



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 8th, 2025 @ 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 5:29 P.M. with Mayor Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Butterfield, Deputy Mayor Gustafson, Trustee Bolton, Trustee Strong and Trustee St. Germain.

Personnel Present: Clerk/Treasurer D. Kufel, Police Chief Fieldson, Dep. Fire Chief Asztalos, DPW Sup't E. Ware, Parks Dir. A. Burkinshaw, and Codes Officer L. Nestell.

Personnel Absent: Atty. R. Germain and Engineer A. Franco (excused).

PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #2/2025 UNIFORM AND ENERGY CODE EFFECTIVE 12/30/2022

The Mayor stated please take notice that Public Hearing held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse on the 8th day of April, 2025 at 5:29 PM regarding the adoption of Local Law #2 2025 the Uniform Code and/or Energy Code that was effective 12/30/2022. The Mayor stated that due to the Codes Dept. Director position being vacated multiple times, the timely adoption was not performed by the Board, however the Village has been following the new code enforcement during this time. The Village Board will hear all persons in support of such matters, or objections thereto. Codes Officer L. Nestell stated he is in favor of adoption of the new code enforcement. No other persons spoke in favor or against the adoption of Local Law #2. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 PM.

RESOLUTION #090-25

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. – APRIL 24, 2025

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the April 24, 2025 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #091-25

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$93,940.95, covering voucher #1503 thru #1556. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #092-25

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$24.00, covering voucher #17. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton, all voting in favor of the same.



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RESOLUTION #093-25

BUDGET TRANSFER (S)

Trustee Strong made a motion to transfer monies in the amount of \$3,000.00 from A3410.120 -Fire Admin. 2 to A3410.417-Misc. Supplies/Clerk. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #094-25

BUDGET TRANSFER (S)

Trustee Bolton made a motion to transfer monies in the amount of \$39.98 from A1990.4-Contingency to A3120.412-Police Uniforms. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #095-25

AWARD TRASH BID JUNE 1, 2025 THRU MAY 31, 2029 TO BUTLER DISPOSAL

The Mayor stated the Board received the trash bids, they were discussed at the last meeting. Legal counsel was given the opportunity to review. All pertinent questions were asked and reviewed by Onon. County, and all came back satisfactory. The original Bid Proposal from Butler is: FY 25/26 \$578,570.00 – FY 26/27 \$578,570.00 – FY 27/28 \$578,570.00 – FY 28/29 \$578,570.00 with the opportunity to give two additional 1-year extensions.

Trustee Strong made the motion to accept Butler Disposal trash bid from June 1st 2025 through May 31st, 2029. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain and Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Bolton voted post.

RESOLUTION #096-25 **AWARD IT CHANGEOVER CONTRACT TO SYRACUSE TECHNOLOGIES EFFECTIVE 5/9/2025**

The Mayor stated our current IT Provider, Peter Knowles, Advanced Network Design, expressed that he is stepping away from the business of IT support for the Village. The Mayor stated a small committee was formed, and four potential IT companies were interviewed. The committee made recommendation to utilize Syracuse Technologies. The cost structure starts with a set-up fee of \$2,500.00 and monthly charges of approximately \$1,380.00.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made the motion to award the IT Changeover Contract to Syracuse Technologies effective 5/9/2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

Peter Knowles will work with the company to enable a smooth transition. Peter has provided IT Service for the Village for a long time and will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #097-25

APPROVE POLICE OFC. TO ATTEND POLICE JUVENILE CONF. 8/25 THRU 8/29/2025



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Trustee Strong made a motion for the approval of a Police Officer to attend the NY Police Juvenile Conference from 8/25 through 8/29/2025 at a cost of \$1,662.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #098-25

APPOINTMENT OF E. BRIDENBAKER AS A RAM FOR THE FIRE DEPT.

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the appointment of E. Bridenbaker as a RAM (Restricted Access Member) of the Fire Dept. effective 5/09/2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #099-25

APPROVE NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR POLICE PROPERTY ROOM EVIDENCE

Per Clerk/Treasurer Kufel, the Police Chief requested a separate account for monetary evidence that has been accumulating over the years. He would like to store this evidence more securely. Dianne K. stated that she reached out to the Auditors for guidance on what is the proper type of account to store this monetary evidence in, she is waiting to hear back. Trustee Strong made a motion to table this issue until clarification is given to Clerk/Treasurer Kufel before proceeding with the motion. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #100-25

REHIRE OF DPW SUMMER HELP G. WILMER EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2025

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the appointment of DPW Summer Seasonal helper G. Wilmer at an hourly rate of \$20.00 effective May 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #101-25

REHIRE OF DPW SUMMER HELP C. JOHNSTONE EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2025

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the appointment of DPW Summer Seasonal helper C. Johnstone at an hourly rate of \$15.50 effective May 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #102-25

APPROVAL DPW SUP'T E. WARE TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL JUNE 2 – 4, 2025

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve attendance of DPW Sup't E. Ware at the Highway School on June 2nd thru June 4, 2025 at a cost of \$525.00. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.



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RESOLUTION #103-25 **APPROVE HIRING OF J. SANTORO-FIRE DEPT. P/T CARETAKER EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2025**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the hiring of J. Santoro as an additional P/T Firehouse Caretaker at an hourly rate of \$18.50 effective May 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #104-25 **APPROVE HIRING OF D. LENNOX-FIRE DEPT. P/T CARETAKER EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2025**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the hiring of D. Lennox as an additional P/T Firehouse Caretaker at an hourly rate of \$18.50 effective May 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

SPOT ZONING/MIKES AUTO CARE CENTER

The Mayor asked Codes Dir. L. Nestell to explain an issue regarding zoning at Mikes Auto Care Center that came to light. Dir. Nestell stated the issue is being corrected. The issue revolved around zoning/ 911 addressing where the business was listed with two addresses, as well as other addresses with the same issue. Dir. Nestell stated it is currently being corrected with the updated zoning map.

RESOLUTION #105-25 **ADD ONE ADDITIONAL CARETAKER POSITION TO THE FIRE DEPT.**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the addition of one more Firehouse caretaker position to the Fire Dept. bringing the total number of positions to seven (7). The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved. Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong and Trustee Bolton Trustee Strong all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS VOICE: The Mayor asked if any citizen would like to address the Board for any issues outside of the Public Hearing.

Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St. stated the Village 100-year celebration is fast approaching. She has tickets for the \$100 raffle. You can also get them from Tony at the Village office. Three of the four previous Mayors will be attending, as well as Fire Dept. and Police Dept. She truly appreciates everyone's help and participation in this momentous event.

Joe Asztalos of 118 Palmer Drive inquired about the DPW's timeline for repairing damage done by winter plowing to his property, his neighbors as well as the asphalt on his driveway. DPW Sup't Ware stated the weather has hinder their work with the lawns. DPW Ware further stated he was not aware of the asphalt damage, and would be out to look at it.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Drive the Village should put "more teeth" to the Codes language regarding abandoned pools of Village residents. Codes Dir. Nestell agreed with Mr. Ryan, and will be addressing further steps to take.



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Scott Cerio of 311 N. Main Street stated he is inquiring, w/his client, about what the Village is doing with the abandoned property at 517/519 S. Main Street. Dir. Nestell addressed his safety concerns regarding the demolition of 517 N. Main, and renovation of 519 S. Main Street, as well as the particulars surrounding this property.

Ryan on behalf of Senator Ryans came to reiterate Senator Ryans office support for the Village and their needs.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Department: (Director A. Burkinshaw): He stated the following:

- Parks Dept. has been busy preparing for the festival.
- Parade kick-off is at Lonergan Park – heading north to Veterans Memorial Park, then opening Festival.
- The festival has been extended from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the Anniversary celebration.
- DPW and Parks are working this week to install remaining banners and flowers along Main St.

Codes Department: (Director L. Nestell): He stated the following:

- 118 Grove St. is now in contract to renovate. He will be walking through the property with the architect very soon.
- Ling Lings is now open. Work needs to be done on their Fire Suppression Alert System.
- Interest has been initiated in the Walgreens property to open as a Dollar General Store. No permits yet, just inquiry calls and statement that their interest is solid.
- Apartment registry is ongoing. Once finalized, the Board and Attorney will be given a copy of everything. Once finalized, he will need approval from everyone.
- He has been working with Parks and DPW regarding the illumination of drainage issues due to all the wet weather we have experienced throughout the west part of the Village. A lot of walking has been done by DPW, Parks and Codes to identify the areas. The Village has some responsibility in correcting these issues, as well as many businesses.
- Brolex elevators are currently being installed. They failed the recent SWPPS inspection, that was before he had already issued two violations.

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

- The DPW has p/u 58,340.00 lbs. of bulk trash, and taken 14 full loads to Rock Cut Rd. in Jamesville.
- They have also p/u 253,000.00 lbs. of brush and taken 38 loads to Amboy Camillus for disposal.
- All snow equipment has been salt neutralized and put away.
- They have begun lawn damage repair. They have not been able to get the Top Soil yet.
- They have been repairing storm drains, and also man hole covers that need repair.



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Fire Department: (Dep. Fire Chief J. Asztalos): He stated the following:

- Thanked the Board for the approval of the P/T caretakers.
- Personal thanks to Trustee Gustafson who reached out with questions, he appreciates the support from the board.
- The Fire Dept has answered 310 calls so far this year, 16 of those calls just this month alone, 7 of those calls have been to Ling Lings.
- Appreciates the hiring of E. Bridenbaker, who is the daughter of long-time firefighter Mike Bridenbaker, as a restricted access member. We are happy to support her in her journey of following in her fathers' footsteps.
- Recruit New York, FASNY Annual Recruitment Drive enabled one walk in to the Fire Station. Efforts on social media, due to new admin clerk Maureen, we do have more interest.
- Spoke of the budget meeting that he was not able to attend, and his unhappiness of the cuts that took place. He explained how and what the volunteers do at the N. Syracuse Volunteer Fire Dept., and within the North Syracuse Fire District.

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

- Thanked Pete for the many years of IT service to the Village.
- Thank you to the Board for approval of officer to attend the upcoming Juvenile course.
- The Dept. is short one F/T Officer. They are looking for P/T Officers who have generous availability. The P/T Officers supplement our dept. as they assist the F/T Officers and help with reducing costs. The Dept. is looking for one F/T Officer, as well as a couple P/T Officers.
- Introduced new technology the dept. acquired. It is called the "Holster Aware Yard Arm". It is a sensor that pairs to the officers' body worn camera via their holster. When their weapon is drawn, it activates their body work camera.
- Snapshot of two incidents the officers addressed: Complaints re: business, in particular smoke shops. Also, a residence suicide attempt.
- He further stressed the lack of a police contract for almost a year. How it is affecting recruitment, and employee retention when he can't identify a specific hiring package to potential officers. The longer we go without a contract, the more detriment to the department.

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

- She needs a resolution if the Board intends to add two more caretakers to the Fire Dept to the roster, we currently only have six positions. Through discussion w/Dep. Chief it was corrected to only needing one additional position. It was further verified we needed 2, the F/T is also in count.
- Thanked Peter for working with the Village for a long time, and providing wonderful IT service all these years. He will truly be missed.
- New rates have been received from Excellus BC/BS which impacts the DPW staffing. It is going up 8.4%, and will go into effect August 1, 2025. However, since switching over to this new plan, it has



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- saved the Village money.

Engineer Report: (Amy Franco): Excused

Attorney Report: (Robert Germain): Excused

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- Thanked Tony for organizing the shred event. There was a great turnout.
- Recognized the Dept. heads for their excellent meeting reports.
- Thanked the Fire Dept. for the invite to the Installation dinner.

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:

- Emphasized that each dept. brings so much to the Village, and all go above and beyond for the residents. The budget discussions, decisions have been hard the Board took none of it lightly. Speaking for the entire board, every dept is held in very high respect.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Thanked Codes Dir. Nestell for speaking about the Public Hearing and working with residents to try and clean up some of the Local Law issues.
- He requested an update on the Maple Manor property and the business across from Brolex. Per Dir. Nestell: Gave updated information on the 104 Maple Manor property, Brolex, and the Just One Bite Property as well.
- He thanked Tony for the work on the banners, and stated so many people have positively commented on them. The shred event was successful as well, and he thanks DPW Sup't Ware for volunteering his time for the shred event as well.
- He also stated that sometimes some residents don't call ahead to schedule bulk trash p/u, and just put it out to the curb. DPW Sup't Ware stated the DPW typically goes out after the event and gives residents friendly reminders to call ahead and schedule it.
- He also expressed appreciation to Peter for all his work with the Village and each Dept. for many years.

Deputy Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Wants to thank Dep. Fire Chief Asztalos for taking the time and patience to answer all her questions.
- She concurred with Trustee St. Germain about the difficulty with the budget. She stated there were a lot of difficult decisions that had to be made.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Butterfield stated the following:

- The Mayor stated the Police 1149 negotiations are very close. There was a wide gap of agreements when the negotiations started, and it is much smaller now. He believes this must be settled by the



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end of May, and has spoken to all parties requesting to get this contract figured out and finalized. He hopes to have good news within the next few weeks.

- We have a Grant for a Comprehensive Plan. A committee was formed and we had a meeting, we are scheduling a second meeting involving the citizens who volunteered for the committee as well.
- The TAP Grant for the Sidewalks is ongoing. The Arts Grant is also ongoing. There will be an unveiling at the festival
- There was a meeting held with the Friends of the Village regarding the Festival. There is much anticipation and nervousness over the event, but it is going to be great. Praying for good weather.
- A contract has been awarded for the Toll Road and Schoolhouse project.
- New Community Dev. 2025 project is ongoing, we will be sending that out to bid.
- He is so pleased with how the 100th Anniversary is coming together. He is thankful to everyone who has participated in helping to bring this event together. Three mayors will be in attendance as well as dignitaries by proclamation.

Deputy Mayor Gustafson made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Gustafson, St. Germain, Strong and Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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