



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:30 PM with Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Paul Linnertz, Trustee Fred Ferguson, and Trustee Gary Butterfield. Mayor Mark Atkinson is absent.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Crowell, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

RESOLUTION # 052-15

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 26th, 2015 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Butterfield, Deputy Mayor Henry, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 053-15

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 22 in the amount of \$173,826.66 covering Voucher # 1262 to Voucher # 1314. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 054-15

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract # 22 in the amount of \$63.00 covering Voucher # 13. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 055-15

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to transfer \$20.00 from A3120.476 Police Vehicle Maintenance to A3120.290 In-Car Camera System to cover the cost of the In-Car Camera System. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.



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RESOLUTION # 056-15

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to transfer \$55.00 from A3120.476 Police Vehicle Maintenance to A3120.260 Police Mobile Radios to cover the cost of the portable radio. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 057-15

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to transfer \$475.00 from A7110.401 Goettel Park Miscellaneous Expense to A7181.445 Community Center Building Maintenance to cover the expense of purchasing paint to repaint all rooms in the Community Center with funds not being used at Goettel Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 058-15

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to transfer \$13,497.09 from A2680 Insurance Recoveries to A7140.21 Parks Playground Equipment for insurance reimbursement to the Village. Trustee Ferguson continued to ask Village Engineer Franco if it was normal protocol to only have received 75% of the reimbursement. Parks Director Roth interjected that the equipment must be installed by a certified installer and inspected for safety before the remainder of the funds are released. Trustee Ferguson asked Village Attorney Chatfield to advise on this process. Village Attorney Chatfield said although he does not know the specifics of this case, typically a full insurance payout occurs whether or not there is a rebuild. He provided an example that if his house was insured and it burned down, he would expect a full insurance payout without obligation to rebuild the home. He continues that in this case, the terms are that we are reimbursed only 75% of the loss unless we rebuild. Parks Director Roth added that the deductible was waived. Village Attorney Chatfield said that 75% co-insurance is not an uncommon condition on an insurance policy. He noted that this is 75% of the loss to date and that an additional 25% will be paid upon installation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: M. Rogers of 313 Wells Avenue West introduced himself and stated he is present to complete a requirement for his merit badge.

Pat Ferguson of 215 South Main Street thanked the Board for placing the Arbor Day Observance on today's agenda; she mentioned that there are Arbor Day bookmarks available at Village Hall. She continued that on May 23rd during the Family Festival there will be a raffle tickets for sale. She thanked Village Attorney Chatfield for his previous years' donations. She said that she welcomes



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donations and contributions to the Family Festival. She continued that the Fire Department and Police Department are often involved and noted that Police Department has performed car seat installations at past events. She asked if the Board had any questions for her; there were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 059-15

APPROVAL OF A PARKS SUMMER STAFF REHIRE

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to rehire Courtney Lepore as a Recreational Leader (director of Summer Camp program) at Lonergan Park at the same hourly rate as last year of \$11.00 per hour effective April 15th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 060-15

ACCEPTED ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Henry read the following list of elected and appointed officers:

Elected	
Position	Name
Chief of Fire	Timothy Ellis
Deputy Chief	Christopher Strong
Assistant Chief	Robert Liberatore
Fire Warden	John Hogan

Appointed	
Position	Name
Captain	John Hogan
Captain	Michael Redhead
Lieutenant	Casey Daugard
Lieutenant	Aaron Caza
Lieutenant	Daniel Melie
Lieutenant	Richard Allen

Fire Police Squad	
Position	Name
Fire Police Captain	Dennis McAllister



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Trustee Linnertz made a motion to accept the aforementioned list of elected/appointed officers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 061-15

ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE – FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2015

Deputy Mayor Henry acknowledged the Board received a copy of the details relating to this event to be held on Friday, April 24th at 11:30 AM. He continued that a flowering dogwood is planned to be planted in Memorial Park at South Bay Road and Church Street, where the ceremony will take place, in Memory of Geraldine Gardner. She was a North Syracuse resident who passed away in an auto accident at this intersection on July 13th, 2014. Forester John Graham will recognize the Village as a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Lee Turner, local noted bugle and trumpet player, will play the Star Spangled Banner to open ceremonies. DPW Superintendent Wilmer will be managing the planting. Everyone is welcome to attend. He reminded that if there are any questions, please telephone Pat at 458-1970 and leave a message. Deputy Mayor Henry thanked Pat for her efforts in facilitating this. He said that Mayor Mark Atkinson will be reading and presenting the following proclamation on Arbor Day:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska in 1872, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, the Village of North Syracuse has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Atkinson, Mayor of the Village of North Syracuse, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24th, 2015 as ARBOR DAY in the Village of North Syracuse and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to set the observance of Arbor Day in the Village of North Syracuse as Friday, April 24th, 2015 at 11:30 AM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same. After the meeting, there was a change of tree to be planted, it will now the tree will be a Japanese Tree Lilac. The Japanese Tree Lilac, also known as Syringa Reticulata, is a small tree with stiff spreading branches developing somewhat oval-rounded to vase-shaped crown. It has large showy flowers that have attractive winter fruit display.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

ENGINEER REPORT: Village Engineer Franco noted that some contaminated soil was uncovered at the Limp Lizard; the DEC became involved for further testing, and special measures were taken. This event will incur a cost as it will also require removal to be hauled to a special landfill. She also spoke of the construction crew accidentally hitting a gas line on Tuesday (April 7th) and National Grid was on site to address that. Trustee Linnertz asked if an oil tank was found. Village Engineer Franco said it was a broken pipe that contained petroleum. DPW Superintendent says he researched and found that in the 1960s there was a gasoline station in that area. Deputy Mayor Henry asked about the street lights. DPW Superintendent Wilmer said that the poles need to be numbered and inspected before an electrician can proceed. Meanwhile, National Grid has taken down the cobra heads. Village Engineer Franco added that if they were to reinstall new cobras because the ones in place are so old, it would have been an additional cost to the Village; although with the new streetlights they took it down at a lower cost to the Village. Trustee Ferguson asked if the type of bulb is an LED. DPW Superintendent Wilmer said those lights are not metered and because there isn't stable wattage they cannot use LED.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No report.

Highway Department: No report.

Fire Department: Absent.



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Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk Treasurer Kufel reported that she did an online webinar on Tax Cap form, Tax Freeze Certification, and adopting the Efficiency Plan. The Tax Cap Form must be filed before we adopt the budget. The Tax Freeze Certification must be filed by June 21st, 2015. This will field information to let each resident know if they will be receiving the rebate check. The Efficiency Plan due by June 1st although there isn't much information available on this. The Division of Budget is supposed to be offering some guidance. They are encouraging multiple agencies to file them together. This leads her to believe that perhaps we are to work together with our local municipalities such as with Cicero and Clay. This will impact the budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016.

Parks & Recreation Department: Parks Director Roth promoted Earth Day for the Village is being held on April 25th and she is looking for volunteers to assist with this event. They will meet at 9:00 AM at the Community Center. She is working on Summer Program flyers and information will be posted on the website early in May. The Playground equipment is also scheduled to be installed in May.

Codes Department: Absent.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Fergerson: He said the next Public Safety meeting will take place on June 1st, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

Trustee Linnertz: Congratulated the newly elected members of the Fire Department and he looks forward to working with them.

Trustee Butterfield: Asked if there is a special permit required to haul the contaminated materials to the special landfill. Village Engineer Franco affirmed that a special permit is required and it will be hauled by a certified hauler. DPW Superintendent Wilmer affirmed that the DPW is not a certified hauler.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Thanked all the businesses who have contributed to the flower donations to date of \$1,510.

He recalled that at the last Board Meeting the new Animal Control Agreement was approved. He continued that this week a meeting will take place with Town of Clay Supervisor Damian Ulatowski and Mayor Mark Atkinson to outline the process and procedures to be followed during office hours, evening, and weekends.

He said that the 2nd Model of the Budget reflects a 1.9% increase. There will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 23rd at the Village's Board Meeting at 4:29 PM.



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VFW will be having an open house on April 25th from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM to welcome the newly refurbished upstairs banquet room.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Absent.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Fergerson, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer