

Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
January 10th, 2013 at 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 to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Fred Fergerson, Trustee Paul Linnertz, Trustee Gary Butterfield were present.

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Ass't. Fire Chief Chris Strong, DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Codes Enforcement Officer Pamela DiCarlo.

RESOLUTION # 206-13

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13th, 2012 Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 207-13

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$115,637.93 covering voucher #840 to voucher #893; the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 208-13

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Fergerson made a motion to approve the Sewer Abstract # 16 in the amount of \$2,367.30. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No one responded.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION FROM PREVENTION NETWORK REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor Atkinson explained that we had a visitor from Tobacco Free Onondaga County, Elizabeth Toomey, and introduced her. She explained that she works for an agency called Prevention Network and heads a program called Reality Check. This program is geared towards teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 attempting to fight back against the marketing tactics to get young people to start smoking. She also had another representative from Tobacco Free Onondaga County. The main purpose of their presentation was for the Point of Sale of tobacco products in the local gas stations,



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drugstores, etc. Elizabeth spoke of a recent act that was passed a few years ago by President Obama; an act in place that local municipalities can take action by themselves rather than going through the State and Federal Government to protect their communities about tobacco marketing. She explained that this is what they are presenting here tonight and did a complete presentation on statistics as well as “point of sale” that is currently out there in our community. Elizabeth said the purpose of their visit is to try and protect our young community from the marketing tactics. Pam asked if anyone has implemented this yet in Onondaga County and they responded that they are just beginning these presentations and as of yet, no one has. The Mayor thanked them for their presentation and requested some time to absorb the content and handouts. He also requested a short recess so that they could take down their powerpoint equipment.

RESOLUTION # 209-13 APPROVE BACK-UP/FILL-IN ANIMAL CONTROL-VAC RELIEF

The Mayor explained that we have a permanent part-time animal control person, although this would act as a fill-in for our permanent part-time position if a need should arise. Mayor Atkinson requested to appoint Barbara Chiarizia who currently works part-time up in the Town of Cicero, on an as needed fill-in person, at \$15.00/hr. for a minimum of 2 hours per call. Trustee Ferguson made a motion confirming this appointment. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 210-13 APPROVE/AUTH. THE 2013 CICERO FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Mayor Atkinson spoke of the distribution of the 2013 Cicero Fire Protection Agreement to the Board and asked them to review. The Mayor requested a motion authorizing him to sign the 2013 Cicero Fire Protection Agreement in the amount of \$242,475 and additionally for \$18,278 for the LOSAP/Service Award Program. Trustee Butterfield made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Cicero Fire Protection Agreement in the amount of \$242,475 and additionally \$18,278 for the LOSAP/Service Award Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #211-13 EST. BY RESOLUTION THE POLLING LOCATION AND TIME
FOR THE JUNE 18TH, 2013 ELECTION**

At a regular scheduled Board Meeting held on January 10th, 2013 the following resolution was offered by Mayor Mark Atkinson and seconded by Trustee Ferguson and the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to establish the North Syracuse Community Center, located at 700 South Bay Road in the Village of North Syracuse as the polling place for the June 18th, 2013 elections; polls will be open from 12 PM (noon) until 9:00 PM. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

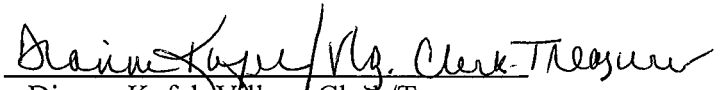


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Certification of Vote:

Mayor Mark Atkinson	voting Aye
Deputy Mayor Charles Henry	voting Aye
Trustee Gary Butterfield	voting Aye
Trustee Fred Ferguson	voting Aye
Trustee Paul Linnertz	voting Aye

Date: 01/16/13


Dianne Kufel, Village Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION #212-13: APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS NEW RESCUE 3/REPLACE 1996

Mayor Atkinson spoke of a memo that was sent out from the Fire Dept. explaining the details of this new vehicle. The Mayor further suggested directing any questions regarding the specifications to Assistant Chief Strong as he could answer them best. Trustee Ferguson reconfirmed that the existing Rescue 3 would become Rescue 5 and the new vehicle would be a Rescue 3. He further suggested that perhaps to save money, the new vehicle could just be the Rescue 5; Assistant Chief Strong thought this may be a viable solution. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize the specifications as presented and purchase a 2013 Ford Expedition off of the state bid contract for \$33,304. Trustee Linnertz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Chatfield mentioned (2) training programs for Planning and Zoning members that are being held in the spring. He continued to say that all Planning, Zoning and Legislative Boards are encouraged to attend.

ENGINEERING REPORT: No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT:

Police Department: Chief Crowell spoke of one of his officers receiving an award from the Traffic Safety Board – Officer Tripp. He spoke of the Village Beat notification regarding the AED's and has worked with Dianne to create a new revenue account for donations to the Village for this valuable program.

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Strong reminded everyone of the importance of keeping the hydrants open and accessible. Thanked DPW Sup't. for his crew and help keeping the hydrants open. The Mayor suggested discussing this at the staff meeting, identifying them, and send out a reminder of the sort.



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Highway Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke of his department being busy keeping snow off the streets and sidewalks. He continued to say that they have plowed 600 miles so far which translates into 150 ton of salt so far. Gary spoke of (6) years ago they had done the same amount of miles but much more salt - 350 ton. They have cut back quite a bit, crediting much of it on the cost effective computerized equipment releasing the salt. He also mentioned his men have been busy working on the maintenance of the vehicles and some remaining cold patching.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth thanked the Board for authorizing the renovations at the Community Center. They finished this week. She continued to say that the baseboards and chair rails are done. She has received many compliments from groups that use the facility regularly. She spoke of a meeting she had today with CNY Parks whereas they are trying to do a co-op/shared service relating to background checks; many municipalities to join in to obtain a reduced rate. A presentation will be done in a few weeks.

Codes Department: Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo spoke of the canopy at the AAK Gas Station and the repair work should be done by the end of tomorrow. She continued to say that the renovations at 102 N. Main Street are coming along nicely and coming together. She also spoke of Centerville Court having just about finished their community center renovations.

Clerk/Treasurer: Dianne Kufel spoke of her department being busy and instrumental with the year end requirements surrounding the W-2's, 1099's and being sure to comply with the new tax charts and tables. She continued to express the significant tax increases forthcoming, as well as the increases in health insurance deductions. She continued to state that she will have the books closed for December 31st and this will enable the budget worksheets to be initiated to start up the budget process.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Linnertz: spoke of a structure fire on Main Street at the Gino's Original Cheesesteaks. He commended the Fire Dept. for doing a great job maintaining and controlling the fire to one-half of this building – there is a pizza shop and a sandwich shop. He continued to say that it did not spread over to the beauty salon. The Mayor commented on the age of the structure as being built in 1945. The Mayor also commented on a nice job and asked Assistant Chief Strong to pass this on to the Fire Dept.

Trustee Ferguson: spoke of the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, March 4th at 5:00 PM at the Fire Dept. - Station 1. He also spoke of a complaint that was referred to him regarding speeding cars on South Bay Road and he has turned this over to the Police Chief.

Trustee Butterfield: No Report



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Deputy Mayor Henry: spoke of looking back at 2012 whereas many good things have happened. He continued to say that he looks forward to 2013 and sees good things happening in this new year.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Atkinson spoke of the Main Street Grant Application we submitted, referred to as Rural Area Revitalization Projects Grant, specifically for the Old Post Office building. We were informed that we did not receive this for (2) reasons, and he did not feel they were sufficient. He will have a follow-up meeting on Friday, January 11th with Mary Burgoon of CHA to discuss this and have an exit conference. The Mayor also spoke of the new 2013 Community Development Package that will need to be submitted and a Public Hearing will be held on the plans for these monies. He revisited how the Village acquired the 2012 Comm. Dev. monies and coupled them with the Save the Rain Grant, to be used for Centerville Park Improvements. He asked the Board and Dept. Heads to revisit the (5) year plan and gather thoughts as to the best fit for this application. We are not locked into the (5) year plan. The Mayor spoke of himself and the attorney are still working with the Real Estate Firm regarding Gateway Park Drive. It appears they may want a bit more regarding the appraisal. The Mayor also mentioned the 2nd Phase of the Save the Rain Grant. This is basically a grant for keeping the rain out of the storm drains. He requested if anyone has ideas for this 2nd phase to talk to him about it. Gary Wilmer is quite familiar where the wet spots in the Village are. The Mayor made mention of the new front entranceway that was completed this week. It is cost effective and energy efficient. The office staff has noticed a considerable improvement. This is energy saving and well worth the money. The Mayor continued to say that he will be attending the legislative conference in February with Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. NYCOM is gearing to meet with the legislators in Albany to voice some of our concerns. The Mayor informed once again on the negotiations for the CSEA. It is basically completed; we are just preparing a clean document as the final version to distribute for approval. We will have one final meeting to review the contract. The improper practice charge has been dropped by the CSEA. The Mayor spoke of a breakfast that he will be attending with Trustee Ferguson for the Onondaga County Fire and Emergency Services on Saturday, February 2nd. He also made mention of the poll question that is on the main page of the website regarding feedback on solicitors in the Village. He continued to speak on the improvements being made at 102 North Main Street – fantastic job, new tile, flooring, boiler, and electrical. The Mayor also mentioned the feather flags in the Village and speaking with Codes, pending the sign committee's determination, allowing business owners to place these for a limited period of time. He would like Codes to note their location. It is a new product and does not want to hurt any businesses out there.



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

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer