

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26th, 2015 @ 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 Chuck Henry inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Crowell, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

RESOLUTION # 048-15

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12th, 2015 Board Meeting. Trustee Fergerson noted that in the first draft received, the word "the" was misspelled, and has since been corrected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Fergerson, Trustee Butterfield, Deputy Mayor Henry, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 049 -15

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 21 in the amount of \$86,094.53 covering Voucher # 1187 to Voucher # 1261. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Fergerson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 050 -15

DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF CLAY

The Board received a copy of the agreement; this has been discussed at a few different meetings under "Old Business". Deputy Mayor Henry said we had a unique system that was working for us with



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a reliable individual. However, she has recently acquired a full-time job elsewhere during the day, and is no longer available. He continued that the aforementioned agreement will assist us with this service offered by the Village as well as a shared service that will hopefully save us some funds as well as the Towns. He noted that Cicero is also a part of this agreement. This is an ongoing agreement that is never-ending until such time either party wishes to cancel and a vote is taken by the legislative body of the Town, or Village. Trustee Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with an effective date of April 1st, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 051 -15 **SET DATE FOR 2015 VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE – MAY 16TH AND 17TH**

Deputy Mayor Henry said this event takes place annually and residents are exempt from applying for a permit from the Codes Department only for this specific event. Trustee Ferguson made a motion to set the date for the Village Wide Garage Sale to be on May 16th and 17th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Trustee Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Absent.

ENGINEER REPORT: Village Engineer Franco noted that EZ Paving would like to start the second phase of the Streetscape Project on Monday, March 30th. At this time she does not have their schedule and she informed them that a schedule is required prior to starting work. She will make sure they begin on the Gertrude Street end. She continued that National Grid will be moving services over next week in the same time frame. Deputy Mayor Henry asked if poles are being moved. Village Engineer Franco responded that this time only wires are being moved.

She noted that two (2) separate Community Development applications have been submitted for the "sidewalk on Main Street" and the "lighting" on March 23rd. The Quality of Life Grant applications will be submitted tomorrow for Centerville and Heritage Park.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Police Chief Crowell thanked DPW Department for their assistance in helping the Police Department get ready for the upcoming accreditation. He also thanked Parks Director Roth for taking the time to teach and certify the entire Police Department in CPR/AED. Deputy Mayor Henry



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asked if each patrol car is equipped with AED equipment. Police Chief Crowell replied that there are two AEDs at the moment and he is working on budgeting to purchase more AEDs so that all patrol cars are equipped with this.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Ellis noted that Engine 8 is back from rehab.

Highway Department: No report.

Parks & Recreation Department: Parks Director Roth promoted the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at the Community Center and the Bunny Breakfast will follow the next day; residents must register through their office. She continued that Arbor Day is Friday, April 24th at Memorial Park where we will honor Geraldine Gardner who passed away in a car accident in the Village. She went on to say that Earth Day for the Village is on April 25th and she is looking for volunteers to assist with this event. She also noted that a local Girl Scout Troop will be holding a cookie drive-thru at the Community Center on April 3rd and 10th.

Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk Treasurer Kufel reported that she is working in the budget and has distributed the second model for the budget. There was a 1.9% increase but we are still under the threshold for the tax cap. She said the Mayor will be reaching out soon regarding the next step required by Trustees and Department Heads.

Codes Department: Absent.

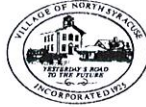
DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Fergerson: He concluded that next Public Safety meeting will take place on June 1st, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

Trustee Linnertz: Noted that although he was not at the previous meeting where the Kitchen Remodel was approved, he was pleased to confirm that the stove was removed from the plans as this was a fire safety concern.

Trustee Butterfield: Said the Complete Streets/Re-Greening Committee has met and their second meeting is scheduled for May. He continued that the Sign Committee has been meeting regularly and will be meeting soon to present a proposed code change.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Thanked all the businesses who have contributed to the flower donations. He attended a Consensus Meeting wherein a review of possible duplication of government services is



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being assessed. At this meeting it was recognized some of the challenges the Village face from broader Government. There is another meeting taking place tomorrow which he will attend. At the end of this year a report regarding government services and suggestions for change will be given to Governor Cuomo's office. He also attended the monthly NYCOM meeting. Although the Governor's office was expected to attend they did not; but a representative of Land Bank was in attendance and gave an informative speech.

He recalled that the 2nd Model of the Budget reflects a 1.9% increase. He said the Mayor thoroughly reviewed, met with each Department Head, made some cuts, and feels this is good budget. The Mayor has requested each Trustee to review and ask any questions to each Department Head; he has requested any and all concerns to be sent to him by Friday, April 3rd.

He promoted Meals On Wheels Pasta night on Thursday March 26th: \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door.

VFW will be having an open house on April 25th from 1:00 – 5:00 PM to welcome the newly refurbished upstairs banquet room.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Absent

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:44 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Butterfield, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer