



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 2019 @ 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 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Gary Butterfield, Dep. Mayor Browning, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, and Trustee Fred Wilmer, and Trustee Chris Strong

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Steve Rotunno, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, Village Engineer Amy Franco and Sabreen Noel Ben Salem (Intern).

Personnel Absent: Fire Chief Robert Liberatore.

RESOLUTION # 171-19

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes from on August 22nd, 2019 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 172-19

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #08 in the amount of \$116,417.31 covering Voucher #361 to Voucher #433. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 173-19

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #08 in the amount of \$1,348.71 covering Voucher #9 thru #11. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ON THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/FULTON BLOCK WORKS



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

The Mayor spoke of this agenda item having been discussed before, and we have 5 people that have expressed an interest. He continued at some point we will have a kickoff meeting, as soon as we get a couple of more people or get social media going more so people are aware, and then try to get someone to lead. He spoke of the people involved in the other communities, once it gets started, it is kind of contagious, so hopefully that happens here, so we will continue on. He stated this is a program he would like to put in place.

DISCUSS MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT: COST SHARING

The Mayor spoke of the Medicare Supplement Cost Sharing is the next item on the agenda and he turned it over to Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel, because she is still forecasting. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated she has forecasted out 5 yrs. and it looks a little bit costly so she wanted to prepare something just do for 2 yrs.; like a 2 yr. cap on it to see if it is more cost effective and it may not, but just to see. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 174-19

**DISCUSS/ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION
OF CHIEF STEVE ROTUNNO**

The Mayor stated this is for us to accept resignation from Chief Steve Rotunno and as we all know he is heading north, going to Cicero. He continued the Board received the letter and we are O.K. with it. He went on to say we are thrilled that he has the opportunity to become the Chief of Cicero. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to accept the resignation with acclamation of Police Chief Steve Rotunno effective date is 12:00 P.M. this coming Sunday evening. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Trustee Strong asked that we accept this with acclamation as a motion versus a normal acceptance. Mayor Butterfield stated this was an opportunity for him, as the current Chief of Cicero after 24 yrs. is leaving; again we will be neighbors, but he is moving on. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 175-19

DISCUSS/APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE CHIEF

The Mayor stated the next item is to discuss and approve the appointment of the new Police Chief; the recommendation has been copied to the Board. He continued we have interviewed a candidate, he is here with us, and he entertained a motion authorizing the appointment of William Becker as Chief of Police. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the appointment of William Becker as Chief of Police effective Monday, September 16th, 2019 at 00 hours with a starting salary of \$83,200 with 20 Vacation Days, and 8 Personal Days and he has waived the Health Insurance. The motion was



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Police Chief Becker thanked the Board, the Mayor and Dep. Mayor for opportunity and look forward to serving as your Chief for a period of time, hopefully for the next 7 or 8 yrs. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same. **Swearing in/Oath of Office for: Chief of Police William Becker** Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel performed the official Oath of Office to swear William Becker in as a Chief of Police.

RESOLUTION # 176-19 DISCUSS CODE MODIFICATIONS/SET PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO TRUCKS, VANS, TRAILERS PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

The Mayor stated this was discussed at the last meeting, and it was decided to have the Codes Officer put some language together and he has put it together and in order to move on with this we would have to have a Public Hearing. He continued we can schedule a Public Hearing for our next meeting if you agree and he opened it up for dialogue. He wanted to confirm that everyone was in favor of the language. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to set the Public Hearing to discuss and consider the adoption of Local Law #6 and the modifications to the Code as written that will pertain to Trucks, Vans, and Trailers Parking on Residential Streets to be held on Thursday, September 26th at 4:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 177-19 **DISCUSS ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF GLORIA MITTON-ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Mayor stated the next item is to discuss the acceptance of resignation of Gloria Mitton from the Zoning Board of Appeals. He continued we wish to thank Gloria for 12 years of service; she was a wonderful attribute to this committee. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to accept the letter of resignation of Gloria Mitton from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 178-19 **DISCUSS/APPROVE THE CNY SPCA AGREEMENT: CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

The Mayor stated the next item is to approve the CNY SPCA agreement; it is the same as last year and has been a great service for us, we struggled in the past to find someone to care loose animals, but this has been an excellent partnership. Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the CNY SPCA Agreement for calendar year 2020 for \$4,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The Mayor stated for those of you that have not been around long enough, it was a problem



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

to find anyone and the organization we had did not work on weekends; dogs do not just get loose, they only worked Monday thru Friday. He continued to speak on our Wild Life, the guy that comes and captures skunks, possums and whatever else; he has also been a great attribute to this Village as well. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 179-19

DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LEASING DOCUMENTS FOR 2019 DODGE CHARGER: 2.6% (3) YRS.

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the leasing documents for the 2019 Dodge Charger at 2.6% amortized over 3 yrs. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee Wilmer asked what this was for. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated that this was in the budget and discussed at budget time for the Police, a 2019 Dodge charger. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 180-19

DISCUSS TREMCO/WEATHERPROOFING FOR DPW AND VILLAGE HALL GARAGE AREA

The Mayor stated the next item is to discuss the Tremco weatherproofing for the DPW and Village Hall Garage Area, the Board received the information. He continued the roof is leaking at DPW in several areas that need repair; this is a repair, a fix that will get us a year or two, more use before we have to do a new roof. DPW Sup't Ware stated the brochure spells it out pretty well; it is a good deal and will get us 4 or 5 yrs. lifetime on the roof, instead of a \$122,000 replacement. Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Tremco Agreement for repairs to the DPW Garage for \$4,800. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 181-19

DISCUSS TREMCO/WEATHERPROOFING FOR VILLAGE HALL GARAGE AREA

The Mayor stated this item is from the same company for the building behind the Village Hall that has a flat roof that is currently in leaking one or two areas on the south side over the bikes. He continued the scan is a recommendation with the investigative cost of \$2,800 to find the weak spots, potential spot and fix the leaks; this also has records and other items stored out there. He explained the useful life is almost up, but this might get us another 4 to 5 yrs. of use, so he thinks this is a worthwhile investment. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Tremco Agreement to scan the roof on the garages at Village Hall with recommendations of \$2,800. The motion



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

was seconded by Trustee Strong. Much discussion went on back and forth about doing our own scan looking vs. paying \$2,800 for a scan, experience that would be to do scan, availability of someone, none of them were roofers. Trustee Wilmer asked about borrowing a camera from the Fire Dept. to do our own scan. The Mayor asked for all of those in favor of spending the \$2,800 on the scan signify by saying aye. Dep. Mayor Browning and Trustee St. Germain both voted in favor of. Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer-both voted opposed; motion was denied.

CITIZENS' VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Pat Fergerson, Housing Authority Chair shared Phil Alyward, Executive Director is retiring tomorrow after 18 yrs. She stated Terry Cooper has served as a regular staff member and will be the new Executive Director in charge. She continued on Friday, October 4th at 12:15 PM at Twin Trees there is a good bye lunch being held; you are welcome to attend, but she would like to know so she can let them know how many are coming. She spoke of page coverage from the Masonic World for the Festival, having sent in some photos, expecting only one; but they credited everything and the Festival according to the Masonic World, we are an annual success.

Doug Hummel asked on behalf of the residents on Reese Ave., Herbert St. and Church St. what the plans are for Church St. as to whether they will repave before winter, or leave it the way it is; right now it is a mess. The Mayor spoke of going back and forth with the water authority. He stated the contractor that is doing the work explained first they put the mains in, then they come back and tie the service into the new main and leave the old main just there. He continued they are having a problem getting a test from the last little stretch from Herbert St. and Reese Ave. down to South Bay Rd., but they are connecting all the services up to that point. He went on to say as soon as they get a test and they are trying every day or frequently trying to get this last little bit to pass the test, because they cannot authorize the contractor to tie in services until that test passes. The Mayor stated he got rather stern with emails and calls last week telling them this road is unacceptable. He continued once they get all the services tied in, they will come thru and pave; just like they did on Taft Rd. when they finished paving, and it is adequate. He explained as soon as that is done and we get the drawings for the new road, we are going to bid that out over the winter. He stated they are going to start on Church St. with a brand new road and some new sidewalks, but we are not going to leave it in the condition it is in even if we have to do it ourselves; we are not going to accept that and then the same thing is going to happen on Chestnut St, they are going to start with the main and they have the pipes out there, they are going to finish Chestnut St according to the contractor this year; the black top plants are open until Thanksgiving, so they will get real paving not cold patch.

Jacquelyn Keyes of 311 Chestnut St. spoke of reading the Star News and rarely is there anything about the Village. She spoke of many seniors do not go online, but read the paper and would like to know what is happening in the Village, the Police Dept. or the Fire Dept. or even the progress on Chestnut



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

St. and Church St. She stated she had seen the Beautification Committee, but it did not really explain what you are looking for, she is interested, but not a grant-writer. The Mayor stated he fall victim to what his father in law use to say, when your work speaks for itself, do not interrupt it, so a lot of good things are happening around the Village, but he does not tell people; you can see it. The Mayor spoke of not writing letters himself to the Editor, but the Village does have a representative, Ashley Casey who is here tonight and when she comes there are articles. He stated she might encourage him to start writing letters as there is a lot that is happening here.

Ms. Casey introduced herself as the Associate Editor for the Star Review and Baldwinsville Messenger that are owned by Eagle Newspapers, and explained she is the only one to cover the meetings for the Northern Suburbs. She also explained some of the pages are used in both so you may see something for Liverpool or Baldwinsville as well. Ms. Keyes spoke of wanting to see what we could do to put the Village back on the Map, after the Post Office had been taken away and made a part of Syracuse.

The Mayor stated it is a point well taken and if we can find someone who is willing to help us, help him, we will be glad to; we do have a Village Historian and there is lots of history. He also spoke of a fellow over in Liverpool, Russ Tarby who likes to write about local history. Ms. Casey stated she does her job to cover, but she is only one person and as the Mayor stated some of the other local leaders do write columns and letters; a lot of our material is submitted, so they get a lot from like Clay Historical Association, various historical associations in Baldwinsville, so while she is doing her best, she would welcome submissions. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

ENGINEER REPORT: She stated just to touch base on our Chestnut/Church St. project and on the other side of it. She continued we talked with the Charter and in our most recent communication and based on upon National Grid's schedule right now, we are looking at them doing their next phase of work with Charter and then Spectrum or Verizon does theirs; and they are looking at probably end of November. Trustee Strong asked if all three or just Charter. Mrs. Franco stated that they do Charter first, then Verizon comes in afterwards, based on her conversations they cannot do their work until Nation Grid finishes all of their primary and secondary relocations, based upon where those lines end up, is the offsets of the other lines go. Trustee Strong asked what percentage they are on their setbacks to help move this process. Mayor Butterfield stated he believes they are more than 50%, they were there again, he thinks when they saw the water main depositing along the side of the road; that maybe an encouragement for them to finish, because they are there and then they are gone. He continued they have been in communication with them as well. The Mayor stated he just learned this past week, that the other communication companies cannot do work until National Grid gives the O.K., so we will continue to be in touch with National Grid; and try to expedite.



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated the following:

- NSPD received a 2019 Wal-Mart Community Grant for \$2,000, this will assist the department with the Community Policing Programs
- Purchased 12 additional Stop Means Stop Signs to be deployed in the Village
- Been placing Marked cars throughout the village as decoys in traffic complaint areas
- His letter of resignation summoned up most everything, but wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Board for all their support, family is very important to him and the Board treated him as part of their family. It has been an Honor to lead these fine officers and that he truly believes the department is in a better place and these guys are the best.
- So far in September: 367 Total Calls for service, 189 Property Checks, 06 Domestic, 09 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 58 Traffic Stops, 45 Traffic tickets, 03 Arrests

Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: He stated the following:

- He wished Chief Rotunno the best
- Cathleen Corva reached out from Cornell; we did some tree pruning last night, at the Clock tower
- They are gearing up for the fall season and working on storm drains

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated the following:

- She sent an email to the Board with the end of summer numbers/stats; please review and let her know feedback or have questions
- Pool visits were up, 550 more visits this year; thought due to Williams Beach being closed
- Swim lessons up a little bit
- Summer camp registrations were up as well
- Park pavilion rentals were down a little at the parks
- Flu shot clinic is Thursday, Sept. 26th 10 AM to 12: 30 PM downstairs; open to public, bring insurance card, should be free
- Taste of North Syracuse is being held October 5th thru October 13th
 - To promote buying from local businesses, to highlight and promote Village Businesses
 - Not just restaurants; calling Taste/Shop/Experience
 - 25 to 30 businesses are participating and will have flyer in their window
 - It is up to business to find some promotion, discount or offer that they are going to give patrons that come to their business that week and mention this event



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

- Many are doing percentage off, specials, buy 1 get 1 or something like that
- Business list and special if shared will be on our website
- She encourage people to stick around the Village and take advantage of the offers
- Pool shutdown and covered
- \$125,000 SAM Grant this was for renovations at Heritage Pk.
 - Should have reimbursement agreement next week for the Mayor to sign
 - We are adding a Dog Pk.
 - Redoing parking lot off Chestnut St. and Lee Terrace, and improving drainage,
 - Improvement enhancements to the playground, and some equipment
 - Some may start in fall, but majority will be in spring

Codes Department:

- Attended the NYS Fire Marshal's Conference and got his 24 hrs. of in service training
- He wished Chief Rotunno good luck in Town of Cicero and Congratulations to Chief Becker

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:

- She wished the best to Chief Rotunno and she welcomed Chief Becker
- She has received a lot of calls with a lot of interest in the Beautification Committee, not really established yet which is a bit of a hiccup; people asking when first meeting is
- Spoke of having couple of murals done in the Village and have contacted an artist, found name in Star News, she will be doing mural on the side of the garages over there; other than the leak that is going to get fixed
 - Gave ideas, a lot of old Plank Road pictures, study a couple of photos; in the works
 - DPW building Mayor would like logo and plow put on that building; should be nice addition to the Village
- Going through the Audit, that is still going on and trying to piece something together for them and tomorrow as well as well as Fire Dept. is asking for somethings for their budget stuff to go to the towns with
- Got a new intern, Noel, she is in the audience tonight; she will be with us almost through the Christmas holidays helping out at Village Hall, so that is a nice addition
- To report the NYS Retirement the new numbers for the upcoming year the Police and Fire has increased a little, but the regular employee retirement system is flat; no increase there

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She thanked CEO Johnstone and Atty. Chatfield for coming up for the revisions for the Codes for the Commercial excess vehicles. She continued she thought it would be a benefit for



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

everybody along with the beautification of the Village that helps with that too. She stated that Chief Rotunno will be missed, you have done a lot for the Village, you have turned around a department and she wished him well. She stated as much as we will miss you; we were lucky to have you.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Congratulations Chief Rotunno in your new position in the Town of Cicero
- He spoke of ideas presented at the Meet-N-Greet that he and Trustee Wilmer held
 - 12 Village Residents attended, several demographics with age & locations (Lincoln, Shaver, Ivon, Chestnut, Van Mara, Lee Terr., Belmore) Homeowners & Renters
 - Casey Jordan from County Legislator stopped, offered input on county level; I-81 need to battle at Federal Level, Salina hosting update very shortly and their stance on this
 - Emailed DPW Sup't Ware
 - suggestions on paving, he is working on list for paving 2019 that will be forth coming in addition to the Church/Chestnut St. concerns
- Parks Dir. Roth does phenomenal job, suggested softball fields not being used, he suggested: adding workout stations to their walking and jogging paths like Fayetteville and Syracuse does, help to bring people into the Village and funds
- Heritage Pk. has a lot of crushed stone throughout, maybe a winter cross country skiing path
- He spoke of Centerville and maybe a skate park
- Picked up someone interest in the Beautification Comm. and forwarded contact to Dianne K.
- Multiple folks, when N. Main and Centerville finish their project there; could D.O.T. look at doing a delay, so folks can actually get off of Chestnut instead of waiting 2 or 3 light cycles

Trustee Wilmer: He thanked Police Chief Rotunno for his service. He congratulated the new Police Chief.

Dep. Mayor Browning: She stated Cicero's gained and we have lost a Police Chief. She congratulated Police Chief Becker and shared she looked forward to working with him. She spoke of good news, a headline, front page and wanted to remind the citizens of North Syracuse that we have a Board Meeting every two weeks held at different times, so it makes it easy and they can either come at 6:30 PM or at 4:30 PM. She continued we would like them to come to fill some of these seats; it is getting better, give us your opinions; problems and concerns. She stated it is before the whole Board and the Mayor and we would like to see the citizens. She thanked them for coming.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated he had a conversation with the Project Manager for OCWA regarding the water main



Village of North Syracuse
Special/Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 PM

work. He continued thankfully it is getting done before our paving is; he does know this is taking much longer than we thought. He stated the Taste of North Syracuse, this is our first attempt at it and we will see how it goes. He continued he thinks it is going to be a success, and after we have our first go around, if we can get some feedback from some of the businesses to try to improve it; he would like this to be an annual thing. He spoke of telling a fellow that is no longer with us, because of all our restaurants on Rt. 11 and quite a few of them are Italian. He stated that we could not be Little Italy, but maybe we could be Mini Italy; we have got a lot of good restaurants in the Village. He went on to say he would love to see more of our residents walking to the restaurant, so they can get a dessert, and work it off walking to and from. He stated that was part of the intent to get our local citizens walking, there are lots of sidewalks and anybody can get to Rt. 11 in a rather short period of time walking. Dep. Mayor Browning stated we have been known as the walking Village and maps were made for it. The Mayor stated he thinks the I-81 meeting that you mentioned was held last night. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated it was at Chestnut Middle School. The Mayor continued the next Mayor's Meeting we have is regarding shared services; once a month the Mayors and Trustees meet together. He stated the state has told us we need to do a consensus again, so we had a kick off meeting last month to talk about the Consensus and see what happens. He thanked Chief Rotunno, we got to be friends and this truly is a family; maybe he will travel out to Cicero. He added he is thrilled to have the new chief on board, the transition will be smooth, we look forward to working with you and the men back there and the ladies in Law Enforcement; we have some good young people. He stated it is a great Village and it is not publicized enough, but we will try.

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE _____

9/12/19

PLEASE SIGN IN

[illegible]