



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, July 23rd, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Parks Director Teresa Roth, and Village Attorney Neil Germain.

Personnel Absent: Police Chief William Becker and Amy Franco Village Engineer.

RESOLUTION # 138-20

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9th, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 139-20

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #04 in the amount of \$214,112.47 covering voucher #152 to #226. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee Strong stated with the abstract take special interest in the \$24,000 payment going to the school district for the PILOT that was given out to Toll Road. He reminded PILOT Programs are reoccurring hits on property taxes and are worthy of noting. Much discussion went back and forth on about PILOT Programs, the benefits to the developer, the benefits to the local municipality, and procedures for billing for a PILOT and potential loss of property taxes. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 COMM. DEV. :GROVE ST. SIDEWALKS: BID OPENING ON JULY 30TH, 2020 AT 2 PM

The Mayor stated the Comm. Dev. Project at Grove St., sidewalks bid opening is July 30th, 2020 at 2 PM. He continued this will place new sidewalks down to the pool. He added so far 1 bidder has



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requested at Village Hall, but they can get at the Builders Exchange and other places, so hopefully we have more than 1 bidder.

RESOLUTION # 140-20

SANITARY SEWER AGREEMENT: TABLED LAST BD.
MTG.-VIRTUAL MTG.: UPDATE

The Mayor stated next is the Sanitary Sewer Agreement that was tabled at the last meeting, he asked for motion to untable that. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to untable the motion to for the Sanitary Sewer Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 141-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN SANITARY
SEWER SYSTEM AGREEMENT REGARDING WORK BETWEEN
TAFT RD. AND BEAR ROAD: BID AWARDED IN DEC. 2020

The Mayor stated since then we have had a Virtual Mtg., and the Sanitary Sewer Agreement is for work that is going to be done on Rt. 11 next year. He continued there was scheduled to be a public hearing, but because of COVID, those public hearings were cancelled. He added the plans are already ready, we were supposed to get plans, for the plans were going out to bid on July 20th, but it is already July 20th. He stated he did have a meeting as there were some concerns that were brought up last meeting, so he will elaborate on the zoom mtg. they had, what was talked about, and then he will open it up for any discussion. He continued there were some areas that they wanted to close off access to businesses:

- St. Rose: they wanted to remove the porous paving; they agreed to leave that there
- Ritter's Cleaners: they wanted to make that smaller entrance, but they agreed to leave
 - He stated they found an existing agreement between Ritter's Cleaners and St. Rose Church for the use of the one driveway that a split property; the driveway was half on each property line, so there is an agreement in place.
- Karp Law Office: there was going to be some changes there.
- Dog Daze: he spoke of the flooding issue on occasion with the storms we get, even with the catch basin right in front there is not enough capacity and the storm sewer overflows and the water gets into the Dog Daze building. He informed them we did not create this, it is not a Village issue, they tried putting some grass in and it did not help; so they are going to try and include it in this next year's project and look into that.
- Unfinished Furniture: we removed some pavement, planted grass in its place; that has been a contention for the Unfinished Furniture owner, so that is going to be looked at.

He opened it up to the rest of the Board. Trustee Strong asked if there was any other Village enhance-



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ments affected through this 20/21 project, he stated he believed we are over a \$1,000,000 over the Village state project to finish up 2018, so if they come through and it is everything through the road and how far curbs. The Mayor stated that there are no more curbs and the road project was not a \$1,000,000. Trustee Strong stated the overall project, are there any enhancements that we did there, that will be affected by this. The Mayor continued yes unfortunately. Trustee Strong continued so the state is not going to make that whole after we spent that money and the crosswalks, are they going to make those whole. The Mayor stated it is for some A.D.A. requirements, he explained now here is the thing that does not make sense, some of the existing A.D.A. crosswalks, sidewalks with slope that are not in compliance they are not going to do. He continued some of the ones that we just did in our Main Street project, they are going to replace, but that comes from the federal government; down to the state government. He went on to say that our state governments has tried and tried to allow for changes, that say if we try to make the changes we will not get the funding, we will not get "any" project, so he would rather have the road. He added the road is going to be repaved, there is going to be A.D.A. changes made, so it is better to have the work done, than raise fuss and have them cancel it, because we are fortunate that we got the funding to do it. Trustee Strong asked if they talked about the seam in front of Fish Cove and 460 S. Main Street that feels like you are going off a ramp; that was just a poor paving job last time. The Mayor stated they are going to repave the whole thing; they are going to mill and pave, so that will not be an issue. The Mayor stated so the original motion was to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement which originally was about raising 1 manhole so, so we need authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement, so it can go ahead. Trustee Strong asked for clarification, the state DOT stated they were sending new paperwork out, which was not received. The Mayor and Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated they had not seen any new paperwork. Trustee Strong stated they stated they were sending us some. The Mayor stated the plans are coming out. Atty. Germain stated you just need to authorize the Mayor to execute the new agreement for whatever agreement is out there. He continued procedurally you do not have to go back. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Sanitary Sewer System Agreement regarding work between Taft Rd. and Bear Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 142-20

**POTENTIAL CROSSWALK-GROVE ST. /SOUTH BAY/
MAXWELL/WATSON RD.-PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is a potential crosswalk at Grove St. /South Bay/Maxwell/ Watson Rd. and he turned it over to Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated she received several positive signatures favoring the crosswalk that she had spoken of and the next step is to schedule a public hearing. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to set a Public Hearing to get feedback on



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the placement of a crosswalk on South Bay Road where Maxwell Ave. and Grove Street connect; to be held at the Comm. Ctr. on Thursday, August 13th at 6:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

CHESTNUT /CHURCH ST. REPAVING UPDATE

The Mayor stated the next agenda, as you see anybody that lives on Church St. He continued it has been milled, and they are raising the manhole covers and necessary work. He added he believed they are scheduled to pave Church St. on Monday. He went on to say the poles are coming down finally on Chestnut St.; he believes the poles are being removed the rest of the week. DPW Sup't Ware stated they are supposed to be taking the poles out on July 29th. The Mayor stated as far as the scheduled structures need to be installed for drainage on Chestnut St., the structures are supposed to show up the 1st week of August, so poles are down, structures go in and they continue on; finally it is happening.

VACANY: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Mayor stated we have a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, if anyone knows of someone who may want to serve on this board please see the Mayor.

RESOLUTION # 143-20

POLICE TEAMSTERS 1149 AGREEMENT

The Mayor stated as an additional item on the agenda, the Teamsters 1149 Agreement was sent to us, we wanted to make some changes, so we need to pass a resolution to reject the agreement that they sent to us, so we can then send them our changes. The Board had a few items that they wanted changed and also the agreement failed to include a few items that we had previously agreed to add/change. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to reject the proposed Police Teamsters 1149 Agreement that was forwarded to us. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 144-20

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS: MODIFY CURRENT LIST

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to modifying the current list for Electrical Inspectors to include Upstate Elec. Inspectors Agency: Gerry Bellows, Scott Bellows and Aaron Bellows. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and



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Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TERESA ROTH

The Mayor stated the last on the agenda is the news that Parks Director Roth is leaving. He continued part of him was not happy that Cicero was coming to the Village looking for a Parks & Rec. Director; Jodie Rodgers knew what she was doing, because the best one was right down the road. He added part of him is not happy, but the other part of him was KUDDOS to the Village, because we have had a great Park and Recs. Director, she has been with us 15 yrs. He stated he would put our Parks Program up against just about anybody and that is because of Parks Director Roth, so she is going to be missed, there is no question about. He added Cicero will be the beneficiary of her expertise, we will make it and we will find somebody.

CITIZENS' VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts via Facebook to address the Board. Sue Duerr of 236 Shaver Ave., is next door to where the big building is going up. She shared her concerns and her neighbors' concerns of the buildup of concrete, fill that is being brought in, the qualifications of the individuals doing the work. She spoke of sitting pooled water, mosquitos and all this business there and the major concern is the effect on the property resale values going down. She spoke of a lot of grief from Elm Street, and Shaver Ave. The Mayor thanked her and stated we are aware of that and our Codes Enforcement Officer is involved and aware of this condition. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

ENGINEER REPORT: Absent/No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker): Absent

Fire Department: (Fire Chief Patrick Brennan) He stated the following:

- Rescue 7: Taken out of service for paint warrantee work to be addressed
- Committed to PESH to remedy fall hazard up top, hopes to resolved while it was out, working with vendor for greatly reduced rate/compromise goal under \$1,000; vehicle in Rochester being painted, will be back to Syracuse next week for final stuff done.
- Engine 6: Have pictures of: modification had to have welded to frame-done, when sandblasted, painted it; looks really good now. Body has been: repaired, primer, it is still off vehicle, making



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- good progress; getting ready to be painted. He got call and pictures part of rehab replacing in flooring inside cab raise behind driver's seat in back seat 1 x 1 section, want to cut out 1/2 inch raise where rust has come thru, provided quote for \$1,600; unacceptable, expressed concern to Serv. Mgr. He is looking into another solution to resolve that.

Public Works Department: (DPW Sup't.: Ed Ware) He stated the following:

- Been doing street maintenance, storm drains, repairing equipment
- Working with Dept. Heads and work in their areas

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Teresa Roth) She stated the following:

- Summer Concerts: have yet to have any, keep getting postponed, hoping for August ; waiting for Governor to change max from 50 on public venues, until that will not be having concerts
- Pool: Getting some use, not a lot, it is open daily 11:00 AM-7:00 PM for Village Residents Only
- Summer Camp Program: Finishing 3rd week, so 1/2 way done; going pretty well
- Looking into order for Sound System at Comm. Ctr./ Board Mtgs. 2 phase thing
 - Switch microphones to Wireless System for those at the tables; Budgeted for
 - 2nd Phase is if we get cameras, some kind of webcams or Video Cameras; will get info together to order shortly
- Announce: She accepted a position with Town of Cicero as their Parks Director, will submit formal resignation in next few days to Village; starting right after Labor Day. Here through end of August. She stated it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Codes Department: (CEO: Brian Johnstone) No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:

- Reconnected with gal that did mural in the Village regarding DPW Garage, Village Offices and Garage Bldg. side that faces S. Bay Rd., meeting Monday to get thoughts on things we could do.
- Working on an upgrade Cyber Policy, should have something in place by next Board Meeting
- Went out with canvas for Senior Recreation Leader for the position in the Parks Office underneath the Parks Director, so sent out canvas and receiving replies in; final date is tomorrow for those.
- Updated website for Poll Question regarding the crosswalk

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:



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- Thanked the Village Residents that took part in Village Wide Garage Sales
- Nice to see poles finally coming off on Chestnut St.
- Looked forward to meeting with Police Union and addressing the concerns brought by the Board and items not put in original contract proposals
- Keep supporting the Village and businesses; a number of businesses continue to support our Volunteers and Essential Workers with donations and looking out for folks

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated Sales Tax Numbers are in and each month they are consistently down with more to follow. He continued the Sales Tax helps us; the county gets sales tax which comes down to the Villages, and Sales Tax is done everywhere all throughout the state. He added we are monitoring it, there is not a lot we can do about it until things clean up, so things will improve. He stated he had a Zoom Meeting with OCCRA today. He continued we have never been charged for pickup of recycled items; they do not charge for the tipping fee. He added the market has disappeared and gone way down for recycled items; we are going to be facing a tipping fee for recycled items as well. He went on to say so that is something we are working on, we have no choice, it is a county wide recycling effort; so we are all going to take a hit, hopefully it is not too bad. He stated you cannot get rid of it anymore, the market has dried up.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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