

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

September 10, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

YouTube Livestreamed

Public Hearing #1 was not held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse on the 10th day of September at 5:29pm regarding community input for proposed Local Law #4 pertaining to revisiting the Village's Parking Fine Schedule.

RESOLUTION # 170-26

MOTION TO TABLE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING RE: LOCAL LAW #4 – 2026

(PARKING FINES SCHEDULE)

Trustee Ryan made a motion to table holding Public Hearing #1 regarding Local Law #4 – 2026: Parking Fines Schedule until further information is received. Motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilmer. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Bolton, Deputy Mayor 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. Excused: Village Attorney R. Germain.

CITIZENS VOICE

- **Pat Fergerson (215 S. Main St.)** Stated the following:
 - (RECORDING LAGGED UNTIL THIS POINT)
 - The Festival is October 10th; thanked all who are volunteering. Opening Ceremonies at 10am. Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief will be talking/participating.
- **Patience Frysinger (102 Oakley)** Stated the following:
 - Thanked Gil and his team for help with tree issues and clearing sidewalk going down to the park and dead-end.
 - Shoutout to Fire Department for their Social Media efforts so that the Community can see what they are doing.
 - Thanked Trustees for the reports that tell what they are doing in the Village.
- **John Rockdashil (Chairman of Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club)** Stated the following:
 - For 9 months of the year for the past 12 years, the Club has been meeting in this Community Center; it is usually in this downstairs room, but they have been upstairs since elevator issues. Asking for timeline to move back downstairs for their meetings.
- **David Robinson (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - When will residents get a copy of the Comprehensive Plan?
 - When will the Village get the Rental Registry going?
 - Understands that the Conflict-of-Interest Statements are starting to come in; that is great.
 - Thanked Mayor for clearing up misapprehension that funds for the Senior Travel came out of his pocket when they came out of 25-26 Mayor's Budget line.
- **Mark Bahouth (Devonshire Rd)** Stated the following:
 - Asked when new parking ordinances came about and who concocted them; was surprised to learn that there is no more parking on grass. He did not receive a mailing and does not use websites.



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- Regarding an interview that the Mayor had with Syracuse.com where he stated that part of the Village mission is to make more housing for Micron workers; who does he serve -Micron or the residents of the Village?

RESOLUTION # 171-26

MINUTE APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Wilmer made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 172-26

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Lioto made a motion to approve Abstract # 7 in the amount of \$39,962.12, covering Vouchers #401-#449. Included in this Abstract is a payment of \$3,750.00 to HR One as partial payment of services to update the Village Employee Handbook. Motion was seconded, with discussion, by Deputy Mayor Wilmer. Voucher #413 was charged to Clothing Allowance but should be under Safety Equipment instead. Clerk-Treasurer N. Zarzecki advised that the Deputy-Clerk Treasurer is aware of this and will make a correction tomorrow. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan

NO BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

OLD BUSINESS

REVIST TABLED TOPIC OF CLEANING CONTRACT FOR VILLAGE HALL

Mayor Bolton advised that the previously tabled topic of contracting a cleaning service for Village Hall will remain tabled as there is still research and review being done.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW #4 – UPDATED PARKING FINE SCHEDULE

Mayor Bolton advised that since Public Hearing #1 did not take place tonight, there will not be a vote on Local Law #4 – 2026.

RESOLUTION # 173-26

MOTION TO DESIGNATE VILLAGE AS A NYS PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY

Trustee Ryan made a motion to designate the Village of North Syracuse as a NYS Pro-Housing Community. By doing so, the Village will become eligible for certain grants. Motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilmer. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same.

MOTION TO APPROVE CODES OFFICER CONTINUING W/ SUNY ReCONNECT PROGRAM

Trustee St. Germain made a motion, with discussion, to approve Codes Officer L. Nestell continuing w/ the SUNY ReConnect Program during his workday. Larry has completed his first semester and needs to take Construction



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Architecture course next; it is offered only in person from 1:30-2:25pm on Mondays. Mayor Bolton advised that another Trustee must first make a motion for her to *second it with discussion*. No other Trustee made a motion. Trustee St. Germain approved the motion; motion did not carry.

RESOLUTION # 174-26 **MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING PART-TIME CODES OFFICIAL TO ASSIST CODES DEPARTMENT**

Deputy Mayor Wilmer made a motion to hire a part-time Codes Official to assist the Codes Department. The position will be directed by and report to the Mayor. Motion was seconded, with discussion, by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee St. Germain asked for clarification about why this position would not be hired by the Codes Department or answer to the Codes Enforcement Officer. She stated concern that this it is a conflict for the Mayor to create this position and have it report to him. Mayor Bolton advised that his supervision over this position will be based on the knowledge of what the Village needs to keep running at the level they would like it to run at. Deputy Mayor Wilmer asked where this position will be funded from; Mayor Bolton advised this will be funded out of the Codes budget. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same. Trustee St. Germain abstained.

RESOLUTION # 175-26 **MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING E. RORABACK AS F/T DPW CDL POSITION**

Deputy Mayor Wilmer made a motion to approve hiring Eric Roraback to fill a CDL licensed role in the DPW as well as assist with labor tasks. Tentative start date is September 21, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lioto. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 176-26 **MOTION TO PROCEED WITH RESURFACING CENTERVILLE PARK BASKETBALL COURT**

Deputy Mayor Wilmer made a motion to proceed with resurfacing the Basketball Court at Centerville Park. The cost is fully reimbursable up to \$14,000 by a grant from Onondaga County Legislator Ellen Block. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS VOICE

- **David Robinson (Slindes Woods Circle)** Stated the following:
 - He is aware that the terms of Codes Enforcement Officer L. Nestell's contract include him doing Continued Education.
 - He (as well as the Mayor) received the attorney report relating to the harassment complaints. Since the village attorney is not available to him, he went to the State Attorney General for advice. Before he proceeds, he would like to hear from the Mayor as to what he is going to do relative to that report.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Excused

ENGINEER REPORT (A. Franco): No Report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PARKS DEPARTMENT: D. Radell Stated the following:



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- Festival is on October 10th. Still taking vendors – contact Parks if interested.
- October 23rd is Trunk or Treat or Treat. Anyone can participate by handing out candy, decorating a “trunk”. Call Parks to provide your information. Expecting about 300 kids. This year, there will be an outdoor movie afterwards (apx 8pm). Town of Cicero donated a screen. Trunk or Treat is rain or shine; Outdoor movie is weather permitting.
- Had a couple of meetings this week – waiting on pool liner quotes.
- Met with Home Depot regarding the donation of products and services to refinish the Vet Wall placards; they should not be black.

CODES ENFORCEMENT: L. NESTELL Stated the following:

- This week he had 3 court cases, issued 7 building permits, and 8 violations (2 of which were condemning of homes).

FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF J. ASZTALOS Stated the following:

- The NSFD has responded to 720 calls to date; on track to break 1,000 calls. This is one of the busier departments in Onondaga County.
- Have been focusing on social media. Does not have evidence of this but seems that recently they have had more people coming to their door to apply.
- October is the Village Festival and also Fire Safety Month. Busy month, including Trunk or Treat (fire trucks have big trunks...).
- Hafner’s Fall Festival is October 24th and 25th. Hafner’s is a huge supporter of the Fire Department and emergency services in general. This is always a nice event.
- Believers Chapel’s fair is October 25th. NSFD was invited and plans to be there as well.
- NSFD Safety Day is October 10th – same day as the Village Festival.
- NSFD will be at Lowe’s on September 12th from 10am-12pm for an event – come visit and see the trucks.
- Thanked Mayor for the rushed opportunity dropped on his desk to acquire a structure that they will be able to train in.
- Next week they will be training at the Clay Tower to do annual Live Burn Evolutions.
- Will be hosting a NYS Pump Operators class- will allow for more apparatus operators for their members and also host others from Onondaga County.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT: G. STEVENS Stated the following:

- Took delivery of new loader (6 weeks early); it is very nice – feel free to stop by to see it or look at pictures on the Village website. The old one will be going up for auction soon.
- Were out doing Bulk Brush, have switched to Bulk Trash. Next month will be the last month (on the 5th) for the year. Have apx 150 houses this round; please be patient.
- Have almost finished patching holes- have Municipal Parking Lot and a couple of entrances to the Parks.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF C. FIELDSON Stated the following:

- If you see something, Say something:
 - Have been vehicle break-ins, damaged windows, damaged steering columns.
 - Prevention is the goal.
- September 16th from 4-5pm, will be at Northern Onondaga Public Library sharing tips with community regarding public safety, situational awareness, fraud prevention. Registration requested, not required.

CLERK-TREASURER: N. ZARZECKI Stated the following:

- Had a kickoff meeting recently with BST to start getting financials and 25/26 AFR taken care of. BST will be in the office next Friday for the majority of the day to help get the financials straightened out and provide opportunities for improvement.
- Have been getting Conflict of Interest Forms in for Ethics Committee.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR WILMER Stated the following:

- Has been limited on what he could do but made it into Village Hall a few times and got a couple of things started.
- Waiting on paperwork for Slap (?) Signs

TRUSTEE L. LIOTO Stated the following:

- Attended a couple of Fire Department meeting regarding current and upcoming needs, resources, and planning for the future.
- Checked in at Village Hall a few times. Continues to explore grant opportunities and having conversations with residents regarding their concerns and priorities. No room for "business as usual" – need to come together and brainstorm to creatively address efficiency needs to optimize resources.
- Please reach out to NSFD if you have an interest in volunteering.
- Many upcoming community events – please check Community Calendar.
- Shout-out to the Fire Department website – great job.

TRUSTEE ST. GERMAIN Stated the following:

- Regarding Codes Enforcement Officer L. Nestell's school – moot point as he is part of the ReConnect Program and he is not charging the Village for this. His personal business should not be discussed in a public meeting.
- She continues to not receive email correspondence because she is using her email that she has used for 9 years; others have been warned of consequences if emailing to her there.
- Would like an update on the \$5Million Fire Station. Citizens want to be sure there will be a public referendum before the station is erected and that the Board is not able to override that opportunity.



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- Looking for an update on the Mayor's investigation on the Kid-to-Kid issue from about a month ago. She spoke to the people from the business after that meeting and was informed that they do have camera footage – she asked that they bring it in because that is the best way for everyone to determine what happened.
- Would like to reiterate gratitude that Trustee Lioto extended during 8/27/26 to Village employees, Fire Department, Police Department, and DPW - and add Thank You to the Codes and Parks Departments as well.
 - Mayor Bolton gaveled Trustee St. Germain and stated that this is not the forum to criticize other Board Members or members of the Village – it is to inform the public. Trustee St. Germain maintained that she was informing the public of everything that has been going on and was not criticizing anyone.

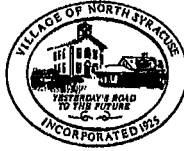
TRUSTEE RYAN Stated the following:

- Has done a couple of interviews with the Police Department in the last couple of weeks.
- Has been signing requisitions as usual.
- Went to check out new DPW loader – thanked Gil for working to get CHIPs money to pay for that; he saved the Village a lot of money to get that.
- Thanked Joel for his work putting an extension on the leafier so that the employees can ride on it and stay with the leafier faster.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bolton Stated the following:

- **Answers to Citizens Voice questions:**
 - RE: when moving back upstairs – sound system upstairs is not as good; working on getting that fixed. Conversation with Parks Director, D. Radell, determined that this could be for the Board Meeting on the 24th done (as long as Don has approval).
 - Comprehensive Plan is available online.
 - Rental Registry has not been worked on recently, but it is on the list.
 - Ethics information was provided.
 - Thanked resident for once again noting where the money for the Senior Trip came from.
 - Asked Codes if tickets or fines have been issued for parking on grass as he was not aware that was happening.
 - Codes Enforcement Officer, L. Nestell, clarified that he had understood there to be no parking on the grass and advised the resident whose truck was there of that. He subsequently called the resident to explain that he was not able to find anything in the Village Code that said that so the resident may in fact park on the grass.
 - Mayor also advised the resident that the Village has apx 6,600 residents – there is an annual mailing sent out to let people know what is going on, but that does not inform citizens of changes to Local Laws.



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- Resident, Mayor, and Codes Enforcement Officer had a conversation about how residents receive notifications of violations (for example – grass length).
- RE: the Mayor's Syracuse.com interview – the purpose was to make people aware that there are funds available through Onondaga County for homeowners who want to rent to Micron employees (or anyone else). Resident continued to provide his opinions on the Micron Project and future of the Village.
- RE: 3 harassment complaints - they have been closed by the Village Board and are no longer in progress.
 - Vote was done during Executive Session as it was a personnel matter; parties were notified by the Mayor and matters are now closed.
- RE: Resident who spoke to him about the fence that borders I-81 and her street – not having luck finding anyone from the state who wants to answer his questions. He went to County Legislator, Ellen Block, to find out who maintains that area between fence and 81
- Mayor Report:
 - Was out of town for a week.
 - Met with BST – moving along very well.
 - Spoke with HR One – Employee Handbook is about 70% complete; they will reach out for review with Department Heads and attorneys.
 - Regarding new loader – Gil took it upon himself to investigate how this could be purchased with Federal Money (CHIPs); not paid for with Village funds.
 - Encouraged residents to come out, decorate trunk for Trunk or Treat. He wants to fill Heritage Park.
 - Community Calendar is being regularly updated by Amy at Village Hall. Please take a look at it.
 - After conversations with Chief Fieldson, they have decided not to pursue implementing any policies around eBikes this year. Waiting to see what the State will implement first.

Deputy Mayor Wilmer made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter at 6:37pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same.

In Attendance for Executive Session: Clerk-Treasurer N. Zarzecki (excused after initial discussion), Mayor Bolton, Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan.

A discussion was held. A motion was made by Trustee Lioto and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilmer to end Executive Session and move to Regular Board Meeting at 7:21pm.

RESOLUTION # 177-26

APPROVE HIRING OUTSIDE COUNSEL

A motion was made by Trustee Lioto and seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve an amount not to exceed \$25,000 regarding a legal matter. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same. Trustee St. Germain abstained.



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A motion was made by Trustee Ryan to adjourn at 7:24pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilmner. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Wilmer, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Lioto, and Trustee Ryan all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Zarzecki
Village Clerk-Treasurer