

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 14th, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.
North Syracuse Community Center
600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

PUBLIC HEARING #1

Mayor Browning opened the first Public Hearing at 6:25 pm for the purpose of discussing amending Local Law 202-14 to read:

§ 202-14. Placement of snow and ice on streets.

- A. No person shall throw, put or place, or cause to be thrown, put or placed any snow or ice into any street, public place or thoroughfare in the Village.
- B. No person shall throw, put or place, or cause to be thrown, put or placed, any snow or ice onto any private property owned by another without that property owner's consent.
- C. The prohibitions contained in this section shall not apply to work conducted by the Village of North Syracuse, the County of Onondaga, or State of New York when removing snow or ice from public highways, public rights-of-way, public places or areas of pedestrian traffic.

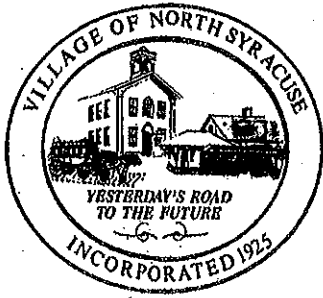
Paul Linnertz of 312 Helen Street said he doesn't understand why there is another public hearing on this issue. He stated "The Board did not vote to have the public hearing and it was not advertised." He said a public hearing was already held and it had been voted on during the March 10th meeting. He further stated that he is opposed to the law. (NOTE: Resolution 049-11 of the March 10th meeting "Public Hearing to further amend local law 202-14")

David Robinson of 163 Slindeswoods Circle in the neighborhood where I live there is a problem moving snow, but most people are able to handle these matters between neighbors, if that isn't possible this would be a good alternative.

No one else approached the microphone so at that time the Mayor asked three times if anyone would like to speak for or against adopting the amended law. There was no reply from those present. Mayor Browning thanked everyone for their comments and concerns. The first public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Mayor Browning opened the second public hearing at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Village of North Syracuse Budget for 2011 – 2012. Mayor Browning turned to Village Treasurer, Dianne Kufel for a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Kufel explained that Onondaga County has taken sales tax from the Towns and Villages which had a major impact on our revenue and allowed the County to decrease their taxes to the Village residents by approximately 7%. However, it left the Village with a deficit of more than \$400,000. The Department Heads have cut everywhere possible; and some very unfavorable decisions have been made. The loss of Sales Tax Revenue had a direct impact on our current budget by approximately \$200,000; although with the new budget for 2011-2012, the Village



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will absorb a loss of approximately \$400,000 of sales tax revenue from the current budget year. The overall increase to each Village taxpayer is 10.5% (the same as whether they reside in the Town of Cicero or the Town of Clay); although allowing and absorbing the savings that each has absorbed with their County/Town bill of 7% - the NET IMPACT or increase realizing both - is approximately 3.1%. Some questions were raised regarding employee benefits and health insurance and definitive contributions for the collective bargaining units. Deputy Mayor Atkinson spoke of the success they had in opening/negotiating two collective bargaining units contracts to absorb increased contributions. The presentation was closed at that time for questions and or comments.

Village of North Syracuse Chief of Police, Tom Connelly stated he wanted to comment on the fact that this budget abolishes two positions in his department. One is Lt. Barlow, an experienced supervisor and proven leader. He stated with his department being manned by more part time people, who are going to require more supervision. "The guys go to him daily for advice." He further stated that he has a Sergeant scheduled to leave for active duty for one year, which she will not receive pay from the Village once her vacation and personal time is exhausted. "So there is money in the budget to keep the Lt. on." He feels it's a bad move to do this now [eliminate the Lt. position] and feels it should be revisited once the Sergeant returns from Afghanistan next year. Mayor Browning said the Board will take that into consideration.

Mayor Browning said "None of us want an increase, but with all the mandates handed down, the retirement fund, the hospitalization, it's unbelievable as you will see when you go home and have more time to look over this budget."

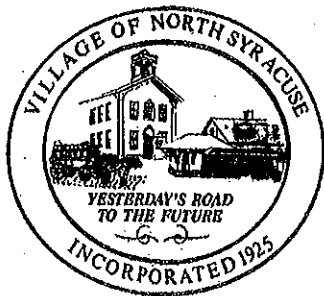
Peter Asternio asked about Employee Benefits, and how much of that is paid by the tax payer? Ms. Kufel responded that health insurance costs and retirement costs have risen each year, and as everyone knows from the current State Budget issues, New York State Retirement System is going to keep going up. As far as the employees contribution to their benefits, Ms. Kufel reported that it comes from four (4) different sources; and is between five and ten percent.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson stated that those facts are the main reason the Village is looking at part time employees, to lessen the burden of these benefits which are increasingly more costly to our budget.

Mr. Asterino said, "so the cost of our police department is about \$900,000. Is that with benefits?" Ms. Kufel stated that that amount did not include their benefits. Why don't we consolidate with the Sheriff's Department like Clay did, it seems to work for them?" He stated that the previous Mayor said it would only save residents \$47. He wondered where he came up with that amount.

Mayor Browning stated the former Mayor did look into it, and she had no idea where that figure came from. However, our police department is one of the "perks" of living in a village that can respond more quickly, and sometimes prevent crimes before they happen because they are so familiar with the people and areas of the community they protect.

Mr. Asterno asked what about the two (2) dispatchers in the Village police department?



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Deputy Mayor Atkinson stated that the numbers the Sheriff's Department gave them, in his opinion, wasn't worth it at all. To lose your local coverage for very little savings, just was not worth it.

Jeff Harris of 202 Watson Road wanted to know why there is such a large jump under the Fire Departments radio and pager account. Ms. Kufel explained he was looking in the wrong column; this budget year (2011 – 2012) is the last column on that page. He apologized.

Mr. Linnertz wanted to know why there was an increase in the Codes Department Budget under personal services.

Mayor Browning responded that we are waiting for a civil service test for our part time officer to take so she can resume all responsibilities, but in the mean time we are sharing services with the Town of Cicero and must pay them for Mr. Dean's services.

Mr. Linnertz said his final comment is regarding raises for the Board, he feels it gives a bad impression when all of the Department Heads are making all these sacrifices and the Board is getting a 3% raise.

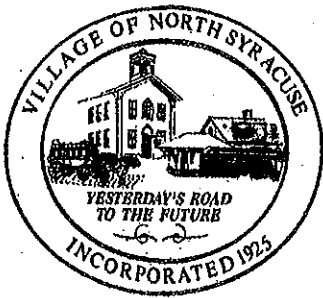
Deputy Mayor Atkinson said he would like to comment on that. "Historically we haven't taken a raise. I've been on the Board, this is my eighth year, I make less now than when I started eight years ago. So every year we've taken 3% away or 6% away and this year it is going up 3% so I am almost where I was when I started eight years ago".

Mayor Browning echoed those same facts, and added that the previous Mayor also made cuts in the Boards salary and she believes they deserve an increase. They have worked pretty hard.

John Hogan of 401 Single Drive said that although he hasn't had time to digest the budget completely, from what he understands from tonight's presentation, the County had a 7% decrease in their taxes and the Village is asking for a 10% increase, why can't it be zero? He suggested that if the Board eliminated their three percent increase, and worked with other departments, that would bring the increase to the tax payer to zero. He stated the Board needs to work harder to get it down to zero. "This is totally unacceptable," he stated.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson responded that the board has worked very hard to get it down to where it is. We lost between 25% and 30% of our revenues based on the County sales tax reorganization. So with that much of our revenue gone, departments slashing their expenditures, a spending moratorium imposed by the Mayor, and we worked with every department and we are bare bones. We started early in the year knowing there would be problems and that's how we were able to cover the 30% shortfall and we will continue to work to get to zero by starting early again next year.

Trustee Butterfield stated that last year the Towns and Villages fought very hard asking the County not to take away the sales tax. The County doesn't have to make the cuts the Town and Village's did because they got a huge increase, something like \$55 million dollars. We have no control over how much we have to contribute to employee benefits. Deputy Mayor Atkinson interjected, "It went from \$20,000 to \$200,000 in one year, due to the NYS Retirement Plan." Mr. Butterfield further stated "we fought with the county and lost, and we have struggled mightily to get this budget where it is from the first model. It's not a pretty picture and it's not



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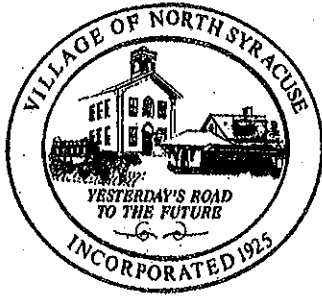
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going to get any better in the years to come.” He stated that the savings we save in the County taxes will go away and then we’ll be worse off than we are now.

Mayor Browning encouraged people to express their concerns and comments to the State Representatives’, just as they have expressed them here tonight. It starts at the top. With all the mandates the State hands down without funding, the harder it is on the local municipalities’.

Trustee Fred Ferguson stated that Ms. Kufel checked with Minoa today and their budget increases taxes 7% with them using \$300,000 from their fund balance; we are only using \$100,000 of ours. Liverpool is going up 27% tax increase this year, netting out at 13% with the County decrease to them. So I think we have done all we can.

Mayor Browning asked three times if anyone else had any questions or comments related to the 2011 – 2012 Village Budget? With no response the Mayor thanked everyone for their comments and questions. The second public meeting was closed at 7:05 p.m.



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Mayor Browning opened the Village of North Syracuse regular Board Meeting at 7:06 p.m. by inviting those present to join in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Diane Browning, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Trustee Fred Ferguson, and Trustee Chuck Henry; ALL PRESENT.

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Village Clerk Christine Pollock, Village Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Jennifer Granzow, Police Chief Tom Connelly, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Strong, Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks & Recreation Director Teresa Roth, Parks and Recreation Clerk, JoAnne Baker, and Deputy Village Clerk Denise Papa.

RESOLUTION 070-11

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve minutes from the March 24th, 2011 Board Meeting, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 071-11

APPROVE GENERAL ABSTRACT #23:

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to General Abstract #23 in the amount of \$77,279 covering voucher #1252 to #1330. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 072-11

BUDGET TRANSFER #1:

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the following transfer. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

03/23/11	FROM:	A5110.11 – Street Maint. Pers. Svcs.-Full Time
\$10,000	TO:	A5142.14 – Snow Removal Pers. Svcs. O.T.

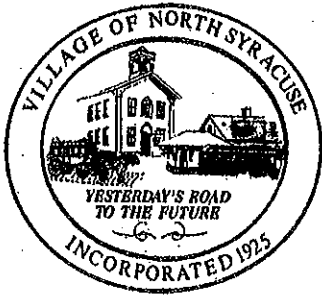
To cover shortage in overtime snow removal. Allocation of time sheet distribution has been changed to snow overtime, rather than (1) Part-time to Full time svcs. to ½ of time to snow overtime.

RESOLUTION 073-11

BUDGET TRANSFER #2:

Trustee Chuck Henry made a motion to approve the following transfer. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

03/23/11	FROM:	A9060.8 – Group Health Ins.
\$27,446.23	TO:	A1930.4 – Judgment & Claims



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Transfer money from Group Health Ins. (savings of reduced staff, increased contributions and composite rate) to Judgment & Claims for the transition/sale of Goldberg's to Stickley.
\$123,800 Assessed Value - \$57,890 \$ 10,200 Assessed Value - \$4,750

RESOLUTION 074-11

BUDGET TRANSFER #3:

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to approve the following budget transfer. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

03/23/11	FROM:	A3389H – Fire Safety Equip. Grant
\$35,510	TO:	A3410.24 – Fire Dept. Radios & Pagers

Transfer money from Revenue account to offset expenditure line item A3410.24 – Radios and Pagers. (All Budget year ending 2011)

RESOLUTION 075-11

BUDGET TRANSFER #4:

Trustee Chuck Henry made a motion to approve the following transfer. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

03/24/11	FROM:	G8120.2 – Sanitary Sewers & Equipt.
\$1,000	TO:	G8120.14 – Sanitary Sewers – Pers. Svcs., O.T.

