

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11th, 2014 @ 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 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, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

RESOLUTION # 181-14

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28th, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 182 -14

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #07 in the amount of \$127,764.24 covering voucher # 390 to Voucher # 460. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 183 -14

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #07 in the amount of \$118.00 covering voucher # 3. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 184 -14

VET'S MEMORIAL PARK ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #07 in the amount of \$51.00 covering voucher # 2. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No response.



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OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 185-14

DISCUSS/AWARD BID FOR VILLAGE STREETScape PROJECT

The Board has received the bid results with and without certain alternates. The Mayor spoke of a follow up meeting took place with Gary Wilmer, Gary Butterfield, Amy Franco, and Dianne Kufel, to strategize and review bid offers.

Budgeted Funds:

\$300,000 from Save the Rain
\$350,000 for Bonding
\$350,000 from Fund Balance (Budgeted)
\$35,000 Community Development
Grand Total to spend: \$1,035,000

Proposed Expense:

E-Z Paving Base Bid: \$927,000
Minus Granite (will go with concrete): (\$55,200.00)
Add-on: 23 Lightpoles (@ \$6,737): \$154,951.00
Total Expense: \$1,026,751.00

The Trustees collectively discussed that this is an expensive project. Mayor Mark Atkinson expressed that the changes we have been making in the Village is not only for aesthetics but also for safety. The improved aesthetics is attracting residents to the Village and businesses to buy real estate. Trustee Butterfield added that perhaps the beautification of the Village will increase visitors to the local restaurants and businesses. Trustee Ferguson reflected on this same type of project in Hamburg, NY that shadows our project that ultimately has a calming effect on the traffic flow thru their community. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to accept the E-Z Paving base bid of \$927,000, minus granite curbing \$55,200, and add (23) lightpoles of \$154,951.00, with the total project not to exceed \$1.1 million. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 186-14 ATAXIA DAY – SEPTEMBER 25TH – PROCLAMATION AT CEREMONY 9/20/14

Mayor Mark Atkinson explained that typically every year we recognize this particular disease and it is a nationally recognized date. He went on to say that we have a local Ataxia Coordinator that resides in our Village boundaries. Approximately 150,000 individuals are affected by hereditary and sporadic Ataxia in the United States; and it is often a fatal degenerative neurological disorder that affects balance, coordination, and speech. An event is held each year, and this year will be held on Saturday, September 20th at the North Syracuse Public Library. Mary Jane Damiano, a Village resident, suffers from Ataxia. The Mayor's office will proclaim September 25th, 2014 as Ataxia Awareness Day.



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Village of North Syracuse recognize that good health is a key component of a long, productive, and fulfilling life; and therefore we support observances that raise awareness of serious health issues, including various neurological disorders, such as Ataxia, and

WHEREAS, Ataxia is a slowly progressive neurological disorder, caused by a deterioration of nerve tissue in the spinal cord and of the nerves that extend to peripheral areas such as the arms and legs; and

WHEREAS, Ataxia is a rare disorder characterized by an inability to coordinate voluntary muscle movements, and can affect a person's balance, coordination, and speech, yet Ataxia is non-discriminating in that it can strike people of all ages, genders, and

WHEREAS, we join in support of the goals of Ataxia Awareness Day as this observance and its associated programs and activities serve a valuable purpose for individuals and families affected by Ataxia;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Atkinson, as the Mayor of the Village of North Syracuse, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 25th, 2014, as ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY in the Village of North Syracuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and have caused the seal of the Village of North Syracuse to be affixed hereto this 11th day of September in the year 2014.

RESOLUTION # 187-14

APPOINT ALTERNATE TO ZONING BOARD (5) YEAR TERM

The Board received communication of a vacancy in the Zoning Board. Jim Baker, Zoning Board Chairman, was tasked to bring forth a replacement recommendation. He has recommended Dave Robinson to serve as an Alternate to the Zoning Board. Mayor Mark Atkinson expressed that he knew Dave Robinson back when Dave was a Colonel and believes that he will be a productive member of the Zoning Board. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to appoint Dave Robinson to serve as an Alternate to the Zoning Board for a 5 year term, expiring on July 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.



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RESOLUTION # 188-14

DISCUSS/MODIFY CELL TOWER LANGUAGE IN THE VILLAGE CODE

The Board received correspondence from our legal and codes department as it related to Cell Towers. This Village Code focused on a system that had engaged in services with Municipal Solutions, an Engineering Firm known for professional guidance with cell towers and co-locations. We are in the process of reviewing this. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to set a public hearing for Thursday, October 9th, at 6:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 189-14

**DISCUSS/APPROVE N. SYRACUSE FIRE DEPT. BUDGET FY 15/16 FOR
SUBMITTAL TO TOWNS**

The Board has been copied on the Budget received from the Fire Department and costs associated with this department. Fire Chief Ellis expanded that he was tasked by the Towns to reduce general costs by 5% and to stay within a 2% cap from the Supervisors Office; overall reflecting a 2% decrease to the towns in the operating budget. He went on to say that there was a strategic review of stations, vehicle replacements, capital expenditures, and wants versus needs of the Fire Department. This does not figure in LOSAP. It was noted that the LOSAP costs are continually increasing; this year alone they added on (9) new members. Deputy Mayor Henry added that he reviewed all line items of the budget with Fire Chief Ellis and he is satisfied with the budget. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve the North Syracuse Fire Department budget FY 15/16. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 190-14

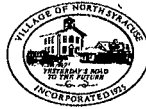
**APPROVE OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR
STORAGE OF SALT/SAND AT NYS DOT**

The Board has received the agreement, identical to last year's for the salt and sand storage for the upcoming snow season. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the shared service agreement for October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 191-14

APPROVE SEQR FOR NYS ECON. DEV. APPLICATION FOR LONERGAN PARK

The Board received a request from our Engineers to sign a SEQR agreement should the Al Stirpe Grant be approved for Lonergan Park. The SEQR is a document outlining there will be no negative environmental impact to the site or adjacent area. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to allow Mayor Mark Atkinson to submit a SEQR to the County. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.



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ATTORNEY REPORT: Absent.

ENGINEERING REPORT: No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Crowell spoke of conducting successful training with all Police Officers. He remarked that Officer Chimber, the newest Police Officer, earned high marks during training. The Chief also spoke of Officer Quill's transition from part-time to full-time was seamless.

Fire Department: Chief Ellis reported that the new "state of the art" airpicks are now in service in all vehicles and are in use. He spoke of how this safety equipment will save the taxpayers over \$200,000. He went on to thank all members for their assistance during the (7) weeks of training, the committee and line officers, for this project from start to finish, which ultimately resulted in this grant. Safety day will take place on October 4th, 2014, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Highway Department: Gary finished another round of brush pick up. He has been working on the deck and the Kennedy Pool project. Mayor Mark Atkinson thanked him for his efforts in the pool area which will save the Village a grand deal of funds.

Parks & Recreation: Teresa spoke of a meeting between Gary, Environmental Paving Solutions, and herself. A sample area was completed and it looks good but unfortunately the cost of the project is higher than expected. Teresa reminded of upcoming recreational events: beginning Monday, September 15th adult basketball will take place every Monday through May 2015; fall yoga program is underway; there are vacancies still in the Driver's Safety Course next week; on October 23rd flu shot clinic 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; and Halloween party for Village Youth October 24th at St. Rose.

Codes: Updated that Mr. Spring removed the propane from property. She spoke of the incident with the eighteen year old girl that hit gas instead of the brake and hit the Papa Johns' building. She also spoke of the resident that needed to paint his house and he set his house on fire when attempting to remove paint with a blow torch. She continued to say that Mr. Second's that was removing asbestos without a permit from the Village; they only had paperwork from the State, but they did finally come in to the Village for the appropriate paperwork. Sam Raimas will be opening his podiatry business in the Village and she is working on final inspections.



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Clerk/Treasurer – Dianne noted that 102 South Main Street is being painted. She is pleased to report that retirement is going down 1.6% for Police and Fire Department and 1.5% for employees over the next 2 years. She has a new intern named Amber that has been working two days per week. Free WiFi is being installed in Village Hall – more to follow.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: Expressed his condolences to the Wilmer family on the loss of their matriarch.

Trustee Ferguson: Reminded that the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, December 8th, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Community Center. He also questioned if we should contact Home Depot regarding the use of our Home Depot card in light of the recent news story that there has been a breach of credit card security. Dianne will send an email to Home Depot to inquire if there is anything we need to do.

Trustee Butterfield: Inquired regarding E-Z Paving and when they can begin once the signed contract is in place. Amy Franco responded that she expects it to be very soon and the work shall commence soon after.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of encouraging all to reflect on the events of September 11th, 2001, today marks its 13th anniversary of the horrible event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION # 192-14

APPROVE MOBILE BLAST AWAY INCREASE IN PRICE

Teresa spoke of the Board previously approved motion of up to \$4,000 to Mobile Blast Away. Upon beginning the project, Mobile Blast Away, reported that they will require an additional \$2,800 to complete the job, or else they will walk away from the job. Teresa requested that the Board approve to pay up to an additional \$2,800 for Mobile Blast Away to complete the job (up to \$6,800 total). Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve an additional payment of up to \$2,800 upon completion of the job. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mark Atkinson stated that the negotiations with Teamsters 317 are being finalized and expects this will be discussed in the next board meeting. He recently attended a meeting with the CSEA union due to a grievance that was filed labor grievance against him. He went on to state today he attended the SMTC Church Street meeting with Amy Franco. He has been working with Jeanne Gleisner, a



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representative of the Central New York Planning Board, on the Complete Streets Plan combined with a plan for re-greening the Village through eco or habitat networks. 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). Mayor Mark Atkinson affirmed he is still trying to get approval for the paving project and the realigning of the bike paths to coincide. There is a Solar Summit coming up on Tuesday, October 14th that is an Energy Initiative to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Syracuse. He reiterated that it is in the best interest of the Village to keep all of the businesses aware of the upcoming construction on Route 11 as it may interfere with their entrances and exits. He concluded that the Route 11 and South Bay Road project in the spring of 2015 will make the Village a better and safer place than ever before.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer