

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting December 6, 2023

Board Members

Present:	K. Hazen	Absent:	J. Drelich
	B. Burton		M. Loughren
	J. Eddy		H. Graves
	M. Telesky		S. Whaley
	K. Thompson		
	P. Marks		
	J. Hagenbuch		
	Student Rep: A. Telesky		
	Student Rep: J. Parker		

Also: A. Testani, Jessica Colley, A. Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson J. Eddy.

A motion was made by B. Burton to approve the October meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Telesky, approved by all.

A motion was made by B. Burton to approve the November meeting minutes. Seconded by K. Hazen, approved by all.

Old Business

No update on the Elks request to help with funding for youth shoes and balls for the bowling program at the Elks club.

In our November meeting it was discussed that we should communicate activities we provided in 2023. YBD A. Testani wrote an article that was published in the Evening Sun promoting the success we had this past year.

New Business

The November YTD budget was presented. Overall, the budget remains below plan. The budget will most likely remain under plan with little activities happening the remainder of the year. It's unlikely that the ice rink will open before the end of the year, along with the junior wrestling program starting later than planned. Revenue is down due to the state reimbursement being lower than planned along with waiting on the town of Preston's fee.

Town contracts were received from North Norwich, Norwich, Pharsalia and Preston. Plymouth did notify YBD Testani that they would not be renewing their contract for 2024.

2023 contracted amounts have been received from North, Norwich, Norwich, Plymouth and Pharsalia. We are still waiting for Preston's check.

Julian Drelich will be resigning from the Youth Board at the end of this term after 26 years. A motion was made by B. Burton that a plaque be purchased thanking Julian for his service to the board and youth of our community. The motion was seconded by M. Telesky. Approved by all.

YBD A. Testani presented to the Board an idea for a temporary ice rink to be purchased that would be set up in East Park. The rink would be 30' x 60'. It would be funded by donations received from various groups, plus dasher board fees collected over the last couple of years. B. Burton made a motion to purchase the rink. It was suggested that 1 – signs be posted stating this is a skate at your own risk park, 2 – a sign be posted thanking the sponsors of the ice at Weiler Park (those that have signs on the dasher boards), 3 – we see if we can use Santa's Igloo as a storage or warming hut while the rink is set up. The motion was seconded by P. Marks. Approved by all.

Winter registrations are down compared to last year. Last year we had over 230 kids registered in the program, as of yesterday we have 161.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Burton at 6:30, seconded by K. Thompson. Approved by all.

The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00 PM at City Court.