



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 26th, 2013 @ 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 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Parks Director Teresa Roth, DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, and Police Chief Michael Crowell.

RESOLUTION # 347-13

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12th, 2013 Board Meeting. Trustee Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 348-13

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #08 in the amount of \$104,317.80 covering Voucher #429 to Voucher #495; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 349-13

SEWER ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Abstract #08 in the amount of \$216.24 covering voucher #5 and #6; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of same.

RESOLUTION #350-13

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to transfer \$1,897.94 from A7180.21 – Pool Equipment/Pump/Shade Awning to A7110.21 – Sleeth Park Walkway. This is to fund an Eagle Scout Enhancement Project at Sleeth Park adding a walking plank over wet areas of trail. The motion was seconded by Trustee



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Ferguson. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #351-13

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to transfer \$2,432.24 from A7140.1 – Playground Payroll to A7180.12 Pool Payroll. This is to cover a shortage in the pool payroll with surplus playground funds not used this summer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: Pat Ferguson 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse - Chairman of the North Syracuse Housing Authority Board. Pat addressed the Board to present an update on some of the most recent changes and give some factual information to the Board. She explained that for many years the North Syracuse Housing Authority offered housing choice vouchers whereas an individual finds a place to rent using this voucher assigned to them. They most recently expanded their program to find an alternative funding method which now includes project based vouchers in which are tied to the property, not the individual; and also extends to boundaries outside of the Village of North Syracuse. The North Syracuse Housing Board is trying to keep themselves solvent so they don't have to come to the Village Board for any funding assistance. She explained how the subsidy stays with the apartment, with the project based vouchers, as opposed to the vouchers which are tied to the individual; if they should move, they take the voucher with them to another apartment. Project based vouchers are applied through HUD. Pat continued to speak on the long list of individuals waiting for subsidy, whereas the waiting list has approximately 500 people on it. She also explained the system currently has 227 people currently on the program. Pat also spoke of a newer program offered called the NY State Nursing Home Transition that is an effort initiated by NY State helping promote people to stay in their homes as opposed to moving into a nursing home. The Housing Authority does inspections of their homes to be sure they are safe, and the state pays them a fee to verify that their property is acceptable. Individuals apply for this through ARISE.

OLD BUSINESS:

MODIFIED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SCBA'S – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Henry explained that this item would be tabled until our next meeting. He continued to say that the Fire Chief is still reviewing the modified specifications for this. Trustee Linnertz said that it was his understanding that NIOSH has not approved the specifications for the 2013 models as of this date; although it appears that the grant monies will be extended because of the delay in approving the 2013 models. Deputy Mayor Henry spoke of a concern in the safety of the current



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equipment and their inspection dates.

SKUNK/WOODCHUCK REMOVAL SERVICE

Deputy Mayor Henry explained that the Mayor is currently checking with other townships and the services that the county offers to better support the Village's position before we move forward with this service. He continued to say that this will also be tabled until the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Police Chief Crowell had no report.

Highway Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer had no report.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth spoke of the renovation at Centerville Park. The paving should be done by Friday and the basketball court only needs an overlay coat of paint. She continued to say that the anchors and concrete have been completed by the DPW; and the Pavilion should arrive next week. The concrete pad will be done by the DPW in the spring. Teresa spoke of the new playground equipment that was ordered this week and should arrive soon. She continued to say that the most recent bus trip was the most popular, which included apple picking, a luncheon, and wine tasting. She spoke of another bus trip scheduled within a few weeks. This will include a fall foliage train ride up to Big Moose Inn and coming back thru Old Forge. This is scheduled for October 10th.

Codes Department: Codes Officer Pam DiCarlo spoke of 118 Millen. Due to a most recent fire, they are slowly moving forward and taking applications for construction. Pam also mentioned CrossFit, which is occupying the old Shamrock's space, whereas they received their approval thru the Planning Board and are planning to open on October 1st. Basil Leaf recently received their sign permit. This is the only impact on the Village, the actual restaurant resides in Town of Clay.

Clerk Treasurer: Dianne Kufel spoke of the auditors being at Village Hall. Their efforts have concentrated on the General Fund. They have confirmed with her year-end financials and it is determined that we do indeed have an addition to the fund balance; which brings us to just over a million in the Fund Balance. We are in a good situation considering everything the Village has dealt with over the past 5 years. The AUD will be completed soon and a follow up notice will be in the official newspaper. Dianne also confirmed that she had distributed a bonding schedule with a few different amortization tables as well as recognition to the Village's debt that is decreasing with final payments in early 2017. She continued to say that her office has been busy.



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DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: Reminded the public that the Annual Safety Day will be held next Saturday – October 5th from 11 until 3 PM with the Police, NAVAC, the Fire Dept., and Sheriff's Dept. He spoke of their being demonstrations, handouts, and information would be available for all of those interested.

Trustee Ferguson: Mentioned the Ataxia Proclamation and Deputy Mayor Henry confirmed that he would be presenting this on Saturday, September 28th at the Community Center. He also reminded all of the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, December 2nd, at 4:00 PM.

Trustee Butterfield: No report

Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of the list the Village compiled to submit to the county that would be applied to the lost sales tax money. All Villages submitted shovel ready projects. These globally amounted to \$37 million. He continued to say that the county will be approving their budget by October 8th. The Village of North Syracuse submitted \$1.4 million and hopefully the Village will receive some monies that will support these projects. A resident had spoken up inquiring to Deputy Mayor Henry if the Board would consider reducing the Village Taxes at this point. Deputy Mayor Henry reminded the group that a memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th for the Mayor's Dad whom recently passed away.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer