



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 22nd, 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 and Trustee Fred Ferguson were all present. Trustee Paul Linnertz had a work conflict and Mayor 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, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Village Engineer Brian Bouchard and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION # 336-13

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8th, 2013 Board Meeting. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 337-13

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #06 in the amount of \$99,912.80 covering Voucher #288 to Voucher #366; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 338-13

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #06 in the amount of \$140.50 covering voucher #3 and #4; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No response.

OLD BUSINESS:



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RESOLUTION # 339-13

REJECT SCBA BIDS FOR FIRE DEPT.

Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to reject the current SCBA bids that were received on July 30th based upon the terms and conditions set forth in the bid documents whereas it is in the best interest to the taxpayers that all bids are rejected at this time and it is the intent to rebid this; documentation to support this will be available at our September 12th Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

Deputy Mayor Henry continued to say that he visited the Fire Station this past week and it was communicated to him through the Fire Chief that they still have time to revisit this process. He continued to say that safety is so important to the Village and he wanted to be reassured that the Fire Chief has satisfactory firefighter equipment that will allow the Village to go back out and rebid this without jeopardizing their safety. Deputy Mayor Henry confirmed that the Fire Chief would be working closely with Onondaga County Purchasing, utilizing their expertise with the bidding procedures to assist with a new specification that will provide more specific information surrounding this new 2013 standard and enabling more bidders to submit a proposal.

RESOLUTION # 340-13 APPROVE 2014 (TOWNS) FIRE BUDGET-FY 2014/2015 (VILLAGE)

Deputy Mayor Henry spoke of the submittal to the Board of the Fire Dept. budget for upcoming FY 2014-2015 Village Budget and/or 2014 Town Budget. He continued to say that he visited the Fire Chief along with Trustee Ferguson to comprehend a better understanding of the budget requests by line item. Overall, it appears that they are requesting a 2% increase over last year to the Towns. They have maintained a flat budget with no increases over the last few years. He spoke of most line items reflecting a zero percent increase or a marginal increase due to inflation, along with a proactive approach to some energy saving enhancements, Engine 8 Rehab, and some minor Station 1 Improvements. Some discussion took place on the energy saving enhancements and a grant that would perhaps absorb these costs. Trustee Ferguson made a motion authorizing the budget request for Fire Protection for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$705,495.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Chatfield spoke of reviewing the paving documents for the Centerville Park project before the Village Mayor signs.

ENGINEERING REPORT:



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Engineer Brian Bouchard spoke of the award being made to EZ Paving for the Centerville Park project and CHA issued the notice of award letter. He continued to say that Amy Franco should be back to work on September 11th. Brian explained he has been working with the contractor to get their paperwork in, in order to sign the triplicate copies of the contract. Brian spoke of EZ Paving was anticipating to start mobilizing out there on Monday, August 26th. Brian continued to say that he would prefer to close the park off for a short period of time, whereas EZ Paving's schedule will be fairly aggressive probably completing within a few weeks. Brian spoke of working with Gary Wilmer and Teresa Roth to allow certain portions of the park to still function if they are staging equipment over there. Brian explained he has been working with EZ Paving whereas they have been submitting shop drawings on the material in terms of the catch basins, piping and stone and all has been in order. Brian discussed the base bid of approximately \$68,000 which is lower than their estimate and further discussion of perhaps adding the basketball area - asphalt overlay to take out some of the irregularities. Discussion took place of a change order for this, amounting to approximately \$19,000 for a contract grand total of \$88,000. Brian spoke of no decisions need to be made at this meeting, but some consideration should be thought of before the next meeting. Brian described the project of redoing the front parking lot area, replacing the pavilion where the current building is, adding trees to extend the front parking area, the slope in back corner will be grass where the dilapidated asphalt area is. The only thing left untouched is the basketball court; if this has a new asphalt layer it would make the whole project complete. Brian continued to reiterate the costs associated with the project. Further discussion took place on the court colors for the basketball court. Brian spoke of working with Teresa on the final color for the asphalt area.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Police Chief Mike Crowell thanked Gary Wilmer and the DPW crew for all their help most recently. He continued to say that the booking room is almost done. He also was happy to report on an arrest regarding the multiple car larcenies and (2) stolen vehicles that we had in the Village over the last month. One of his officers stopped a group and they confessed to all of these crimes. He was very pleased to report on this and will look to placing this on the Village beat.

Highway Department: No report

Parks and Recreation: Teresa Roth spoke of summer camp ending Friday and was hoping to have definitive year end numbers by the next board meeting. She continued to say that the summer



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concerts are over with the last held this week. She continued to thank the Fire Dept. for the fire safety training for each of the camps most recently, this went very well. Teresa spoke of the project at Centerville Park whereas she recently ordered the budgeted pavilion, and submitted a requisition for the picnic tables, grills and the bike rack.

Codes Enforcement Dept.: Codes Officer Pam DiCarlo spoke of the Centerville Court renovation project which has now been completed. She continued to say that the Vecchios/Delish contractor came in for a permit on the renovations for that building. She also commented on the meeting regarding the updating of the zoning map and the progress that is being made. More to follow on this. Pam spoke of working with Lou Alteri on tagging some areas on the map; and suggested a few more meetings on this to finalize this.

Clerk-Treasurer: Dianne Kufel spoke on behalf of the Mayor explaining the submittal of a Capital/Infrastructure list amounting to approximately \$1,400,000 that was requested for submittal to the Onondaga County Legislators for review. This list consisted of shovel-ready projects that the County Legislators were to review for possible releasing back some of the previously lost sales tax monies. This list consisted of several projects from the DPW, Parks, Fire, and Highway Dept. and it appears that we may have a chance at retrieving some of these monies to accomplish some of these. More to follow on this.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Ferguson: informed all that Judge Bertrand's Dad had past most recently and the services were scheduled for Monday at 4:00 PM at Ferguson Funeral Home. He continued to mention that the next Village Safety Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 4:00 PM at the Community Center.

Trustee Butterfield: commented on the Planning and Zoning workshop whereas some of the current map has some inconsistencies. We are checking for accuracies and following up to see if the proper paperwork was filed. This is a good exercise for both the Planning and Zoning Boards to try to clean up some areas on this zoning map that may have been misclassified. He continued to say that this is a good endeavor. He also mentioned a skunk issue in his area of the Village and near the church. He mentioned that this service had been removed from the budget a few years back, and would like to revisit this. He would lobby to have this replaced in the budget and feels that the homeowner should not have to bear the cost of this. He continued to say that we can negotiate a service with a trapper to do this for the Village residents. Dianne continued to speak on the costs of this service. In FY 2010, the costs were \$1,010 and in FY 2011 the costs were \$2,080. Dianne continued to say that Berry's Wildlife would charge \$50 for this service to be billed to the Village and the homeowner would be charged a \$10 fee. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

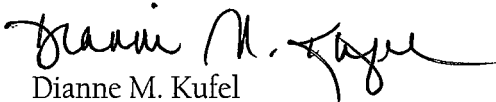


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Deputy Mayor Henry: spoke of the efforts of NYCOM and was pleased to say that they were very instrumental in this whole sales tax issue and lobbying the legislators. He also mentioned the last EOP meeting that was held on August 12th. He spoke of the continuing progress and the next meeting is to be held on September 16th at Village hall. Deputy Mayor Henry spoke of waiting for a few items from the Fire Dept.; and is hopeful to have it completed by the end of the year. He also thanked the Police Chief for assisting with this effort.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried with Deputy Mayor Henry, Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Butterfield all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer