



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

And Annual Meeting

~~July 9~~ June 25, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

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

Roll Call: Mayor Bolton, Trustee F. Wilmer, Trustee L. St. Germain, Trustee L. Lioto, Trustee K. Ryan

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

CITIZENS VOICE The Board of Trustees all agreed that two sessions of the Citizens Voice should continue (after Roll Call - and Public Hearing(s), if applicable - and then again after Old & New Business being discussed, before Department Head or Attorney Reports).

- **Doug Hummel (128 Herbert St)** Stated the following:
 - Concerns about the Village funding the attorney for a current investigation that he believes did not happen on "official time" and the precedence this may set.
- **Carol Murphy (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - Questions about potential tax relief to residents due to potential growth mentioned by recent CHA presentation (Nick Schwartz) and Mayor Bolton from building of Micron and growth of CNY in general.

RESOLUTION # 131-26

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. MINUTES – 6/25/2026

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the June 25, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 132-26

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #003 in the amount of \$110,864.23, covering voucher #90 through #159 Included in the abstract is a scheduled payment of \$9,347.75 to Greene County Community Bank for a payment on Fire Department Engine 4. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lioto. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 133-26

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$1,200.00 from A1210.11 (Mayor Personal Services) to A7140.448 (Bus Rental). Motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 134-26

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$1,564.29 from 2705 (Gifts & Donations) to A3410.445 (Fire Department Building Maintenance). Motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same



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OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 135-26

APPROVE UPDATED CITIZENS VOICE FORMAT

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve keeping Citizens Voice to twice per meeting: after Roll Call - and Public Hearing(s), if applicable - and then again after Old & New Business being discussed, before Department Head or Attorney Reports. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 136-26

APPROVE FY 26/27 VILLAGE ROSTER & APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve various appointments for Fiscal Year 2023/2027. The Mayor's Office is responsible for these appointments every July. Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same. Trustee St. Germain abstained. **EXHIBIT A, attached**

RESOLUTION # 137-26

APPROVE PARTIAL TAX REFUND FOR 1409 FAIRFIELD DR.

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve a partial tax refund for 1409 Fairfield Dr. A Veteran's Exemption was missed, and the county presented the Clerk's Office with the adjustment needed. Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 138-26

APPROVE HIRING A F/T POLICE OFFICER

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve hiring a new full-time police officer effective 7/13/2026. There are academy candidates ready to hire pending background check results. They will be starting their academy training on 7/27/2026 at Mohawk Valley Police Academy. Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 139-26

APPROVE LONERGAN PARK DRIVEWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE & NSCSD

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve a longstanding agreement between the Village and North Syracuse Central School District regarding Loneragan Park Driveway. The Village will continue to be allowed access to the driveway owned by the school in return for the Village's continued maintenance of the driveway. Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 140-26

APPROVE FUEL & WASH FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE & NSCSD

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve a longstanding agreement between the Village and North Syracuse Central School District regarding use of fuel and wash facilities. The NSCSD will continue to allow Village departments to have access to fuel and wash facilities (billed monthly for fuel used). Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS VOICE

- Doug Hummel (128 Herbert St) Stated the following:



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- Concerns that he believes Village taxes have gone up over 38% in past four years (avg of 10%/year) and the Village is still spending too much. Residents with lifelong roots here will be forced out.
- Suggested considering combining NSFD and Town of Cicero Fire Department instead of spending millions of dollars on a new firehouse that residents are already getting "taxed to death" for.

ATTORNEY REPORT (R. Germain): No Report

ENGINEER REPORT (A. Franco):

- Welcome to new members

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PARKS DEPARTMENT: D. RADELL Stated the following:

- Elevator project is completed; open and functional for all to use.
- Summer Camp started this week. 128 children attending between the two locations.
- Pool is open 1-7 this week and next due to swimming lessons. 11-7 on weekends.
- Thanked Gil & DPW for help with beautification in parks and help with parks maintenance.
- Wanted to note that he was not aware of the Budget Transfer regarding a Senior Bus Trip.

CODES: L. NESTELL: No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF J. ASZTALOS Stated the following:

- Responded to 9 calls last Saturday; on track to break 1,000 calls this year (which has not happened in a long time).
- Thanked Parks for help with hosting annual Water Safety (required training).
- Has been working with Parks to find ways to reduce expenses; i.e. combining vehicle maintenance costs (buying fluids in bulk).
- Interviewed a fifth applicant (college student) for Bunk-In Program. Average is one or two/year; having five is the first in a long time. Space for them is the current challenge – looking at Station 2 as a potential option. Good problem to have.
 - Students that come from the OCC Fire Protection Program live in the firehouse and they are also first responders. Young and enthusiastic.
- Regarding Rental Registry:
 - Uptick in response to rental properties; a recent call brought to attention that the address had several life-safety issues (illegal habitation, unlicensed business)
 - Have found rentals without smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors.
 - Thinks it is important for public safety to have the ability to keep track of rental properties; high potential for disaster.



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DPW: Sup't. G. Stevens Stated the following:

- Finished Bulk Trash early this month; tomorrow will start Bulk Brush.
- Last June = 20 loads of Brush. This June was 37 loads.
- Working on catching up after breakdowns, brush buried by snow, etc.
- Rebuilding storm drains, will start trimming trees and branches from signs/sidewalks/roadways, fixing lawn damage still.
- With help from Parks, been cleaning parks up.
- Welcomed new members to the Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF C. FIELDSON Stated the following:

- Frauds/scams on the rise. Another resident recently lost thousands of dollars.
- Police Department is a local resource; call, message, email if suspicious emails or calls are received, if unsure if something is legitimate.
- Statistics for June - 702 Total Events:
 - 207 Property Checks
 - 11 Domestic Incidents
 - 13 Motor Vehicle Crashes
 - 158 Traffic Stops (80 Traffic Tickets)
 - 11 Criminal Arrests
 - 4 DUIs
 - 5 Larsons
- Saturday, 7/11, is 7-11 Stores event (corner of Main and Centerville) – NSPD doing free Child IDs 11am-5pm.

CLERK-TREASURER: N. ZARZECKI Stated the following:

- Welcome to new Trustees. Looking forward to working collaboratively towards common goals.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee St. Germain Stated the following:

- Spoke about how great community events are; however, she was not aware of the NSFD Water Safety Day. (Chief Asztalos clarified that it was a mandatory annual OSHA training and traditionally only Mayor and the FD Liaison are invited) (Village Attorney R. Germain explained that more than two Board Members gathered in the same location is a quorum and cannot convene without being open to public and being advertised). Trustee St. Germain noted that she would like to be made aware these types of events are occurring.



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Trustee Wilmer Stated the following:

- Welcomed new Board Members and encouraged collaboration.

Trustee Lioto Stated the following:

- Thanked Amy, Judy, and Nick at Village Hall for welcoming her/answering questions/teaching her. Thanked them for stepping up and their hard work.
- Been busy since term began 7/1:
 - Attended a celebration for WWII veteran John Shott who was honored by NYS into the Veterans Hall of Fame. It was also his 104th birthday celebration.
 - Met Senator Ryan and staff – they offered encouragement in her new position.
 - Learning fundamentals at Village Hall. Started meeting with Department Heads/teams (met with Don and Gil).
 - Was appointed NSFD Liaison – thanked Chief Asztalos to the picnic; great to meet more members. Will attend meeting Monday to meet with all of the Fire Chiefs and will attend Tuesday Drills to continue meeting members.
 - She now has a Village Email; please reach out. She will listen and find answers. Excited, humbled, grateful to serve community and looking forward to working with everyone.

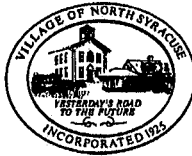
Trustee Ryan Stated the following:

- Background on himself:
 - Lived in Village for 45 years, served in FD for 30 years (still involved) and has been an Association Member for 45 years, worked for DPW for a couple of years.
 - Happy to be on the Board, excited to serve the people again.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bolton Stated the following:

- Good amount of work ahead, confident that Trustees Lioto and Ryan will be here to help.
- Was also at the 104th birthday celebration for Veteran that was inducted into Hall of Fame. Was sat at Senator Ryan's table so they talked to him about things they are looking for in the Village. His assistant will set up a meeting to discuss what his office can do to assist.
- Mentioned beautification projects at Heritage Park and park across the street.
- Regarding audit – Bonadio & Co, Incerto & Co, and Grossman St. Amour were sent RFPs. Heard back from Bonadio and Inero.
- Addressed resident & Department Head questions/concerns about funding availability to improve their homes, taxes going up, and why combining NSFD and Cicero FD is not feasible, rental registry, pending personnel matter.



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Trustee Lioto made the motion to adjourn at 6:12pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Mayor Bolton all voting in favor of the same. Trustee St. Germain abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Zarzecki
Village Clerk-Treasurer