



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, December 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 Mayor Mark Atkinson inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Gary Butterfield, and Trustee Fred Ferguson. Trustee Paul Linnertz is absent due to family commitment.

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

RESOLUTION # 232-14

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. Deputy Mayor Henry excused himself from voting because he was absent from the aforementioned Board Meeting. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Trustee Butterfield and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 233 -14

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 15 in the amount of \$103,690.58 covering voucher # 835 to voucher # 891. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 234 -14

CAPITAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 15 in the amount of \$263,594.18 covering voucher # 2. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.



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RESOLUTION # 235 -14

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 15 in the amount of \$30,000 covering voucher # 1. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Ferguson all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 236-14

APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Atkinson acknowledged the Board received information from Police Chief Crowell on the hiring of a new Police Officer. Matthew Rougeau has passed all the required background checks and is a Village resident. Rougeau would serve the capacity of a full-time Police Officer to replace Mike Quill, who had replaced Rocco DePerno. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to appoint Matthew Rougeau as a full-time Police Officer effective Monday, January 5th, 2015, at a starting salary of \$38,627.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same. Police Chief Crowell added that Rougeau will be on employment probation for 18 months; he will start the Police Academy on January 12th and will begin a 12-week Field Training Program on February 2nd, 2015.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Village Attorney Chatfield reminded the Board that during the Executive Session on Thursday, December 11th, 2014, the Board discussed, but did not formally adopt, the proposed determination on the Police Officer's appeal. If the Board agrees with the proposed determination it needs to be formally adopted and sent to the Officer and Attorney.

RESOLUTION # 237-14

DISCIPLINARY ACTION VILLAGE EMPLOYEE

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to adopt the proposed Resolution which the Board has reviewed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson, and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

EXHIBIT A

The determination attached hereto was duly adopted by the Village Board on December 23, 2014.



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ENGINEER REPORT: Absent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No report.

Highway Department: DPW Superintendent Wilmer wished everyone a happy holiday.

Parks & Recreation: Parks Director Roth reminded that there is a Blood Drive on Monday, December 29th from 3:00 – 8:00 PM at the Community Center.

Codes: Codes Enforcement Officer DiCarlo reported that the gentlemen that owns the donut business down at the regional marketplace is considering moving into highway oil.

Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk Treasurer Kufel met with Onondaga Purchasing representative Christine Congdon to see if we can save on other items such as fuel and health insurance premium, liability insurance, and trash hauling. Onondaga Purchasing was particularly interested in our fuel usage (gas and diesel) purchasing. Clerk Treasurer Kufel provided her with information of our fuel usage from 2009-2014, which averages \$58,000 - \$79,000 per year. They also discussed other large yearly expenditures such as health insurance premium that averages \$425,000, liability insurance at \$200,000, and trash hauling \$380,000. She felt it would be advantageous for this to be reviewed. Congdon provided the Village with a list of buyers for different commodities which she will in turn distribute to the Department Heads.

Fire Department: Absent.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Fergerson: Corrected an error in the Public Safety Meeting minutes from December 8th, the number of Police incidents should be 10,000. He said the next Public Safety meeting will take place on March 2nd, 2015 at 4:00 PM. Mayor Atkinson expressed his appreciation for Trustee Fergerson's leadership in the Public Safety Meeting and the importance of having an outlet for residents to express safety concerns to our Officials.

Trustee Butterfield: Said there are two requests for electronic signs along Route 11. He has reached out to Codes Enforcement Officer DiCarlo to regenerate our sign committee and fine tune the



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regulations. He said one of the requests is for Lonergan Park and the other is for a local church. Mayor Atkinson said the VFW is also looking to gain an electronic sign.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Praised Parks Director Roth for the success of the well-attended Holiday Parade and wished everyone a safe holiday.

Trustee Linnertz: Absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION # 238-14

APPROVAL TEAMSTERS 317 AGREEMENT 6/01/13 – 5/31/18

Mayor Atkinson recalled that in the last Board Meeting that took place on December 11th he tabled the discussion of the Teamsters 317 agreement because there were some mathematical errors on the contract. He went on to say that the contract has now been updated and corrected to his satisfaction. He asserted that this contract will save the Village funds and finds it acceptable as presented. Trustee Butterfield said that the contract negotiations in question have been exhaustive and challenging. Mayor Atkinson added that under the proposed agreement we will save money on insurance and amount of leave that can be sold back in retirement and at the end of every year. Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to authorize Mayor Atkinson to sign the Teamsters 317 agreement from 6/01/13 – 5/31/18. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Mayor Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield all in favor of the same.

Mayor Atkinson went on to say that he will be extending invitations to particular individuals to become committee member in the Complete Streets / Re-greening Grant initiative and which will meet four to five times in 2015.

He continued that he is exploring a shared service agreement with Clay and Cicero regarding Animal Control.

He reported an update in the Church Street Study that is still in process. There will be a meeting in February or March 2015, and a Public Meeting will be held and a final recommendation will be made.

He mentioned that Village Attorney Chatfield and Clerk Treasurer Kufel met with the auditors on the Firefighters Retirement Plan sponsored through VFIS. The preliminary review indicates that a few modifications to our plan "criteria" must be made to coincide with General Municipal Law as far as



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the point system. This will be discussed more in depth at a later date. He concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year's, and reminded that the information regarding the trash pick-up delay are posted on the website.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:43 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Mayor Atkinson, and Deputy Mayor Henry, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer