



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, October 23rd, 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 Deputy Mayor Henry inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

RESOLUTION # 209-14

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9th, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 210 -14

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 10 in the amount of \$84,813.18 covering voucher # 584 to voucher # 641. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Linnertz, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 211 -14

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 10 in the amount of \$55.00 covering voucher # 4. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: None



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NEW BUSINESS:

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APPROVE DPW PART-TIME LABORER FOR LEAF SEASON

The Board received a memo from DPW Superintendent Wilmer explaining the need to hire on an additional part-time employee or assistance with leaf pickup due to some illnesses his department is experiencing. He explained that this would be only for 11 weeks. Trustee Linnertz affirmed to table into Executive session pending an employment issue.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Village Engineer Franco spoke of still waiting for DOT approval for a traffic pattern modification in reference to the Village Center Streetscape Project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Absent.

Highway Department: DPW Superintendent Wilmer reported that his department picked up 123 tons of bulk waste year-to-date for a cost of approximately \$9,000.

Parks & Recreation: Parks Director Roth reminded about Halloween party for Village Youth October 24th at St. Rose of Lima Church.

Fire Department: Absent.

Codes: Codes Enforcement Officer DiCarlo reported that the Primerano residence at 215-217 South Bay Road has been sold and Liberty Gas is almost complete with their follow-up on the violations they were issued.

Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk Treasurer Kufel explained that she had taken a webinar this morning about the Tax Freeze and the Tax Cap which detailed some of the new pre-requisites that we will all be facing in order for the taxpayers to receive rebate checks. She continued to speak regarding the letter from the Town of Clay Supervisor, Damian Ulatowski, requesting that the Fire Department try to adhere to a 1.56% tax increase. To better define this, as there was some confusion, the law states that homeowners will receive a rebate check if the Town/Village remains under the 2% tax increase



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or the "rate of inflation" - whichever is less. In this case, the rate of inflation was 1.56%; therefore, the Town of Clay Supervisor had requested that the Fire Dept./Fire Districts try to remain under this threshold. She continued to say that a rebate check is being mailed out this Fall (2014) for a rebate on the school portion of taxes, **only**. In 2015, rebate checks will be sent out for the Town and Village if they comply with the criteria to allow this. Clerk Treasurer Kufel concluded that more information will follow about this; but she noted that an important detail that came from the webinar is that Villages and Towns have to have an efficiency plan and it must be received by the Comptrollers' Office by June 2015. It was explained that any questions regarding this need be directed to the "Department of Budget".

MAYOR'S REPORT

Absent.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: No report.

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.

Trustee Butterfield: Expressed concern with the timeframe to complete the Streetscape Project as progress has been slow. He recommended to only do the west side heading north until all of the west side is complete; and hold off on the east side until spring. Furthermore, he asked about leaving the sidewalk at Sears Middleton Funeral Home (Pirro), and Dog Massage Place because they are fairly new and in good shape.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Deputy Mayor Henry spoke of Fred Wilmer's recovery. He said Fred is home now and making progress in his recovery.

He reported that the Streetscape Project continues and mentioned the DOT permit regarding the traffic pattern change in the center, without rerouting the traffic.

He reminded 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 of the work environment.



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Trustee Linnertz made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss an employment issue. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same. The Board went into Executive Session at 4:43 PM.

The Board returned to regular session at 4:45 PM.

RESOLUTION # 212 -14

APPROVE DPW PART-TIME LABORER FOR LEAF SEASON

Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to approve James Terranova as a part-time Laborer for leaf season not to exceed 11 weeks at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:47 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Linnertz, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer