



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

June 11, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

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

Deputy Mayor Robinson welcomed Jacob Squire, a Boy Scout who is working on his merit badge relative to government.

Public Hearing #1 held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse on the 11th day of June 2026 at 5:29 PM regarding the Village of North Syracuse's 20-year Comprehensive Plan. Nick Schwartz (Section Manager, Principal Landscape Architect) is the Project Manager and Primary Author for the Comprehensive Plan draft. Comments from the public will be taken into consideration but not be responded to at this hearing. They will be used to revise the plan, where necessary, and then a final Comprehensive Plan will be delivered. Presentation explained that The Plan is possibly the most important document the Village has; guides long term growth, ensures consistent land use, supports informed decision making, and is monitored and adapted (living document). Public participation and community engagement includes an Advisory Committee, broad community input, public engagement session, and interviews with service providers (police, fire, schools, public works). The Comprehensive Plan considers Legislative Authority and SEQRA Compliance; Village Law Authority (§7-722), SEQRA Environmental Review, Negative Declaration anticipated, Coordination with County Planning.

Nick explained Next Steps: Public Hearing, review and address substantive comments, provide final Comprehensive Plan for Board Review, adopt a SEQRA determination and Final Comprehensive Plan.

Comments/Questions from the public included:

- Is there going to be a comment period for people after it has been reviewed? (yes)
- Is a copy of the Comprehensive Plan available on the website? (yes)
- What is meant by "growth"? Resident believes the Village has grown enough.
- Sustainability for the long-time residents, taxes, budget (resident input) – need to be considered so that residents can afford to stay/spend life here. Why did Senior Discount disappear from tax bills? Seniors need to be considered.
- SEQRA – who decides on the determination?

Public comments will be accepted until Thursday, June 18th at 5:00pm. **Public Hearing was closed at 6:07pm.**

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:08pm. with Deputy Mayor Robinson asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

CITIZENS VOICE (This is the fifth of four meetings in a trial period to move the Citizens Voice after Roll Call - and Public Hearing(s), if applicable - and then again after Old & New Business being discussed, before Department Head or Attorney Reports.)

- **Joseph Asztalos (118 Palmer Dr)** Stated the following:



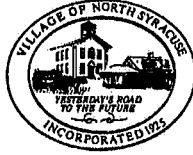
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- Has served the Village of North Syracuse Fire Department since 2005; half of that time as an officer of the FD and in the last four years as a Chief Officer (including current Chief of the NSFD).
- Submitted a formal request for a Board of Ethics Request for Opinion investigation to be conducted for the information posted publicly on social media by Trustee St. Germain, which constitutes conduct unbecoming a village official on the basis that it is false and misleads the public in order to further a personal political agenda, which ignores the trustees' responsibility to accurately represent the Village of North Syracuse.
- **Patience Frysinger (102 Oakley Dr)** Stated the following:
 - Regarding Rental Registry – the new version is much better but still has concerns.
 - The concept makes sense and Article I is a good starting point. Concerns about Codes Officer stating that he would not enforce the law if there was tenant/owner pushback about allowing the inspection. Is this a money grab or a safety initiative for the Village's rental community?
 - Regarding Article II (Disruptive Conduct), is there a recurring issue that has not been able to be addressed through current village, county, or state laws? Mandatory eviction does not sit well. Carries high litigation risk and similar laws in NY have been struck down. Has Village attorney released comments on this proposed law? If so, can they be made public? Would like this voted down tonight; or at least only Article I passed and Article II removed to protect those in the community.
- **Carol Murphy (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - Taxes are outrageous. Towns of Cicero and Clay tax bills spell out what they pay (i.e. for trash pick-up, property taxes etc). She has been unable to get an answer about how many residents in the Village pay property taxes, how much do they pay for garbage pick-up, for the Highway Department, for "the perks". Transparency is needed; it is ridiculous that it costs \$3,600 for a 1,200 square foot home in the Village.
- **Ken Ryan (211 Herman Dr)** Stated the following:
 - Was glad to see NSPD officers stop at a local lemonade stand.
 - Thanked people who would not sign the emergency repair request from Codes to pump out a pool because the people were going to pump out the pool themselves, which they did. Was unnecessary to initiate in the first place.
 - 628 Main St has a safety hazard; dumpsters too close to building. Since February nothing was done about it and recently there was a dumpster fire. Building did not catch, but firefighters were put at risk when they should not have been if it had been handled when reported.
- **Carol Wahl (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - Update on the audit?
 - (Per Deputy Mayor Robinson -2 requests were submitted for quotes from list recommended by Trustee Bolton) Resident requested that Deputy Mayor provide her and the community with that information.

RESOLUTION # 110-26

APPROVAL OF 5/28/2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the May 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.



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OLD BUSINESS ABSTRACT #026 & NEW BUDGET ABSTRACT #001

Due to the abrupt resignation of the Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, staffing adjustments had to be made. Payroll processing was prioritized and while Abstracts #026 and #001 were completed, they were not able to be timely audited or distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

RESOLUTION # 111-26

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee St. Germain made a motion for a budget transfer from A1325.16 (Payroll Svcs) to A1325.466 (Training-Clerk) in the amount of \$525.00 to cover the cost of Williamson PR Training. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 112-26

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Bolton made a motion for a budget transfer from A8560.446 (Tree Removal) to A5110.21 (Equipment) in the amount of \$7,569.00 to cover the balance due on the DPW generator. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 113-26

APPROVE RENTAL REGISTRY

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the Rental Registry. Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion, with discussion. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to table approving the Rental Registry until there has been time to review points made during Citizens Voice and until after the June 25th Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. Trustee Bolton and Trustee Wilmer voted in favor, Trustee St. Germain abstained from voting, and Deputy Mayor Robinson opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS DPW REQUEST TO START NEW LOADER PURCHASING PROCESS

The DPW has contracted with Five Star Equipment for their new loader. This purchase will be covered by CHIPS money, and it will take four to six months from the time of ordering to receive the loader.

RESOLUTION # 114-26

DISCUSS/APPROVE DPW REQUEST FOR \$6,000 (3-MONTH) SKID-STEER RENTAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the DPW request to reserve a 3-month Bobcat Skid-Steer rental to clear sidewalks in the winter months. Previous vehicle that went down late last winter was sent to auction. The expense for a



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5-month rental is already in the 26/27 budget. Trustee Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 115-26 **APPROVE POLICE CHIEF ATTENDANCE AT INTNTL. POLICE CHIEF'S CONF. 10/24-10/27/26**

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve Police Chief Fieldson's attendance at the International Police Chief's Conference October 24-27, 2026. This is a preapproved training and conference for the Chief to attend. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

INFORMATIONAL: PROVIDE UPDATE ON FINANCING FOR BUDGETED POLICE VEHICLE FY 26/27

Police Chief Fieldson provided the Clerk-Treasurer with specs for the (FY 26/27) budgeted police vehicle. Awaiting M & T Bank response regarding financing for three years.

RESOLUTION # 116-26 **ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER T. GALVIN**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to accept the abrupt and immediate resignation of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Tanya Galvin effective June 8, 2026. The resignation was received on June 8th, and the position is temporarily being covered by existing staff. The Clerk-Treasurer is working with staffing agencies to cover the vacancy of this key position. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

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- **Carol Murphy (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - How much is the Bobcat rental?
 - \$2,000/month (per Deputy Mayor Robinson)
 - Has been told that Fire Station #2 is a storage unit
 - Fire Chief Asztalos stated this is factually incorrect; NSFD Engine 8 currently resides there and that is also where training occurs.
 - Does not feel that 1/3, 1/3, and 1/3 is fair to the people in the Village because it is the smallest of the three entities.
 - Fire Chief Asztalos stated this is factually incorrect; distribution of calls is about equal between the Village and the two towns. Residents pay more for Parks than they do for Fire Protection. Invited resident to come to the station to review the budget.
 - Resident reiterated the need for a clear tax breakdown.
- **Ken Ryan (211 Herman Dr)** Stated the following:
 - Clarified to residents that the Village of North Syracuse only covers a portion of the Town of Clay and the Town of Cicero for fire protection, this is why it works out to 1/3 each.



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- Agrees that taxes are too high but was present at the Work Sessions where they worked on reducing tax increase from ~21% to 7%. Fred, Dave, and John (Trustees/Deputy Mayor) all had things to reduce the taxes. LouAnn did not have anything; only said that Larry needs a new car and Larry has gained weight, so he needs \$700 for new clothing. Nothing about reducing any of the taxes. Wants everyone to know that.
- **Denise Blowers (19 Lee Terrace)** Stated the following:
 - Has been waiting over three weeks for brush pick-up. She is aware of mechanical issues.
 - Village website offers option to vote on meeting times, but the functionality does not work. Remove (and provide results) or fix?
 - Inquired about process for submitting a Codes complaint – both online and when it is called in. Will she hear a follow-up? Is there a timeframe for the complaint being handled?
 - Yes, the pigeon complaint was addressed, and he was given five days to remedy (per Codes Officer, Larry Nestell).
- **Patience Frysinger (102 Oakley Dr)** Stated the following:
 - Update on the financials?
 - Clerk-Treasurer Nick Zarzecki advised that January and February are closed, but with unexpected staffing turnover this week, they got a little behind. On track to have the annual financial report submitted by deadline in August.
- **Sue Hammond (102 Elaine Ave)** Stated the following:
 - Back to the taxes – she received a senior citizen exemption for 23 or 24 years. Nothing this year. She called and was told she makes too much money. Insurance, utilities, water bill, all up except her income. Asking the Village to readjust their upper limit for a senior citizens exemption.
 - Another resident (Carol Murphy) clarified that the county did raise the limit to \$58,400. The Board was advised it was not a good idea to raise the limit because they would lose revenue.

ATTORNEY REPORT (Excused)

ENGINEER REPORT: A. FRANCO No Report

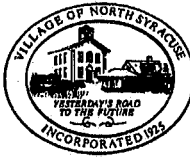
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PARKS DEPARTMENT: D. RADELL Stated the following:

- Elevator installed; not operational to the public yet. State inspection is scheduled for next Wednesday (6/17).
- Work has resumed on A/C unit project. Should be done next week.
- Spots still open for Summer Camp. Registration is \$300 for Village residents, \$500 for non-residents. Camp is six weeks.
- Swim lesson registration and pool passes have begun. Plan is to open the pool next Saturday the 20th if they can get it clean; chlorine was added today but the vacuum filter pump went out – waiting on electrician to come wire that properly.

CODES DEPARTMENT: L. NESTELL Stated the following:

- Meals on Wheels is nearing completion. On schedule for final inspection 6/26.



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- Somebody purchased the old Pie Guys location and will be going to Planning in the next month; will be a new pizza place.
- Store America has all four foundations installed and framing for building one is complete. Framing on building two is almost complete, and buildings three and four have rough framing done. Has made structural corrections on fasteners and anchors. End of June completion date.
- Dollar General was completed and is open; nice looking store.
- Three cases in court; one moved to a six-month ACD.
- There will be four townhomes built at 510 S Bay Rd. Set to go to Planning.
- Railroad Plaza parking lot was ground down and repaved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF J. ASZTALOS Stated the following:

- Responded to approximately 450 calls. including during this meeting.
- The Committee was recently doing the pre-build for Truck 1. They are very excited.
- Addressed rumor on social media that the Fire Department addition was needed because Truck 1 would not fit in the existing fire station. This is false; new truck is smaller than existing truck.
- Maintenance costs for Truck 1 are exceeding potential payments on new truck. Hope to consolidate their vehicle force with this new truck- continue to look for ways to be more efficient.
- Residents in the Village benefit from having an ISO Class 2 Fire Department, which is rare for a volunteer Fire Department in Onondaga County.
- Thanked his officers for attending this meeting; they spend a lot of time organizing and doing administrative work.

DPW: G. STEVENS Stated the following:

- Finished with Bulk Trash for the month (249 houses – a record for past two years). Started on Bulk Brush yesterday. Supposed to start Monday, but the truck broke down for a day and a half. Joel got it back up and running. Two crews will be out on Monday; hope to catch up and be back on track.
- Must call DPW by July 2nd (3rd is a Holiday) to get mattresses picked up.
- Ordering new John Deere loader. Takes 4-6 months to build/receive. Working with CHIPS money and this is a nice piece of machinery. It is much needed.
- Working on lawn damage and tree trimming. There have been a lot of breakdowns, their one mechanic is doing an excellent job.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF C. FIELDSON Stated the following:

- Statistics for May:
 - 542 calls for service
 - 140 property checks
 - 13 domestic incidents investigated
 - 24 motor vehicle crashes investigated
 - 88 traffic stops



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- 63 traffic tickets
- 10 criminal arrests
- 2 DWIs
- 5 larcenies
- PD has been receiving concerns regarding e-bikes & e-scooters. Many municipalities are figuring out ways to address. Many are turning to Local Laws – Village should begin to look into discussing in the near future.
- NSPD was at annual St. Rose First Responder Day. Handed out items to kids, collaborated with the school and other first responders to give positive first impressions for police.
- Did Child ID event at Main Street School Festival. This service is more difficult to find today compared to past.

CLERK-TREASURER: N. ZARZECKI Stated the following:

- Regarding staff turnover this week, Judy, who is usually greeting everyone at Village Hall was pulled into doing payroll with minimal training; she did an awesome job. Will need to get that position filled sooner than later. Thanked other departments for their support.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Bolton Stated the following:

- Jimmy from DPW and Trustee Bolton toured the village with Sarah Malinowski from the DEC. Along Centerville Place, there are a lot of dying trees, and she was able to look at them. All same type of tree; one got a disease and it spread to all. She gave great ideas such as a pollinator garden at Lonergan Park. Need to look at maintenance of the trees.
- A resident came to him with concerns about flooding around the Lynhurst/George St area. DPW also looked at it. Dealing with the Army Corp of Engineers to find out more information. Will be getting in touch with Larry from Codes to get prints from the 2008/2009 project done there to find out why it is flooding.
- Tomorrow, he and past Chief Brennan will be attending the NYS annual Conference of Fire Chiefs at the On-Center to participate in a roundtable discussion of volunteer Fire Departments and the impact they have on small local municipalities.
- Working with Ruth Koch from Clay Historical Society. Wants to see if anything from the old Trolley Barn Station could go to Clay for the Historical Society.
- Elections on Tuesday – vote for whichever candidate of your choice.
- Encouraged residents to contact DPW, Fire, Police, Village Hall with questions to call those respective agencies directly.

Trustee Wilmer Stated the following:

- No Report

Trustee St. Germain Stated the following:



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- Responded to the ethics allegations made about her by Fire Chief J. Asztalos.
- Noted that she reached out to Legal Counsel regarding the social media post that Chief Asztalos brought up and was advised that there does not seem to be any ethical or other violation.

DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Robinson Stated the following:

- Nothing positive to report.

Trustee Bolton made the motion to adjourn at 7:30pm to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved; Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

In Attendance for Executive Session: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Police Chief Fieldson, attorney Chris Militello (Attorney for Village of North Syracuse Police Department).

A discussion was held. A motion was made by Trustee St. Germain and seconded by Trustee Wilmer to end Executive Session and move to Regular Board Meeting at 8:20pm.

RESOLUTION #117-26

DISCUSS/APPROVE PARKS LIFE GUARD STAFFING

A motion was made by Trustee Wilmer and seconded by Trustee St. Germain to approve up to 10 Lifeguard staff beginning June 8, 2026 to prepare and train for the pool opening. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #118-26

APPROVE PD HRA PREMIUM ADVANCE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bolton and seconded by Trustee Wilmer to approve the HRA Premium Advance Agreement between the Village, Phillip Knittel, and Teamsters Local 1149 as presented. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:22pm. 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