



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 28th, 2014 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 PM with Mayor Mark Atkinson inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

RESOLUTION # 176-14

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14th, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. Trustee Ferguson abstained because he was not in attendance during the previous meeting. The motion was approved with Mayor Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 177 -14

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #06 in the amount of \$90,373.88 covering voucher # 337 to Voucher # 389. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 178-14

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to transfer \$17,000 from A2706 Revenue Grant Infrastructure Sales Tax to A7180.24 Concrete Deck Resurfacing Kennedy. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No response.



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OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 179-14 **DISCUSS/APPROVE COST FOR KENEDY POOL RESURFACING TO EXCEED
\$30,000 FROM ENVIRONMENT PAVING SOLUTIONS**

The Board has received an update to the estimate that was approved at the last meeting for Kennedy Pool Resurfacing. At the meeting on August 14th, the Board approved by resolution a "not-to-exceed" of \$30,000 and additionally \$4,000 to Mobil Blast Away for the removal. After a subsequent walk thru and specific measurements for the depth markers, diving tiles, holes for the ladders, chair lift mount, and pool cover screws; the price increased to \$32,403.50. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve cost for Kennedy Pool Resurfacing to a not-to-exceed \$33,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 180-14 **APPROVE/APPOINT FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER (CURRENTLY PART-TIME)**

The Board has received communications from the Police Chief that explains the shortage in staffing since Rocco's resignation and contractual absences. He has been proactive in attempting to interview additional part-time officers. He is requesting to bring back to full-time capacity Michael Quill who started with the Village back in 2003. He requested to stay on as only part-time back in 2011 to pursue his law degree. He has now graduated from SU Law School and would like to be reinstated to his full-time position at least until he learns of the bar results and/or an offer of a position with a law firm. Trustee Ferguson made a motion to appoint Michael Quill as a full-time officer with the North Syracuse Police Department, effective August 29th, 2014, at the same top step salary of \$66,697 with prorated accrued time off. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Scott requested an update on the Crown Castle contract. Dianne explained that we are still trying to coordinate a meeting between the Mayor and Michael Cortese so that we can make an informed decision on the extenuation of the contract/offer.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Amy sent out the addendum yesterday to the Streetscape project. They are ready to receive bids and about nine contractors have picked up plans.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Crowell spoke of concluding second interviews with some part-time candidates. A decision will be made soon to start background investigations to fill two openings.



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Fire Department: Absent.

Highway Department: No report

Parks & Recreation: Teresa spoke of summer events that ended: pool closed, summer programs and concerts ended. The work to remove the surface of the deck has been scheduled for September 9th. She also spoke of an Assemblyman Al Stirpe stopped by and to let her know that the application for Lonergan Park enhancements made it through the first phase of the program and gave her additional forms to fill out necessary for the second phase of the approvals.

Codes: No report.

Clerk/Treasurer – Dianne spoke of another intern starting within a week. She is a business major and will be working part-time over a two and a half month period.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: Noticed new fire hydrants in the Village. He says he is working to identify other places in the Village that need fire hydrants.

Trustee Ferguson: Reminded that the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, September 8th, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Community Center. Mary Jane Damiano, who is in charge of the Ataxia Group, requested to have a sign in the Village Hall to collect used unappreciated mobile phones for Ataxia Research. Additionally, a proclamation September 20th is to be presented. He requested that another Trustee fill in for that event, as he is unable to make that date.

Trustee Butterfield: Spoke of working with Pam to curb or reduce signage in the Village.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of attending nearly all summer concerts and commended Teresa on its success. He also noticed one of the new fire hydrants is close to his home.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mark Atkinson stated that the negotiations with Teamsters 317 are being finalized and expects this will be discussed in the next board meeting. The pre-construction meeting for Streetscape Project took place on August 21st at 10:00AM. Due to rain, the meeting proceeded in the Community Center, where he met with one contractor. The bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:00 AM. He met with Jeanne Gleisner, a representative of the Central New York Planning



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Board, about municipal planning projects. There is a grant available of \$45,000 with the stipulation that we must fund \$15,000 (that can be spread over a three year period). She reviewed a Complete Streets Plan combined with a plan for re-greening the Village through eco or habitat networks. The Mayor continued to say that Village wide corridors and linkages would be a great way to bring all the work done "to date" together. He will be putting together a committee of citizens to work with her. Labor Day is Monday September 1st. Village Hall is closed. Trash pick-up is delayed one day Monday through Friday. He wished all a safe holiday weekend.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:44 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer