



Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
December 22, 2011 at 4:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Mayor Mark Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Trustee Paul Linnertz and Trustee Fred Ferguson were all present.

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Fire Chief Pat Brennan, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION # 217-11

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8th, 2011 Board Meeting. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 218-11

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$94,537.86 covering Voucher # 769 to Voucher # 819; the motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #219-11

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$2,850 from A2680 – Insurance Recoveries to A7110.21 – Parks/Signs; the motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously. This represents the transfer of insurance monies for the vandalized signs to the replaced.

RESOLUTION #220-11

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$700 from A5110.12 – DPW Summer Help to A5110.440 – Labor Ready Temp. Labor; the motion was seconded by Trustee Gary Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously. The represents the transfer of funds for the appropriation of temporary labor needed for the leaf pickup season due to a manpower shortage at the DPW.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No one wished to speak.

NEW BUSINESS:



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REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – SECTION 485-a

The Mayor spoke of a relatively new program being offered regarding Real Property Tax Exemption – specifically RPTL – Section 485-a. He spoke of the information that he had disseminated to the Trustees this past week, and the intent of this new opportunity and wanted to basically start some dialogue on this. The Mayor spoke of this being a great incentive for developers to invest money into properties, explaining that the money that they invest is tax exempt for the first (8) years and declines from there. Trustee Linnertz confirmed that the taxpayer's current value on their property would remain the same with taxes still due on this base amount each year; although the invested additional monies would be the amount subject to the exemption, as per the schedule. Discussion took place on the value invested and the increased assessment – therefore, the new increased assessed value – attributable to the improvements would be subject to the exemption. Attorney Chatfield explained that this would transfer with the land, from owner to owner, for mixed use/commercial properties. Further discussion took place that the schools and the towns have the option of passing this as well, whereas if the Village is agreeing to pass this, further dialogue will continue with these entities which would have a significant impact on any/all interested developers/investors. Mayor Atkinson spoke of speaking with the Clay Supervisor and representatives from the CNS School District to see where they stand with this Real Property Tax Exemption – Section 485a.

RESOLUTION 221 - 11

APPOINTMENT OF DPW HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to hire Joel Klaisle as a Laborer I at \$22,000 per year, as set by the CSEA Contract Agreement; the motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously. Joel Klaisle's start date will be Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

RESOLUTION 222 – 11 PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF VILLAGE TAXES CLAY AND CICERO

Mayor Atkinson explained the flexibility of the Village of North Syracuse passing a resolution that would allow Village taxpayers' to make partial payments for the liability owed. The Mayor explained that in the past a taxpayer would have to pay at least 50% of their tax bill, or their monies would be rejected; passing this allows more flexibility if the taxpayer would like to pay ¼ or 1/3 of their liability, with the understanding that the maximum of payments will equal 4.

WHEREAS, the Village has previously authorized the Town of Clay and Cicero tax receivers to receive and collect Village taxes for properties located within their respective Towns; and

WHEREAS, in these difficult economic times, many residents of the Village are finding it difficult to budget real property tax payments according to the existing schedules; and



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WHEREAS, when a resident is unable to make conforming payments, the Village is negatively affected because it misses out on having cash in-hand and the resident is negatively affected because of the statutory interest and penalties accruing on the outstanding balance; and

WHEREAS, in order to permit said reasons to collect partial payments it is necessary to provide appropriate authority.

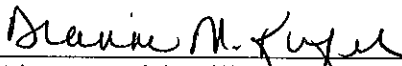
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the receivers of taxes in the Towns of Clay and Cicero are hereby authorized to collect any and all Villages taxes in up to four (4) installments of partial payments payable prior to November 1st of the current tax year, consistent with the following:

1. Real property taxes, special ad valorem levies and special assessments may be paid in up to four (4) partial payments prior to the expiration of the Village's warrant on November 1st of the then current tax year.
2. The initial partial payment shall be paid not later than June 30th of the then current tax years. Interest and penalties shall be charged against the unpaid balance after such date.
3. No minimum amount is required for a partial payment, except that the final partial payment shall be in the amount of the remaining unpaid balance due and owing.
4. No partial payment shall be accepted from a property owner if there are delinquent real property taxes, special ad valorem levies, and special assessments owed on such property, unless the property owner is current on installment payments to the County pursuant to Local Law No. 7, 1995.

Certification of Vote:

Mayor Mark Atkinson	voting	Aye
Trustee Butterfield	voting	Aye
Deputy Mayor Henry	voting	Aye
Trustee Fergerson	voting	Aye
Trustee Henry	voting	Aye

Dated: 01/13/12


Dianne Kufel, Village Clerk-Treasurer

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report

ENGINEERING REPORT: No Report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:



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Police Department: Chief Connelly on vacation

Fire Department: No Report

Department of Public Works: No Report

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Codes Enforcement: No Report

Clerk Treasurer: No Report

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Linnertz spoke of the latest Planning Commission meeting held on December 15th whereas they approved the waiving of the number of parking spaces necessary and they also waived the Rt. 81 set-back requirements regarding G & L Davis Meats – Gateway Park Drive. He said this was the only action taken at the meeting. He spoke of the gentleman that bought the old Post Office Bldg. (201 South Main St.) was also present at the meeting to introduce himself. The Planning Board seemed anxious about this prospect as well.

Trustee Ferguson wished a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday to all.

Trustee Butterfield thanked those responsible for seeing that the vehicles were relocated that were on Chestnut street; and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Deputy Mayor Henry wished a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mark Atkinson spoke of his most recent article for the Star News regarding the Village Center Plan that will be published next week explaining to our citizens the most recent legislation that was passed at our December 8th Board Meeting.

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Mayor made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:05 PM regarding pending litigation, seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:25 PM. Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 5:25PM, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.



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Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer