



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 10th, 2014 @ 6:28 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:28 PM with Deputy Mayor Henry inviting everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing #01 FY 2014-2015 Tentative Budget:

Deputy Mayor Henry began this by stating that this Public Hearing is being held by the Board of Trustees to present the Tentative Budget for FY 2014-2015. Deputy Mayor Henry said this has been a difficult budget for us, as the last few years have been, and the state budget just passed on-time this year. He continued to say that next year they are imposing several restrictions and we need to survive. The departments submitted their original requests and this is actually the 3rd model of the original budget, the Mayor has gone thru the packet front to back and made a few modifications to it and this is the final draft that he is submitting for the upcoming budget year. Dianne Kufel, Vlg. Clerk Treasurer, spoke of a zero percent tax increase and spoke of several key components. She reminded that the Village residents residing in the Town of Cicero are on full value assessment and parcels in the Village that reside in Town of Clay are on an assessed value with an equalization rate. The fund balance has been earmarked for some key capital expenditures amounting to \$54,600. She continued to mention that the Village has chosen to do its own pension smoothing amounting to \$79,000; again, earmarking from the fund balance. The Board has already previously passed a resolution to earmark \$350,000 of the fund balance for the improvements to the Village Center that will be taking place very soon. Dianne also mentioned the 2% tax cap form completed on-line by the Village that keys in on specific areas, retirement, tax growth, and PILOTS. This is soon to change for next year. She continued to detail parts of the budget, focused on the fund balance and where we stand with the overall fiscal stress as compared with other municipalities. Trustee Linnertz had questions to the police chief on the new vehicles to be purchased by his department and his current fleet of vehicles. Chief Crowell is still contemplating the purchase of the vehicle(s) for his fleet. Deputy Mayor Henry spoke of next year the Village having to certify that we will not pass a local law to override the tax cap; and in 2016 we will also need to remain within the tax cap and agree to a "countywide efficiency program". The Village must have an efficiency plan in place and submitted by June 15, 2015. Deputy Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of or against this proposed budget. Deputy Mayor Henry closed this public hearing at 6:44 PM.

Public Hearing #02 Local Law #2 of 2014 allowing for a property tax levy in excess of the limit



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established in General Municipal Law §3-C:

Deputy Mayor Henry explained that this will allow for a 2% tax cap override. In the event we do this override this we will be conforming should the Village exceed the tax levy by more than 2% from the previous year. Trustee Ferguson spoke of passing this last year, and NYCOM does recommend that municipalities pass this as a safety measure. Deputy Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of or against this proposed legislation. Deputy Mayor Henry closed this public hearing at 6:46 PM.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Trustee Fred Ferguson and Trustee Paul Linnertz. Mayor Mark Atkinson was out of town.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, Village Engineer Amy Franco, and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION # 065-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27th, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 066-14

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$88,174.59 covering Voucher #1248 to Voucher #1314. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 067-14

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$69.63 covering Voucher #18 and #19. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 068-14

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to transfer \$201.00 from A7020.21 Parks Equipment to A7110.25 Picnic Table Frames to cover expenses at various parks. The motion was seconded by Trustee



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Linnertz. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Fergerson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 069-14

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to transfer \$150.00 from A7550.450 Non-Christmas Decorations to A7020.466 Training to cover training expenses for the Parks Director to attend conference. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fergerson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Fergerson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 070-14

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to transfer \$34,075.34 from A2262EE – EEOC Claim Revenue to A9026.8 – EEOC Claim Post Entitlement as 1/3 of the settlement liability for the LOSAP program regarding the EEOC claim. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Fergerson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 071-14

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to transfer \$100 from A1210.466 Mayor's Training to A1210.21 – Mayor's Equipment to cover shortfall in equipment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved by Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Fergerson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No response.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 072-14

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 2% TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the adoption of Local Law #2 the 2% Tax Cap override. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Fergerson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 073-14

ADOPT THE VILLAGE FY 2014-2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to adopt the Village FY 2014-2015 Tentative Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor



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Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 074-14

ACCEPT ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE FIRE DEPT.

Deputy Mayor Henry began to read off the new elected officers and congratulated Tim on his appointment as the new Fire Chief. Trustee Ferguson made a motion accepting the following elected and appointed officers to the Fire Dept.:

Timothy R. Ellis – Chief of Fire
Christopher Strong – Deputy Chief
Joseph DiFabio, Jr. – Assistant Chief
Patrick J. Brennan – Fire Warden
John Hogan – Captain
Mike Redhead, Jozsef Asztalos, Robert Liberatore – Lieutenants
Dennis McAllister – Fire Police Captain
Mark Hogan – Safety Officer

The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Butterfield and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 075-14

SET THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

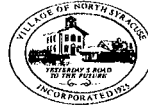
Trustee Linnertz made a motion setting the date for the Annual Village Board Meeting for Monday, July 7th at 5:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Butterfield and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 076-14

APPOINT NEW MEMBER OF THE NORTH SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Linnertz made a motion appointing Jason Campanella as a new member to the North Syracuse Fire Dept. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Butterfield and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.

ENGINEERING REPORT: CHA Engineer Amy Franco spoke of an update on the Main Street testing to begin tomorrow and the beginning of next week, rather than last week, as was originally planned.



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Police Chief Crowell spoke of the March training as being completed and successful. April Training will be starting soon. February's training paid off well and was proven to be well received as we had a bank robbery here in the Village this past week.

Highway Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke of his department picking up brush and leaves, and they have the sweeper out now. He continued to say that once it dries up a little bit, they will be in the parks working.

Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Tim Ellis spoke of his department participating in the statewide open house on Saturday, April 26th for an open house to recruit new firefighters. They have a radio station broadcasting that morning from the fire station, and will serve hotdogs, and hamburgers; all for those that are interested in joining and becoming a new member.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth reminded all of the Village Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th at Centerville Park, as well as the Bunny Breakfast at the VFW Post 7290 on April 13th. She continued to note that Earth Day will be held on April 26th this year in the Village. She has been busy with interviews and hiring summer staff, booking concerts, and preparing the summer flyers. The registration for several programs begins May 1st. She is hopeful to have a few quotes for the concrete decking around the pool at Kennedy with hopes to have it reopened mid-June.

Codes Enforcement Department: Codes Officer Pam DiCarlo spoke of the recent Codes conference. She spoke of new ITC rules, new ADA compliance, and the discussion of hoarders. Discussion took place on the responsibility of the Codes Office and the Health Department. She mentioned 601 South Main Street whereas CNY Therapy is downsizing and moving into the former Medicine Shop building. Trustee Linnertz inquired about the existing in-ground pool.

Clerk/Treasurer: Dianne Kufel reminded all of Arbor Day on Friday, April 25th at noon – Heritage Park. Additional details to follow at the next Board meeting. She spoke of the letters that went out to the businesses in the Village regarding donations for hanging flowers and happily reported the great response that has already exceeded last years donations. We have collected \$1,260 from the businesses in the Village which eliminated from the Village budget a few years back.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: Thanked the time and efforts of Pat Brennan, the outgoing chief, for all of his years of service to the Fire Dept. He is the longest serving Fire Chief and has put in a tremendous amount



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of time and effort to this Village Fire Dept.

Trustee Ferguson: mentioned the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, June 2nd, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Community Center.

Trustee Butterfield: also thanked the efforts of the outgoing Fire Chief and continued to thank all of the Dept. Heads regarding the budget. He continued to comment on the fund balance; it has been difficult and we still have a decent fund balance, a zero percent increase and thanked everyone that assists to make this Village what it is.

Deputy Mayor Henry: thanked Chief Brennan for all of his service and his knowledge as he has served this Village very well. He welcomed Tim Ellis and looks forward to a good working relationship. He made mention in the increase in the CHIPS funding will increase by approximately \$11,000 this next fiscal year. He mentioned an electronic drop-off on Saturday, April 12th from 8:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM – at Solar Street near Destiny Mall. He also encouraged all to vote on the recent poll question on the Village's website; it is regarding public safety and what concerns the Village residents the most. The Village appreciates the comments and feedback. Trustee Ferguson and Deputy Mayor Henry are attending another training session on Saturday at OCC regarding Civil Preparedness.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer