

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, October 9th, 2014 @ 6:29 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:29 PM with Mayor Mark Atkinson inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing # 01:

Mayor Atkinson began by stating that this Public Hearing is being held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider modification of the Telecommunication Towers Code of the Village Chapter 213 and to discuss adopting Local Law # 4 of 2014 to amend Village code section 213-7.

Mayor Atkinson stated that the Board was copied on the proposed legislation that provides an exclusion to Village Code 213-7 – that “Facilities of not more than ten (10) feet in height as measured from the ground or any structures upon which such facility is located.” He explained that the previous code was in place a while back that was initiated due to the Village having an agreement with a “Cell Tower Engineering Firm – Municipal Solutions” that passed on fees that were passed on to the applicants. This is no longer in place – therefore, enabling this exclusion. Mayor Atkinson asked if there were any questions for this public hearing. Village Attorney Chatfield affirmed he wrote the legislation in accordance to the Board and Codes Enforcement Officer. Mayor Atkinson asked if there was anyone for or against, three times, and closed the public hearing at 6:32 PM.

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

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

RESOLUTION # 204-14

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25th, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.



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RESOLUTION # 205 -14

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 09 in the amount of \$90,474.86 covering voucher # 523 to voucher # 583. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 206 -14

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to transfer \$3,090.30 from A3389P Department of Justice Armored Vests to A3120.419 Police Department Armored Vests. This is revenue received from Department of Justice and the transfer is to allow for an increase in the Police Line item to purchase and offset costs of new vests. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITIZENS' VOICE: Darlene Piper of 106 ½ Northfield Drive asked for feedback about the email she sent to the Mayor regarding the proposed tree plantings at the Spring Storage facility location on Bear Road. Mayor Atkinson replied that he acted on her email and contacted the North Syracuse School Superintendent's office. Mrs. Piper interjected that she also contacted the same. Mrs. Piper asked if the trees will be planted. Mayor Atkinson replied that he is in possession of their school district board meeting minutes which discuss the tree planting issue in question. He said that per all the materials received, and his contact with the School Superintendent's office, he believes the trees will in fact be planted. Mayor Atkinson thanked Mrs. Piper for her feedback.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS MODIFICATIONS FOR 5624 BEAR ROAD – "C-2 A SELF STORAGE"

Mayor Atkinson recalled this topic from the last Board Meeting whereas TDK Engineering, representing Gary Spring of Spring Storage Facility distributed a handout and read aloud their concerns and what their focus was for this parcel which differs from the original plan submitted back in 2008. It was decided collectively as a Board to review the content and provide any feedback to the Mayor's office by this meeting to make a response to their request. Mayor Atkinson said at the last meeting he asked if any trustees were interested in doing something to change the code in order to accommodate the revised business plan to contact him directly. Mayor Atkinson said one Board Member did make such contact with him. That aside, Mayor Atkinson expressed that his opinion remains unchanged; he does not feel that our code should be amended or changed. Deputy Mayor Henry said that he spoke to Joe Durand, Village Attorney Chatfield, and Mr. Spring to brainstorm a solution. Deputy Mayor Henry continued that our local law indicates that for Mr. Spring to do the business he wants to do, it must be housed in a building. Mr. Spring has explored his options to see if he wants to build a building for this purpose. Mayor Atkinson reaffirmed that it is clear no action from



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the Board is needed at this time. Mayor Atkinson then addressed Mr. Durand directly and advised that if at any point in time if TDK Engineering has a plan or idea, they can have the Planning Commission review the proposal if it's an accessory the business such as vehicle rental as an accessory to storage. Village Attorney Chatfield expanded that in the C2 zone, rental facilities are of permissible use. However, one of the requirements is that any vehicles of that business are to be enclosed in a showroom. He continued that the applicant is analyzing cost/benefit and he may or may not proceed. Trustee Butterfield asked if C-2A is automatically part of C-2. Village Attorney Chatfield confirmed that any use of C-2 is also permissible in C-2A. Mr. Durand thanked the Mayor for his efforts regarding the plantings at the school. Trustee Butterfield asked Mr. Durand if there has been continued construction and if phase one is complete. Mr. Durand replied that all construction is on hold. Trustee Ferguson asked Mr. Durand if they are going to exclude all personal vehicles, boats, trailers, and related equipment stored on the property. Mr. Durand says his client is still reviewing the options in consideration so as to be compliant with the code. Trustee Ferguson said that he spoke to the Principal of the school in question and said that the buffer zone is going in. Mr. Durand affirmed he received an email to that effect. Trustee Butterfield said the fence is not complete and asked Mr. Durand if the fence will be completed for security purposes. Mr. Durand said he says he is working with his client about finishing that part. Trustee Linnertz reminded the Board about the email he sent to them, reaffirming that he does not think the Board should change the philosophy of the Village to accommodate one business. Mr. Durand added that his client was forewarned by the Village from the beginning. Mr. Durand thanked the Board for their patience and time.

RESOLUTION # 207-14 **MODIFY VILLAGE CODE – TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS CHAPTER 213**

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to adopt Local Law # 4 for 2014 that amends Village Code Section 213-7 Exclusions: Adding "F" – "Facilities of not more than ten (10) feet in height as measured from the ground or any structures upon such facility is located". The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 208-14 **DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR CNY STORMWATER COALITION**

Mayor Atkinson acknowledged the Board received the new agreement for 2015. He explained that this annual agreement with the CNY regional Planning and Development Board enables the Village to comply with the mandated requirements that we face with the global assistance of 27-30 other municipalities whereas they all group together to ease the burden of the cost. He continued to say that our fee is the same as the city of Syracuse; although based on our per capita, he believes we should pay less. He referenced that the \$3,600 fee is based on the average of how many



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municipalities are in the coalition. Mayor Atkinson stated he feels that we need to pay this as this service is valued and we need their expertise. Trustee Butterfield made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with CNY Stormwater Coalition for \$3,600 covering January 1, 2015 thru December 31st, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Village Engineer Franco spoke of the Streetscape project that began on Wednesday, October 8th but unfortunately it did not begin in the location that we expected. She surmises that their intention was to “get the worst done first”. Mayor Atkinson interjected that we must be informed of the correct scheduled plan in order to appropriately be prepared to assist the local businesses. Village Engineer Franco continued that she submitted a change order request proposal for the additional conduit for the rest of the street lights because it was removed from the project as well as the stamped concrete section the Board wants to pursue.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Crowell reported that they successfully finished CERT training. The Training Committee will be meeting soon to discuss topics for next year.

Highway Department: Gary reported that the salt and sand budget is going up by 18% for the county and state contract. He explained it is based on a supply and demand.

Parks & Recreation: Parks Director Roth said the pool was covered last week and the pool deck has been added. She reminded of upcoming recreational events: October 23rd flu shot clinic 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Halloween party for Village Youth October 24th at St. Rose; Pet Pageant on October 26th; Driver’s Safety Course mid-November.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Ellis apologized for his tardiness. He said he was at the services for Cicero Police Officer Wayne Galutz. Despite the rain, Safety Day was a huge success. DPW was instrumental in the set up process. There was much local and public business support. He continued that yesterday he was in attendance of an award ceremony where Firefighters Aaron Caza and Warren Darby received the Hank Boynton Award. This award is given to those that “demonstrate a dedication to fire prevention and safety through outstanding leadership, initiative, or donation of resources.” Fire Chief Ellis added that Mr. Caza spearheads Safety Day and does much of our public education.



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Codes: Codes Enforcement Officer DiCarlo reported on a M&T Bank accident whereas an elderly couple hit the window of the building. She assured that everyone is fine. She continued that a Vietnamese noodle house will be going into Bear station near Harbor Freight. She met with Water Authority to make sure everything is up to code.

Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk Treasurer Kufel reported Syracuse University intern is doing a complete report with pictures of the Streetscape project. She continued to speak about a process we may have to go through to collect the extreme winter recovery monies. She added that she will be attending a webinar on the Tax Freeze detailing the tax rebates going back to the constituents.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: Reaffirmed that Safety Day was successful.

Trustee Fergerson: Reminded that the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, December 8th, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Community Center.

Trustee Butterfield: No report.

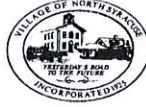
Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of attending the Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting on behalf of the Mayor and he was impressed with the technological plan. He also commanded Fire Chief Ellis on the success of Fire Safety Day.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Atkinson spoke of Fred Wilmer's recovery. He said Fred is making progress. He asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts.

Mayor Atkinson mentioned that the accident at M&T Bank and Papa John's Pizza where motorists' have ran into the building. He stressed that these illustrate reasons the ingress and egress changes under the Streetscape Plan are so important for safety. Mayor Atkinson said that Teamsters 317 negotiations are almost complete. He encouraged department heads that are interested in learning how solar energy initiatives can benefit the Village to attend the upcoming Solar Summit on Tuesday, October 14th. This is an Energy Initiative to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Syracuse.

He also reminded everyone that there are two events on Saturday, October 18th, 2014: Chicken BBQ at Fire Department Station 1 by the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Fighters and the Ladies Auxiliary.



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The Ladies Auxiliary begins at 11:00 AM until sold out.

He reported that the Holiday Party will take place at the VFW on Friday, December 5th, 2014 at 5:00 PM. It will be a nice time to get together, relax, and have fun outside the work environment.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer