



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 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.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Asst. Chief B. Nicholson, Parks Dir. Anthony Burkinshaw,

Personnel Absent: Trustee Chris Strong (Excused), Codes Director Larry Nestell, Village Attorney Robert Germain, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

RESOLUTION #177-24

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. – AUGUST 22, 2024

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the August 22, 2024, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Gustafson, St. Germain and Bolton, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #178-24

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee John Bolton made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #7 in the amount of \$194,440.20 covering voucher #446 thru #524. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Bolton, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #179-24

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee St. Germain made the motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #7 in the amount of \$968.44 covering voucher #6 thru #7. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Bolton and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #180-24

BUDGET TRANSFER (S)

Dep Mayor Gustafson made a motion to transfer monies in the amount of \$98.24 from A3389G – Burdick Monies- Therapy Dog to A3120.400 NOVA Expenses. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Bolton and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #181-24

BUDGET TRANSFER (S)

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to transfer monies from A2665 Insurance Recoveries, in the amount of \$37,495.00 to A3120.29 New Police 2023 Charger. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Bolton and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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RESOLUTION #182-24

BUDGET TRANSFER (S)

Trustee Bolton made a motion to transfer monies from A2680 Insurance Recoveries, in the amount of \$13,883.66. to A3120.29 New Police 2023 Charger. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Bolton 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 \$68,397. Requests were made to change the Dog Park around a little bit, and also additional fencing. Also, a Stone Walking Path. Tony is also looking at Benches for the Dog Park, additional seating outside the Dog Park area.

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

The Mayor gave an update on the Community Development 2022 Monies. Grant award was \$50,000. To date we have spent \$49,031. Basically done with this Grant.

UPDATE ON 444 S. MAIN STREET

The Mayor gave an update on 444 S. Main Street. Movement and activity has begun. Parking lot is beginning to take shape. New Codes officer is working with them and making progress.

SWIM GRANT/KENNEDY PARK

The Mayor gave an update regarding the SWIM Grant the village applied for regarding Kennedy Park. We were not chosen to received the Grant. Engineer Amy Franco is reaching out to find out why we were not chosen to receive the grant. We hope to know more tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 183-24

SURPLUS ITEMS FROM VILLAGE HALL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the surplus of nine (9) office chairs and two (2) high top chairs. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Gustafson, Bolton and St. Germain all voting in favor of the same.

TREE REMOVAL 215/217 WELLS AVE. EAST

The Mayor gave an update on tree removal requests from residents on Wells Ave East. After our annual repaving on the roadway, two inches of roadway was added to the road. There is a large tree that is in between



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the paving and sidewalk. The tree board looked at the tree and pictures. Discussion ensued regarding the Village responsibility to remove the tree. Trustee Bolton stated the trunk removal would disrupt the driveway. It was agreed the board needed more time to look at the issue, discussion would continue at the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION #184-24

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to appoint Mary Hewitt as an Alternate to the Zoning Board to cover the vacancy of J. Coleman. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Gustafson, Bolton and St. Germain all voting in favor of the same.

2024 TREE CITY GRANT

The Mayor stated a grant was submitted for the 2024 Tree City Grant for \$1000 to plant trees in our parks. The Grant will enable us to plant one tree in each park. Parks Director T. Burkinshaw and Engineer A. Franco submitted the application. We are awaiting the response.

RESOLUTION # 185-24

APPROVAL OF ETHICS COMMITTEE MTG. – AUGUST 27, 2024

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Ethics Committee from the August 27, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, Gustafson, and St. Germain, all voting in favor of the same.

Discussion continued regarding the supporting documentation provided by the Ethics Committee, under the New York State requirements. Discussion will continue, in the future regarding the documents provided and any modification decisions that might be made.

RESOLUTION # 186-24

APPROVE A. THOMAS TO PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the promotion of A. Thomas from RAM to Probationary Firefighter. The motion was seconded by Gustafson. The motion was approved.: Bolton, Gustafson, and St. Germain, 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 if anyone would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. stated the Code for trees that size is four (4) feet away from the sidewalk. The tree is (3) feet or less and is at least two (2) feet away from the sidewalk.



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Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St. wanted to congratulate Chief Fieldson on the nice media piece about the Village support dog, Nova.

ATTORNEY REPORT: (Robert Germain): Excused

ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco): Excused

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

- The Pool has been closed for the season.
- Stone has been put on the trail at Heritage Park with the help of DPW and some at the Community Center.

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

- Paving has been completed on the roads that needed to be paved.
- Various Departments Vehicle maintenance is being done on.
- Residents need to call ahead for the last trash pick up.
- Thanked the residents for their cooperation with the trash pick ups this season.
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Fire Department: (Asst. Dep. Chief Nicholson): He stated the following:

- For the month of August we responded to 3 bldg. fires, 2 hardwood fires, 23 alarms, 28 micro calls. Assisted in EMS NAVAC calls, and car accidents. 15 hazardous conditions, 5 service calls, and 23 False Alarms.
- Averaging 53 manpower hours per week.
- This year is the 4th straight busiest year on record.
- 614 calls to date

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

- Currently we have 2 Full Time and 1 Part Time Field Officers in training.
- Responded to 133 property checks, 12 domestic violence, 22 motor vehicle accidents, 180 traffic stops, 142 tickets, and 17 criminal arrests. Total 594 events for the month of August.
- Stated that the Department recently purchased a traffic data collector. It will save the Village money as we won't be paying for this data to be collected independently. It can be used to give to residents who request information, as well as the police based policing for the village.
- CNY Central did a great piece about our therapy dog NOVA.
- He wanted to recognize Officer Meyer, Officer Appel, and Officer Smith on National Womens Police Officer day.



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Codes Department: (Mayor Butterfield gave report): He stated the following:

- We have a new codes officer L. Nestill. He has provided the following statistics: 16 Codes actions. 7 building permits, 1 certificate of occupancy, 3 violations, 2 certificates of completion, 1 certificate of compliance, and 2 other permits.

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

- Talked about the ethics paperwork that was handed out. It was condensed down from six pages. Would like everyone to look it over for the Ethics Committee. Discussions to follow.
- Personal auditors are coming in on Monday.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: no report

Trustee Strong: excused

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- Wanted to echo the police department regarding the NOVA news piece.
- Welcomed Mary Hewitt to the Zoning board.
- Met a gentleman who represents VIP Structures. He talked about the County's desire to develop wetlands concerning Gateway Drive and multi family homes.

Deputy Mayor Gustafson:

- Thanked the Chief for getting the traffic data collector for the village.
- Wanted to recognize our female officers for doing a great job.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated Just One Bite property is moving back to the original Oscars Building. The target date to open is the 1st week of October. Contract negotiations are continuing with Police 1149. The elevator at the Community Center is back in operation. We are still looking for a new updated elevator. Quickly coming up on our 100th Anniversary. Exciting things are in the works, anyone who would like to be involved in planning let us know.

The meeting was moved to Executive Session. Dep Mayor Gustafson made the motion to adjourned at 6:05 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Gustafson, Bolton, St. Germain all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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