

**City of Norwich
Youth Board Meeting
January 7, 2025**

Board Members:

Present: S. Vesely

P. Marks

B. Burton

S. Houston

L. Powell-Owens

J. Colley

Absent: H. Graves

K. Hazen

J. Eddy

J. Brown

K. Thompson

M. Loughren

J. Hagenbuch

Student Rep: J. Parker

Also: A. Testani

Not enough members were present to form a quorum.

Old Business:

Winter programs started this week. YTD, we have received 264 registration forms from 214 kids in the programs. This is thirteen more registrations than we had last year. Most programs are near the same number of registrations as last year with wrestling at 107 up thirteen kids from 2025, their largest number on record.

The Dasher Board billings are at plan with only Chenango Health Network as an outstanding invoice. Once collected we will have sixteen paid sponsors at the rink totaling \$2,000, up \$250 from last year. Chenango Health Network promises to have their check in early next week.

New Business:

The plan is to open the ice rinks once the weather turns colder and our DPW has time to flood the rink. While December's weather was ideal for ice making, the constant snow kept the DPW crew busy with plowing and salting. With that and other emergency repairs there was no time to add water to the rink.

We are also planning to set up the portable ice rink under the pavilion at South Broad St Park. Again, this will be weather dependent.

YBD Testani presented a year-end report. A Testani will email a full report to the Board separately. Highlights: For the year, the Youth Bureau received 1,134 registrations for our programs and trips. This was up from 2024 1,058 registrations. The summer programs had 461 registrations, winter 294, 305 for trips, and seventy-four in our arts and science programs. The ice rink opened on January 10th, 2025, for the first time in 2 years. The Youth Bureau hired forty-seven students and thirteen adults to run the programs. Kurt Beyer Pool was open from June 25th through August 24th. The pool had 6,053 swimmers this summer.

Jessica Hagenbuch is stepping down from the Board. The board thanks her for her years of service.

Budget:

Total expenditures were \$12,732 above plan. Extending the hours at Kurt Beyer added \$6,613 to the expenditure while the weather conditions added another \$9,368. Typically, the YBD estimates perfect conditions then reduces that by 10% for the budget amount. The 10% reduction is to account for closing due to weather. This summer weather conditions were ideal for the pool. Kurt Beyer was open 98.5% of the scheduled hours.

Revenue was above plan by \$7,721 due to receipt of a SWIMS Grant to cover the extended hours at Kurt Beyer.

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.