



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

May 28, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY
YouTube Livestreamed

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 5:30 P.M. with Deputy Mayor Robinson asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee J. Bolton, Trustee L. St. Germain. Excused: Trustee F. Wilmer (Mayor G. Butterfield resigned)

Personnel Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer N. Zarzecki, Fire Chief J. Asztalos, Police Chief C. Fieldson, DPW Asst. Superintendent G. Stevens. Excused: Codes Enforcement Officer L. Nestell, Parks Director D. Radell, Village Attorney R. Germain, Engineer A. Franco

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- **Vicki Fox (John St)** Stated the following:
 - Concerns about traffic; speeding/not stopping at Stop Signs. Need more/better signage, possible speed bump (Children are at play).
- **Ken Ryan (211 Herman Dr)** Stated the following:
 - RE: **209 Herman Dr** - Fence held up by string, posts broken, is too high in places, front steps are over building line, unregistered, uninspected car in driveway.
 - Codes Officer should stop running stop signs in Village vehicle.
- **Lincoln Gardner (Wells Ave East)** Stated the following:
 - Sidewalk on his street (between South Bay & Rte. 11) is deteriorating a lot; bumpy, divots, cracks. Showed pictures where one is often filled with water. Asking about status of NYS DOT Grant awarded in 2022; no progress.
- **Carol Wahl (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - Would like those running for office to communicate their ideas for the village to the residents.
- **Pat Ferguson (215 S Main St)** Stated the following:
 - Festival was supposed to be last Saturday; was canceled due to rain. Parade was marvelous.
 - Tentative rescheduled date is 10/10/2026.

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. MINUTES – 5/14/2026

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the May 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Bolton stated he could not approve because he was not present for that meeting. Deputy Mayor Robinson advised that approval is not absolutely necessary for the Minutes.

RESOLUTION # 106-26

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #25 in the amount of \$110,476.95, covering voucher #1594 through #1667 Included in the abstract is a payment to J&J Equipment for the rental of the Street Sweeper for



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cleaning Village streets. Motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 107-26

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee St. Germain made a motion for a budget transfer from A1210.11 (Mayor Salary) to A7181.22 (Community Center Building Equipment) in the amount of \$1,598.39 to cover the cost of a portable A/C rental on 2nd floor of Community Center while central air is being repaired. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 108-26

APPROVE THE HIRING OF N. YOUNG: DPW CDL LICENSED MAINTENANCE WORKER

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to hire Nathan Young as a CDL Licensed Maintenance Worker effective May 18, 2026. This is being revisited as there were not enough votes at the May 14th meeting with Trustee Wilmer abstaining from voting and Trustee Bolton excused. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

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- **Lisa Lioto (356 Chestnut St)** Stated the following:
 - Parade was great.
 - Glad more residents are attending meetings; encouraged them to continue speaking up.
 - Asked for update on audit. (1 bid received, trying to get more)
 - Asked for status of Paychex. (Village has resumed using Williamson) Asked how time is tracked for salary and hourly employees; overtime, etc.
- **Ms. Collins (104 Meadow Lane)** Stated the following:
 - Concerned with neighborhood going downhill. Incident today and regularly at a specific residence. Another neighbor does not believe in mowing the lawn, garbage in lawn for over a year (Meadow and Park); brings everything downhill. Police did respond promptly.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Excused

ENGINEER REPORT: Excused

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF J. ASZTALOS: No Report



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DPW: G. STEVENS Stated the following:

- Getting caught up on Bulk Trash. Starts again 6/1.
- Working on a hole next to Firehouse in parking lot/storm drain – cave-in there.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF C. FIELDSON Stated the following:

- No formal report. Appreciates citizen feedback; helps to direct officer efforts when they are out patrolling every day.

CLERK-TREASURER: N. ZARZECKI Stated the following:

- Closed January and February financials in past two weeks; February financials will be sent to trustees and department heads by end of week. Should be totally caught up soon to submit annual financial report.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Bolton Stated the following:

- Parade was fun.
- Was not at last meeting due to attendance at NY Conference of Mayors and Elected Officials. Three days of seminars he will be sharing with Nick and others.
- Working with Parks and Sarah Stephens (grant writer) regarding two potential grants – a playground at Lonergan and a handicap accessible playground at Heritage.
- Call Codes about lawns not being mowed, etc. Larry will go look at it and action will be taken. Call the police Chief anytime it is needed.
- Asked Deputy Mayor why more RFPs for audit were not sent. (There has not been time)
- Would like to talk to anyone interested after the meeting about his platform as mayoral candidate.

Trustee St. Germain Stated the following:

- Codes Report:
 - 113 Shaver – needed to obtain trustee signatures but did not get them all. Larry initiated additional contact with owner who said they would drain the pool, which they did. The owner also installed a security device, decided to remove pool, and install deck railing.
 - 118 Grove St – putting demolish order back in place.
 - 448 S. Main – (Brolex) Rear building is 95% complete. Final plumbing in progress. 2nd and 3rd floors are almost complete. Trim finish, fire alarms exterior bell, elevator waiting for final cover for a sump pump, and final inspection to complete all. Looking at July 1st completion.
 - 209 Herman Dr – pool repairs are active and moving forward. Resident has a court date next month.
 - Meals on Wheels is nearly finished; also a July 1st completion date.



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- Store America – foundations poured, building 1 is erected with insulation completed. 3 buildings to go. All interior work remains.
- New project starting at 510 S. Bay Rd; 4 townhomes. Timeline not set.

DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Robinson: No Report

Trustee St. Germain made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a harassment complaint at 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

In Attendance for Executive Session: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton.

A discussion was held. A motion was made by Trustee St. Germain and seconded by Trustee Bolton to end Executive Session and move to Regular Board Meeting at 6:10pm.

RESOLUTION # 109-26

APPROVE HIRING S. CHATFIELD RE: WORKPLACE HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

A motion was made by Trustee St. Germain and seconded by Trustee Bolton regarding hiring attorney Scott Chatfield for the amount of \$6,500.00 to investigate workplace harassment complaints. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

A motion was made by Trustee St. Germain to adjourn at 6:11pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Zarzecki
Village Clerk-Treasurer