eliminating a position at the Teen Center and reducing the relief worker funds and eliminating the sound technician. This would be devastating to the Teen Center operation. John's proposal includes eliminating the sound tech, but proposes taking the Youth Services Supervisor position to part time instead of eliminating the Youth Services Specialist position. Erica Danega, who is currently in the supervisor position, has requested part time status. The modification request submitted by John equals the same amount of the cut. Final public budget hearing is December 7th where the public will have the opportunity to comment on the budget. This year's increase is at 0% so John is thinking that there will not be much to take issue with at the public hearing.

John handed out the Participation Report depicting residency data for participants in various Youth Bureau programs. The goal of the report is to show where participants are coming from and review the impact to programs. The report shows that participants from Cortlandville comprise about 15% of the total participation. There are two options on what to do. Some council members felt that we should be asking Cortlandville for 15% of a million dollar budget. This would translate to \$150,000 per year. Cortlandville currently give the city \$70,000. Chad suggested that we approach the issue once we know what the amount will be from Cortlandville and then decide how much non-resident fee to charge participants from Cortlandville. In other words, if Cortlandville gives the city \$70,000, then the additional \$80,000 could be made up in non-resident fees.

Where a resident from Homer would pay \$10.00 extra, a Cortlandville resident might only pay \$3.00 extra due to the \$70,000 donation from Cortlandville.

- K. John handed out the Capital Budget proposal that has been submitted to the Common Council. The proposal includes photos, descriptions, and where available, quotes from companies interested in doing the repair work.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Scott