



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 8th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

Facebook Livestreamed

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 5:30 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 John Bolton, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, and Trustee Chris Strong.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Parks Dir. Anthony Burkinshaw, Codes Nick Rohm.

Personnel Absent: Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused) and Village Engineer Amy Franco (Excused).

RESOLUTION #151-24

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. – JULY 11, 2024

Trustee Chris Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the July 11, 2024, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #152-24

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$375,126.77 covering Voucher #274 – #352. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton and St. Germain, all voting in favor of the same.

- Eastern Shore: \$150,000 (Annual Ins.)
- Solvay Bank: \$ 20,000 (Leafer) Payment 3 Of 3
- Solvay Bank: \$ 37,500 (Snowplow) Payment 3 of 5
- Shalimar Properties: \$ 65,500 (Just One Bite Property)

Trustee Strong requested clarification on the budget for the use of shared services from the Town of Clay as a Codes Officer. Clarification was given by Clerk/Treasurer Kufel and Codes Director Rohm.

RESOLUTION #153-24

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Chris Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$31.24 covering voucher #5. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Strong, St. Germain Bolton, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 154-24

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Trustee St. Germain made the motion to transfer monies in the amount of \$44,165 from A3389R – Monies



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received from United Radio Donation to A3120.21 Police Emergency Vehicle Equipment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chris Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, St. Germain, Bolton and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 155-24

BUDGET TRANSFER (5)

Trustee Strong made a motion to transfer monies in the amount of \$785.64 from A3389W – Police Tech Grant (\$205,000.00) to A3120.21 Police Emergency Vehicle Equipment to cover the additional cost for radios. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Strong, St. Germain, Bolton and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 156-24

BUDGET TRANSFER (5)

Trustee Strong made a motion to transfer monies from A1990.4 Contingency, in the amount of \$5,146.00 to A7181.447 Equipment – Elevator Emergency Repair to cover the Unexpected Emergency Repair of the Elevator at the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Bolton, St. Germain and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMM. DEV. 2023 HERITAGE/PICKLEBALL/LIGHTING GRANT

The Mayor gave an update on the Community Development 2023 Monies. Grant award was \$87,051. To date we have spent \$57,315. He has tasked Park Director T. Burkinshaw to explore other possibilities for the remainder of the grant funds. Possibilities are Slidable Backboards to fit existing poles, received two quotes for sealing and striping parking lot, adding an extension on Pavilion for Summer Camp. Discussion ensued regarding cameras assisting with security.

COMM. DEV. 2022 COMMUNITY CTR. BASEMENT/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

The Mayor gave an update on the Community Development 2022 Monies. Grant award was \$50,000. To date we have spent \$36,260. We are looking at upgrading the doors, as they have reached end of life. Parks Director T. Burkinshaw stated he is looking into replacing the doors, also striping the Parking lot in coordination with Heritage Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the Basement Drainage and moisture. Water is still going into the basement and being pumped out. The problem is continuing to be addressed. Discussion about fixing the moisture and drainage issues before approving the proposal for New Bronze Entrance Doors. Trustee Strong proposed tabling the proposal until next Board meeting, August 22, 2024 to discuss/address basement drainage/moisture issue.

SAM GRANT/DASNY – FIRE DEPT. STATION 1 ADDITION

The Mayor made a request to open the floor for a dialogue regarding the Fire House Addition to Station 1. Fire Chief Patrick Brennan gave an update regarding the Facilities Planning Study given to the Board. Chief Brennan



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discussed the four (4) options presented by the Architect to the Planning Committee. Resident Lisa Liota spoke about the knowledge gained from being on the Committee and her recommendation to approve the proposal as a Village Resident. Deputy Chief Jozsef Asztalos discussed the proposal outlining Phase I in depth and minimal Phase II. The Mayor discussed consolidating Station I and II, by selling Station II as it gets minimal use currently, and it is out of Village limits. He stated the proceeds for the sale of Station II would give the Village proceeds to upgrade Station I. Trustee Bolton spoke about the committee becoming informed about the importance of Decontamination for the Fire Fighters. Trustee Bolton spoke about the upgrades needed for Station I based on OSHA. Discussion ensued regarding this proposal being enough to present to DASNY for Grant reimbursement of both of the Grants tied to the Addition. It was stated that the Village needs an Architect to design the concept of the proposal in order to move forward with DASNY. Trustee Bolton made a motion to accept the conceptual drawing and proposal for the Fire Department Addition and authorize moving forward to get Architecture to drawings for the next step. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Strong, Bolton and St. Germain all voting in favor of the same. Mayor Butterfield and Dep. Gustafson voted Nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 157-24

REPLACE LENSES AND LED LIGHTS ON CENTER CLOCK

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the Village to accept the proposal from White's Clock for \$3,594.00 to replace the Benzel Lenses and LED Lights on the Village clock. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Strong, Bolton, Gustafson, and St. Germain, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 158-24

INTERNATIONAL ASSOC. OF CHIEFS CONFERENCE 10/18 – 10/22/2024

Dep. Mayor Gustafson make a motion to approve Police Chief Fieldson attendance at the International Association of Police Chiefs Conference 10/18 thru 10/22/2024. The hotel conference fee is approximately \$2000.00. The motion was seconded by Strong. The motion was approved.: Bolton, Gustafson, Strong and St. Germain, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 159-24

TRANSFER OF ANDREW THOMAS TO PARKS DEPT.

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the continued employment and transfer to Parks of Andrew Thomas on 8/19/2024 at \$16.00/hr. The motion was seconded by Gustafson. The motion was approved. Bolton, Gustafson, Strong and St. Germain all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 160-24

APPOINTMENT L. NESTELL CODES ENFORCEMENT. OFFICER

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the appointment of L. Nestell as the Codes Enforcement Officer on 9/4/2024 at \$55,000.00 Annually. The motion was seconded by Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Gustafson, Bolton and Strong all voting in favor of the same.



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APPOINTMENT L. BURAK SUBSTITUTE LIFE GUARD

RESOLUTION #161-24

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the appointment of substitute lifeguard L. Burak at \$15/hr as a backup person to cover vacancies. The motion was seconded by Bolton. The motion was approved:

Gustafson, Bolton, Strong and St. Germain all voting in favor of the same.

RESIGNATION OF JOHN COLEMAN, ZBA ALTERNATE

RESOLUTION #162-24

Trustee Strong made a motion to accept the resignation of John Coleman, ZBA Alternate, effective 7/23/2024 (Term Ending 07/01/26). The motion was seconded by Gustafson. The motion as approved: Strong, Gustafson, St. Germain and Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZEN'S VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that would like to share concerns or thoughts via Facebook to address the Board. The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

Lisa Perez of 205 Chestnut St. asked for \$500 to fix the Veterans Memorial Park. The Mayor said it would need to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. thanked Trustee Bolton and the Village Board and Fire Chief for reviewing the conceptual plan for the Fire Dept. and what is best for Village residents'. Also, thanked Codes Officer N. Rohm for the amount of work completed in a short time of employment with the Village.

ATTORNEY REPORT: (Robert Germain): No Report. Excused

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Dir. Anthony Burkishaw): He State the following:

- They did meet about the Veterans Memorial wall. Discussions ongoing about hiring volunteers, insurance and Village responsibilities and budget etc.
- Summer camp in Week 5, one more week left. Have had to utilize the Community Center during rainy days.
- There are two concerts left in the summer series.
- Thanked the Police Dept. for their help and involvement this year.
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Codes Department: (Codes Enforcement Office: Nicholas Rohm): He stated the following:

- Meals on Wheels was approved zoning for an addition as well as boarding animals.
- Akina Sushi applied for Building Permits.



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- Contacted property owner on Moss Lane. regarding overgrown trees on property. They are working on finding a contractor to remove them.

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

- Thanked Codes Officer Rohm for his work with the Village.
- DPW is anticipating being busy due to upcoming rain forecasted.

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

- They have been keeping up to date with the forecast regarding the tropical storm as well, and are ready to assist community when needed.
- Thanked the committee, and appreciates the support from the Board regarding the Fire Station Addition.
- The Fire Dept. is participating with the Airport on simulated drills this weekend.
- The Fire Dept. has been working with DOT regarding the Bridge work and have an increase in calls due to the work being done.

Police Department:(Chief Fieldson): He stated the following:

- Thanked the Board for their support in attending the upcoming International Police Chief Conference.
- Continuing to move forward on acquiring full staffing. Two new recruits will be graduating from the Academy. Chief invited anyone from Board to attend this exciting accomplishment for the recruits, and the Village.
- Statistics for July: 712 Total Events, 170 Property Checks, 20 Domestic cases. 25 Vehicle Crashes, 240 Traffic Stops, 98 Traffic Tickets, 13 Criminal Arrests, 14 Larceny complaints.
- Shared a current incident the Officers' deal with as an example of what they do on a daily basis to give insight.
- Lateral incentive has expired. The Syracuse PD has had success because they raised the amount of their lateral incentive. Currently, there is no one eligible to take the Supervisors exam. Our current Sergeant will be retiring. As a municipality, we need to address this now due to the need for Dept. Supervision in the very near future. It will give the Village an ability to attract an experienced officer. The Dept. is about 500 days from losing our most senior officer.
- Chief Fieldson is very proud of his officers and their work with the Community.
- Discussed the 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo held in conjunction with the Parks Dept. It was a great success.
- Participated on August 6th in the National Night Out at Onondaga Lake Park. It is designed to promote community involvement as well as community with other Police Depts.
- A campaign was conducted at the crosswalk at Nesticos to educate safety. New signs were



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- installed by the DOT, however night time crossing was not considered. He reached out to the DOT requesting to conduct another study involving night time crossings and installation of lighting there.
 - Discussed his objective when he became the Chief of Police as integrating with the community, and simultaneously promote the absence of crime in our community.
 - The Police Dept. will be attending the drill at the Airport this weekend as well.
- Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel): She stated the following:

- Thank Codes Office N. Rohm for all his work with the Village during his time here.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:

- Recognized the Department heads for all of the work they do within their Departments.
- Expressed thanks to N. Rohm for his time and efforts while employed with the Village.
- Thanked the Mayor for his help with the process of finding a new Codes Officer.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Update on old Walgreens property: Has identified a contact person. Hoping property will get cleaned up, and the Village is able to get that property filled in the near future.
- Thanked Lisa and Jeff for their participation on committees with the Village, especially the Fire Dept. addition committee.
- Thanked the Fire Dept and employees for their time with the Committee.
- Thanked the DPW for the storm drains among the Village
- Thanked Codes Officer N. Rohm for his time with the Village.

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- Thanked Lisa for participating on the Committee with him. Appreciated the knowledge he learned from her.
- Thanked Codes Officer N. Rohm for his work with the Village.
- Unfinished furniture building has employed a local landscaper to take care of the property. He has built a relationship with the gas station owner next door as well.
- Reiterated his appreciation for the Dept. heads as well.

Deputy Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Thanked the Committee and the Fire Dept. for their work on the addition as well. Wants to research the proposal more in depth.



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- Thanked Chief Fieldson for his work.
- Expressed thanks to Codes Officer N. Rohm.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated we are purchasing a new vehicle for the Police Dept. This vehicle replaces another vehicle with a bad transmission. We will be replacing another vehicle that was involved in an accident, in the future. He expressed thanks as well to Codes Officer N. Rohm for his help with the Village during his time here. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Gustafson, Bolton, St. Germain and Strong all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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