

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 24th, 2022 @ 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, Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong, and Trustee Fred Wilmer.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, and Police Chief William Becker.

Personnel Absent: Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw (Excused), Fire Chief Patrick Brennan (Absent), and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Vacation) and Village Engineer Amy Franco (Absent).

Business of the Month: The Mayor invited the Jeff Bachstein of Bach Photo to come forward. He shared they are located on Rt.11; they have been around for quite a while. He congratulated Mr. Bachstein and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Bach Photo, and asked him to say a few words. Mr. Bachstein stated he appreciated it and thank everyone for recognizing them. The Mayor shared when he moved into the Village, their next door neighbors were Mr. Bachstein and his family. He added they started out doing baseball cards and somehow worked into photography and asked how long they had been doing it. Mr. Bachstein continued just short of 35 yrs., since 1986.

RESOLUTION # 035-22

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 10TH, 2022

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the February 10th, 2022, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 036-22

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve Abstract #20 in the amount of \$125,226.03 covering voucher #1330 thru #1400. The motion was seconded Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 037-22

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated transfer of monies, we no longer have a Custodian, and we have an employee. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A1620.466 Custodian in the



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amount of \$3,000 to increase A1620.1 Buildings-Chad Thompson Employee. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS "IDEAS" FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-\$50,000

The Mayor stated we have a public hearing next meeting for Community Development. We have scheduled a public hearing, so we are looking for the Boards input, if anybody has any ideas; we were given the 5 yr. plan from CHA. He asked if anybody had any ideas. Much discussion went back and forth with the following ideas: Toll Road Pk. area for sidewalk replacement and Centerville Pk. Bathrooms. We will have to decide what we want to spend our money on at next mtg.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 038-22

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF THE 2019 F250
EXTENDED CAB.-UNIT 1/VEH. ID. ENDING 9950**

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize and approve the surplus of the 2019 F250 Extended Cab-Unit 1/Veh. ID. End 9950 to go to auction. The motion was seconded Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Discussion went back and forth regarding: Parks Dept. little Ranger - it is getting old, but has low mileage with little use; questioned if DPW had something that would be a good fit. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 039-22

**DISCUSS OCWA INSTALL 8" SERVICE AND HYDRANT
AT 444 S. MAIN ST.-HYDRANT ANNUAL MAINT.**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to discuss the approval of OCWA 8" Svc. and Hydrant at 444 S. Main St. including annual hydrant mtc. charge being paid for by developer. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. Much discussion went back and forth regarding: The documents clearly stated the required hydrants and access road to be installed prior to bldg., failing to submit paperwork to OCWA for months, and knowingly proceeding with work onsite. Stop Work Order being issued, developer agreeing to install hydrant on west side of road and pay annual mtc. fee being 1st step. Has to install access road that will suffice 75,000 lbs. engine, add hydrants onsite, then extend access road and 2nd hydrant needs to be attached to 8" hydrant to reach second bldg. Project must conform with NYS Fire Code



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requirements. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN
POLICE HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL**

The Mayor stated next item on the agenda Discuss/Review. Authorize the Mayor to sign Police Health Insurance Proposal; he believed they should do that in Executive Session.

RESOLUTION # 040-22

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2-2022
ALLOWING FOR A PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to set a public hearing to discuss Local Law #2-2022 allowing for a 2.0% Property Tax Cap Override to be held Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at 6:27 PM. The motion was seconded Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 041-22

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN BONADIO COMMITMENT TO
REVIEW THE LOSAP PLAN FOR DISCLOSURE ACCORDINGLY
FOR NYS GUIDELINES-BUDGETED ITEM**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Bonadio Commitment to review the LOSAP Plan for disclosure accordingly for NYS Guidelines. The motion was seconded Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Much discussion went on back and forth regarding: How often should this is done. Should be every 3 or 4 yrs., last Audit was done in 2018 by Michael Benn & Co. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel explained this is a mandate, it should be done yrly, and they are trying to play catch up. She has reached out multiple times to Michael Benn, and not receiving a good response; Bonadio can provide the svc. They have done many Fire LOSAP Reviews. She stated she has complied with everything that has been needed for the Audit; this would be 1 of the final steps. The date has not been scheduled yet, but once this is in place, she will reach out to the Fire Chief to coordinate. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that would like to share concerns or thoughts via Facebook to address the Board. The Mayor asked again if anyone would like to speak and with no response, closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report (Vacation).



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ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco): No Report (Absent).

The Mayor stated again, we have to decide on the Comm. Development what we are going to do. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated we have the public hearing at the next mtg.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief William Becker): No Report.

Fire Department: (Fire Chief Patrick Brennan) No Report (Absent).

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

- Spoke with Syracuse Signal about light out here on S. Bay and Church St., they will look into rotation on it, how quickly it changes from light to next
- Same with NYS DOT, he reached out to them about light on Rt.11 and Chestnut St., explained situation there; they are going to look into that, but will take some time
- Equipment ready: Fueled, cleaned up and ready to go for big storm tomorrow
- Had water main break on Aspenwood Cir., going on for many years, got diagnosed and repaired

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Anthony Burkinshaw) No Report (Excused).

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

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel) She stated the following:

- Audit just about wrapped up, hopefully get notes for that, so can provide to Office of State Comptroller; 1 of final pieces is LOSAP, hopefully can facilitate and get that going
- North Syracuse Hsg. Auth. which very productive, missing 1 member, but did conduct some business; felt more reassured after attending.
- Attended Community Mtg. at Town of Salina, was very productive, about 50 people attended:
 - SMTC doing study, trying to implement another Comm. Ctr. where Ice Rink Roller Skating was
 - Pizza Hut property a place for: Seniors to go, Comm. Ctr. events, place for Historian
 - Librarian there offering things to do for the public
 - Awarded \$1,500,000 grant to enhance from Strike & Spare to Northern Lights Traffic Cir., trying to get businesses, store fronts to enhance their façade's



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DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Village Hall Staff: Still handing out Covid Test Kits; thanked them for continuous never ending work
- Canvased list for open Police Officer position, several potential candidates have replied back that are interested, so moving forward with that process
- Note moment: Interesting times we currently live in across the globe; take time to think

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- She and Mayor attended mtg. for Mayors and Elected Officials, good to get together again
- She and Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel attended Webinar on Auditing Process for Abstract; very informative

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He stated we left some items off the agenda, we are trying to not do as much business at the 4:30 PM mtg. until our next mtg. and do more of our business at the 6:30 PM mtg., so a couple got pushed to the 6:30 PM mtg. He continued was invited and attended a mtg. about the Airport and the progress that the Airport is making and proposed expansion. He added if you read the news the Airport Pkg. is totally full, they are going to expand the pkg. He explained they are trying to get some other flights, routes coming in, so that is looking good for our community. He spoke of knowing about the Airport, because when they use the alternate runway it is directly over his house and they are not far off the ground. He stated Home Headquarters has a Community Improvement Loan Program that we need to get out there and put it on our Website. He shared we can borrow up to \$10,000 at 1% interest, for exterior home improvements, payable over 7 yrs. with no income eligibility requirements. He continued tomorrow here, Senator Mannion and some of his staff will be here from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. He added they called, and asked if they could use this for an offsite mtg., for anybody that wants to stop and ask the Senator any questions; feel free.

The Mayor stated he would like to entertain a motion to go into executive session to discuss 2 items, both regarding bargaining Unit 1149 of the Teamsters. He continued we may be making a decision on 1 of the items, so we will come back out and vote possibly.



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Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** at 4:55 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to return to **Regular Session** at 6:52 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 042-22

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN POLICE HEALTH
INSURANCE PROPOSAL**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion pending the final review of the language in the MOU, effective 3/01/22 the current Police (1149) group will start with the NYS Teamsters Health and Hospital Fund at \$1,849.56 composite rate, \$22.25 part-time legal, effective 1/01/23 \$1,903.99 and \$22.70 part-time legal effective 1/01/24 \$1,949.23 and \$22.95 part-time legal; authorizing the Mayor to sign these rate agreements including front loading the cards for January and February in order to provide monies towards deductibles. She continued it is also understood that the Mayor will bring to the Board for consideration on a "one-on-one" basis any member that is facing a hardship meeting their deductibles for the first year. The motion was seconded Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

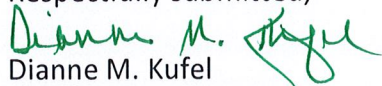
RESOLUTION # 043-22

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE
OFFICER CUSHMAN GRIEVANCE**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement to resolve the Officer Cushman Grievance issue with two choices and leaving it as whichever works the best. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. 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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PLEASE SIGN IN

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