Transfer monies to cover shortage in sewer overtime.

RESOLUTION 076-11

BUDGET TRANSFER #5:

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to approve the budget transfer noted below. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

03/28/11	FROM:	G8120.477 – Misc. Repairs
\$3,322.85	TO:	G8120.11 – San. Sewers Superintendent

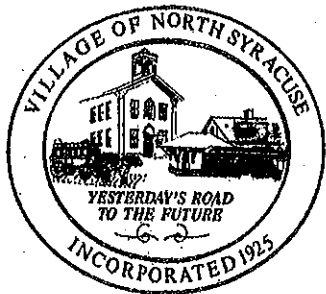
Account was budgeted for 10%, but 15% is being drawn from acct.

Mayor Brown reported the total transfers = \$77,279.08

Citizen's Voice

MaryKay Dwyer of 128 Ford Drive. President of the Friends of the North Syracuse Library, and she was disappointed that no one from the Village attended the OCPL reception last month.

Lou Anne St. Germain of 410 Pleasant Avenue said she has been employed as a dispatch aide in the Village Police Department since August 2009. She stated that the last time she spoke before the Board was when John Heindorf was Mayor. She stated that at that time she spoke solely as a



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resident of the Village she spoke of an for our Police Department and their dedicated commitment and positive interaction with the residents. They allow us to feel safe 24/7 in our homes and on our streets. She started working for the Village Police as a part-time data entry clerk. She further stated that "every day she works she sees the pride, determination and emotion these outstanding caring individuals put into this work; and to this day I honor the job they do on behalf of all of us." She continued, "Questions sometimes arise from Village residents. They want to know all the whys and where's of our officers and ranked officials." Please be aware that always being privileged to these questions [inaudible] is how we are kept safe. Be assured wherever they are and whatever they're doing it's for us." She further stated that every one of these policemen put their lives on the line every day for all of us. She stated that her job was one of the jobs eliminated as of the end of May. She said she is sad, but she hopes that others will benefit from it. She said [she] "feels privileged to have been able to work for such a reputable department, under such fine leadership." She felt proud to have had the opportunity to work with North Syracuse's finest!

Rich Curran of 130 Gertrude Street asked if the Village has the engineering report about the three story complex that is proposed to go in on his street or is that still a work in progress. The water/sewer lines are more than 50 years old. Superintendent Gary Wilmer answered that it was in the hands of the engineers right now. "So that's a work in progress and hasn't been completed? Okay, thank you."

Jeff Harris of Watson Road wanted to make the Board aware of the fact that since the traffic light was installed on Bear Road at the entrance of 481 South and Route 81 people have been speeding down Watson Road from South Bay in order to avoid light on Bear. There has been a large increase in traffic.

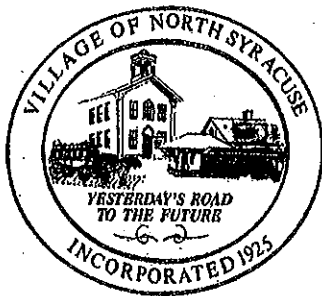
Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson said that this a very good issue to have the Public Safety Committee look in to, and he sees Trustee Fergerson writing away so he's sure it will have it on the agenda. Mayor Browning also asked the Chief to have the police look into it also.

Bob Bertrand of Gertrude Street stated that on tonight's agenda there is a possible vote on the Gertrude Street property and as was stated in the previous public meeting, everyone on the street is against it, and wanted the board to note the number of people from that area that are present tonight to show their concern, as well as the petition that was presented to the board at the 03/10/11 meeting. He then asked people who were present to oppose the rezoning to raise their hand for the board to note. Approximately 25 people raised their hand.

Rich Curran of 130 Gertrude Street asked if the board planned on voting tonight before they get the report from the engineers.

Mayor Browning responded, "The vote tonight is just for the re-zoning, it's just the first baby step. That doesn't mean anything is going to take place, it's to re-zone it."

Ray Gryzenda, Senior Officer of St. Thomas Church (137 Gertrude Street), introduced himself and wanted to speak to the Board and the residents. He stated there is no Priest at St. Thomas Church and there hasn't been one for five years. Taking care of the church is currently housing people from Bellewood Baptist Church due to the tragic loss of their church, but for all intents and purposes, St. Thomas's Church is closed. The facility is in such a state of disrepair the diocese has no means to fix all that must be done. The Rectory on the property will be



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boarded up soon he does not know what kind of impact that will have on the neighborhood. After having the Church up for sale we've had no other offers, on the table other than from Mr. Loscombe. He said the diocese does not have the money to fix the Church so it will be boarded up. It cannot even be rented due to its poor condition. As far as traffic increase on the street, he stated that St. Thomas's, while it was open, had one or two services every Sunday, four different Alcoholic Anonymous Groups working and meeting there, Overeaters Anonymous meetings were held there, other civic groups also met there. He further stated that doesn't include the Churches' Bible Study Groups and other special events. So he does not feel traffic is an issue. He stated that St. Thomas's does not pay any property tax and he feels the neighbors should consider whether they want to look at a boarded up building that pays no taxes to the village, or an improved property someone can make use of, and contribute to the village taxes. Again he reiterated, there are no other offers on the table.

Peter Asterino of 111 Gertrude Street stated he filed a F.O.I.L. request with the Village two weeks ago and still has not had a reply. He wants to know when the empty lot on the corner of South Bay and Gertrude Street was zoned RM.

Codes Officer Wayne Dean told Mr. Asterino that the codes office is currently trying to locate that information for him.

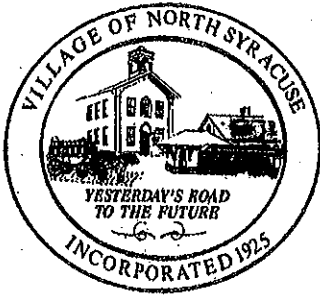
Mr. Asterino said "spot zoning is illegal" and the Village can be sued, so it's important to him to find out when and why this property [corner of South Bay and Gertrude Street] was zoned RM. The Village could be opened up to a law suit. The history of the lot that is adjoined is very important.

Hal Romans, the surveyor/planner for the applicant of the property on Gertrude Street wanted to verify with the Mayor and the Board that they had received the Traffic Study conducted by Jim Napoleon & Associates, the Water Flow Test worksheet from W-M Engineers, P.C., which were favorable. Also forwarded were favorable decisions by both the County and Village Planning Boards. The Mayor confirmed that the Board received all of the aforementioned documentation.

Darlene Piper of 106 ½ Northfield Drive asked the status of the new website and if we know when it will be up and working. The Village Clerk confirmed, at the request of the Mayor, the official launch date is May 1st 2011. Ms. Piper wants to see more information readily available (on the website) on the Zoning and Planning Board, and when their meetings are held. Ms. Piper also wanted to know the status of the Stassi law suit.

Mayor Browning said she wanted to take this moment to introduce Jennifer Granzow as the new Village Attorney, taking Heather Cole's place. The Mayor explained that it will take her a few weeks to read up on all the current matters; however she is somewhat familiar since she took the other attorney's place while she was on maternity leave last summer. Deputy Mayor Atkinson then spoke to the question and said to his knowledge the matter had been settled. It was over and done.

Trustee Fergerson also added that the site is "operational" however all of the information is not posted and the format is still an ongoing process, and is undergoing changes. You can access the site by going to www.northsyracusenyny.org. The web address and emails are the same as before, EXCEPT you now need to add "NY". The same applies to email addresses.



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Tom Mattimore of 134 Gertrude Street wanted to know why the realty company sales listing says the property (St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 137 Gertrude) is in Cicero. It doesn't say anywhere in there that it is located in the Village of North Syracuse. The Board explained to Mr. Mattimore that it is up to the real estate company, the Village has no say in how a property is listed.

Mayor Browning asked if anyone else had anything they wanted to say to the board. No one responded and Citizens Voice was closed

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 077-11

APPROVE AUDITORS FOR LOSAP:

Treasurer Dianne Kufel previously researched three companies at the request of the Board and based on the comparisons, she is now recommending the Board hire Michael Benn, CPA at \$3,450/year.

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve hiring Michael Benn CPA for the 2010 – 2011 LOSAP Service Award Audit for 2 consecutive years, the first ending 05/31/2010 for \$3,450 and the 2nd year ending 05/31/2011, also for \$3,450 for a total of \$6,900. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 078-11

APPROVE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES:

Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve minutes from the March 22, 2011 Budget Meeting. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 079-11

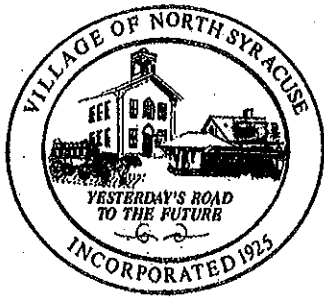
APPROVE 2011 – 2012 VILLAGE BUDGET:

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to adopt the 2011 – 2012 as presented at the public hearing tonight. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 080-11

ADOPT AMENDED LOCAL LAW 202-14:

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve amending Local Law 202-14 as outlined in the public hearing earlier this evening. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion, Trustee Butterfield felt it was unnecessary and it was a civil matter, and Trustee Henry also felt it was going to mushroom from this isolated incident and voted against amending the new law.



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Deputy Mayor Atkinson said he found the incident that sparked the discussion for this law somewhat disturbing in that the village had no answer to solve the problem. He stated that this is exactly what small governments can do for you. Trustee Ferguson also stated that he felt the Village was handcuffed. The Police are not going to be going street to street seeing which way your snow blower is throwing snow. The Mayor also commented that maybe this will make neighbor and neighbor act like adults and settle it between them knowing that the consequences could involve a broken law and fine. Mayor Browning then asked for a vote on adopting the amended law:

Vote:

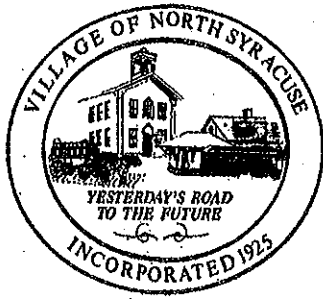
Deputy Mayor Atkinson:	AYE
Trustee Ferguson:	AYE
Trustee Butterfield:	NEY
Trustee Henry:	NEY
Mayor Browning:	AYE

The Ayes have it. Local Law 202-14 has been adopted as amended by a 3 to 2 vote.

RESOLUTION 081-11

REZONING OF 137 GERTRUDE STREET:

Mayor Browning asked the Board if there was any discussion before the vote. James Trasher asked if he could speak to the process and the questions from the residents about infrastructure reports. The vote before the Board this evening is strictly for allowing re-zoning of 137 Gertrude Street. Deputy Mayor Atkinson stated, "So there is still more information for us to review, this is just for the use of the land, reports aren't in as far as the infrastructure support." Mr. Trasher said he was correct. If the re-zoning is approved it would then go before the Planning Board for the site plan approval where reports are going to be required by our engineering office by their professional for a thorough review to see if the zone changes are appropriate for this property, and to make sure that things are done appropriately. Then it is in the Planning Commissions hands for final approval. The Mayor asked if the Board were to vote in favor of re-zoning tonight, and it does not go through by the planning or zoning for some reason, could it be reverted back to the original zoning? Mr. Trasher said there would have to be another request for the zone to be changed back, but "yes" it could be done. Trustee Butterfield stated he is sympathetic to residents of the street; it was very common not to want change in your neighborhood. However, reports indicate the sewers can handle the new building, our Planning Board, both local and county have approved it, and a representative of the Church admittedly will not be able to maintain the property. He stated it would be just one more deteriorating property in this village and it is not needed. He is in favor of the rezoning rather than watch it go to pot. Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Henry also voiced their concern for the rezoning. Mayor Browning said she understands both sides of the issue. It would be better for the village



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esthetically, and then called for a vote on rezoning of 137 Gertrude Street; the Board voted as follows:

Vote:

Deputy Mayor Atkinson:	NEY
Trustee Ferguson:	NEY
Trustee Butterfield:	AYE
Trustee Henry:	NEY
Mayor Browning:	AYE

The NEYS have it. The rezoning of 137 Gertrude Street was defeated by a vote of 2 to 3.

RESOLUTION 082-11

APPROVE 2011 FIRE DEPT. ELECTIONS:

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the Village of North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department's recently elected and appointed Officers for 2011-2012. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 083-11

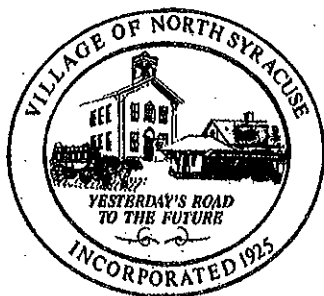
**AUTHORIZE SIGNING TOWN OF CLAY
FIRE DEPT. CONTRACT:**

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Town of Clay Fire Department contract. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 084-11

**AUTHORIZE CLOUGH HARBOR
TO PURSUE TWO GRANTS:**

Mayor Browning asked James Trasher to explain the two grant opportunities for the village. Mr. Trasher said the grants focuses around some of the eyesores that Trustee Butterfield spoke of, Dollar Depot, Post Office etc. He then asked his Senior Planner to speak more specifically about the grants. Senior Planner, Mary Burgoon explained two grant opportunities the Village are currently eligible for, and would benefit. However, the applications are due on April 29th 2011 therefore she would need a resolution to move forward with the application this evening. Trustee Butterfield asked what the cost would be to the village to pursue the grants. James Trasher said approximately \$5,000. Ms. Burgoon emphasized that the applicants must be dedicated business owners to fulfill their end of the grant, with the Village acting as the administrator of the funds. Trustee Butterfield suggested the board make the resolution contingent upon finding those dedicated business owners. Since this was part of the Village's five year plan, there were businesses whose applications were already on the waiting list for just such a project. The



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second grant application, Anchor Wave Grant, is due by April 29th, 2012. Discussion continued for several minutes between the Engineering representatives and the Board members.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize Clough Harbor to apply for grant funding, contingent upon obtaining commitments from four businesses in the community who agree to comply with their terms of the grant. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 085-11

APPROVE AMENDED PERSONNEL POLICY:

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the amended Personnel Policy effective June 1, 2011. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 086-11

ANNUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATE:

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to schedule the 2011 Village of North Syracuse Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the North Syracuse Community Center. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 087-11

AUTHORIZE HIRING PT POLICE OFFICER :

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to authorize Chief Connelly's request to hire James Snell as a part time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.57/hour with no benefits. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 088-11

AUTHORIZE EARLY REHIRE IN PARKS DEPT.:

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to authorize hiring Casey Wilmer as a Recreation Aide beginning April 15th, 2011 at the rate of \$7.75/hour. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 089-11

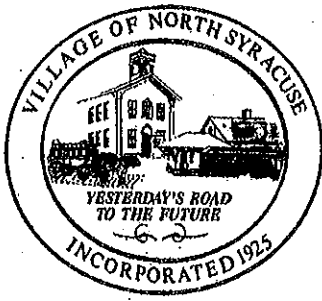
VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE DATE:

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion assign the weekend of May 21st, 2011 for the Village Wide Garage Sale. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Attorney Jennifer Granzow: Nothing to report.

Engineering, James Trasher: Nothing to report.



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 14th, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.
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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Treasurer, Dianne Kufel: Nothing to report.

Codes Dept., Wayne Dean reported that he will distribute the new Storm Water Program booklet by email. It explains the program that is being implemented and it is very well done. James Trasher said the City of Syracuse had been using 100% of the Green Infrastructure Program, until the County Legislature stepped in and said it should be shared with the suburban areas. Accordingly, approximately \$1.2 million will be available for use in suburban communities a lot of which is outlined in the book Mr. Dean is distributing. We [CHA] would be happy to work with you to get some of those dollars for use in the Village.

Parks & Rec. Director Teresa Roth reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday (register by calling their office), Breakfast with the Bunny is Sunday at the V.F.W. anyone interested can call the Parks & Rec. Department to sign up. All proceeds will benefit the Family Festival which will be held on Saturday, May 28th from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lonergan Park. Ms. Roth also stated the Village's new website will be officially launched on May 1st.

D.P.W. Superintendent Gary Wilmer said the guys are out picking up brush and sweeping roads. The pickup schedule for brush and grass clippings will be on the website, or they can call Village Hall.

Fire Department Assistant Chief Chris Strong had nothing to report.

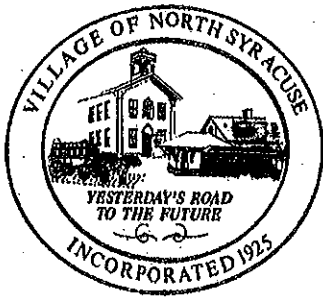
North Syracuse Police Chief Tom Connelly had nothing the report.

Deputy Mayor & Trustee Reports:

Deputy Mayor Atkinson stated that he was very pleased with the Employee Safety Meeting and subsequent fire drill and demonstration by the Village Fire Department. Employee feedback was positive. Employee Safety Committees keep the Worker's Compensation costs down. He stated the website is fantastic, and he asks that everyone keep the feedback coming. There will be some bumps here and there during the transition. He also wanted to thank all of the Department Heads for working with the board on the most difficult budget they have ever had. On a lighter note, he will be cooking at the Bunny Breakfast, and hopes everyone will take time to come out.

Trustee Ferguson wanted to thank the Fire Department for taking money out of their reserve fund. Also a reminder that April 29th is Arbor Day. A tree will be planted on Main Street at 11:30 a.m. A good time will be had by all.

Trustee Henry said he was glad the budget was done. It was very difficult and they had to think outside the box to accomplish what they have. He stated that he would be flipping pancakes at the Bunny Breakfast and encouraged people to attend.



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Trustee Butterfield stated that he is disappointed on the vote to rezone Gertrude Street property. The fellow had private financing and in this day and time, that is a very rare occurrence and he feels we are missing out on a good opportunity. He further stated that he respectfully disagrees with Codes Officer Wayne Dean and his letter of determination to the State. He stated that the road at Toll Road does not meet the Fire Code. Mr. Butterfield stated that the Fires Service Code states the Fire Department must see and approve plans to ensure fire apparatus has access to fight fires.

Mayor Browning once again reminded everyone that Arbor Day is April 29th at Toll Road at 11:30 am. She also thanked Assistant Chief Chris Strong of the North Syracuse Fire Department for the hands on demonstration he provided to all of the employees this past week. Ms. Browning also said she was very moved by the number of businesses and residents that contributed to the Flower Fund so the Village can have the streets lined with the flower baskets this year. She stated "It shows what a village is made of".

Trustee Gary Butterfield made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,


Christine Pollock
Village Clerk