



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 11th, 2016 @ 6:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:30 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Gary Butterfield, Deputy Mayor Fred Ferguson, Trustee Diane Browning, Trustee Pat Gustafson, and Trustee Chuck Henry.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Codes Enforcement Officer David Barnhart, Parks Director Teresa Roth, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Village Engineer Laura Cassalia, and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

Personnel Absent: Fire Chief Tim Ellis.

RESOLUTION # 149-16

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28th, 2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 150-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 5 in the amount of \$108,402.92 covering Voucher #196 to Voucher #259. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 151-16

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$144.00 covering Voucher #5. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE:



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The Mayor invited anyone to share concerns or thoughts; there was no response.

PERCENTAGE OF ALLOWABLE ASPHALT/STONE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

After driving around the Village, the Mayor stated he has different thoughts. He would like to try sending letters rather than adding more legislation to modify the Code.

DISCUSS TEAMSTERS 1149 AGREEMENT

The Mayor stated we have been told the agreement is in the mail. Hopefully, this will take care of the two items that needed modifying, so we can put closure to this item and remove it from the agenda.

DISCUSS AMENDING THE AGREED UPON PROCEDURES WITH BONADIO GROUP

The Mayor explained we have previously approved and agreed to pay for a review of the Firemen's Association to be done by Bonadio Group. The Firemen's Association has since stated that they want the Village omitted from this agreement, but have the Village still pay for it and they want to limit access to the report. Trustee Browning noted, once again, that the Fire Dept. has no representation in order to answer legitimate questions of the Board. Attorney Chatfield stated he will generate a letter to Board of Directors regarding this matter.

DISCUSSION ON HEAVY TRASH PICKUP WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Mayor stated that heavy trash seems to be more of a problem. After much discussion regarding quantity of, the number of items allowed per pickup, and enforcement issues; the Board decided to send a mailer to educate the residents on the number of items allowed and times to put out the heavy trash.

RESOLUTION # 152-16

DISCUSS/ADOPT "THINK DIFFERENTLY INITIATIVE"

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to adopt the "Think Differently Initiative." The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 153-16

**APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CHESTNUT STREET
PROJECT AND RT. 11**

The Mayor stated we have been waiting for specifications for the Chestnut Street sidewalk and the



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addition of Rt. 11 re-greening. Ms. Cassalia explained the drawings and contract manual are complete and can be delivered tomorrow to the Village. Deputy Mayor Ferguson stated he had concerns with Alternate #3 which covers the front of St. Rose of Lima Church from the rectory back to the offices as being all dug up. This area is used several times a week for funerals where they have to park the hearse, cars, and the handicap parking for the church. He continued something needs to be done as it is all swampy when it rains. Suggestions were either to put in green asphalt or pervious pavement; depending on the cost. Trustee Henry made a motion giving authority to approve the specifications generally as outlined by the engineer as delegated to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor collectively. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 154-16 **SET BID OPENING DATE FOR CHESTNUT STREET EXTENSION AND INFRASTRUCTURE REGREENING ON RT.11**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to set the bid opening date for the Chestnut Street Extension and Infrastructure Regreening on Rt. 11 for Wednesday, September 7th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at Village Hall. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 155-16 **DISCUSSION ON THE MS4 STORMWATER COALITION AGREEMENT**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement for the 2017 calendar year with a fee of \$3,600 to be paid in January of 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 156-16 **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR RESTORE NY GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

Trustee Browning made a motion to set the date for the public hearing to be held on Thursday, August 25th, 2016 at 4:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:



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Police Department: He stated that the new part-time police officer is doing really well. He is still doing his field training and so far his scores are where they should be. Last Saturday, we had our first Disk Golf Event with the North Syracuse Police Department at Heritage Park. This was one of the officer's ideas that we added to our 2016 goals and we paired up with the Central New York Disk Golf League. This is the same gentleman that designed our golf course at Heritage and it was a great success. He thanked everyone that helped with that.

Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: He stated that he is still working with National Grid with the L.E.D.'s switch over. We are going to have them install a couple of lights, so that we can see the wattage and what the difference will be; so that we do not under watt or over watt. There will be three different lights installed on Elm Street which is a dead end so it won't be a big difference for someone traveling. Once we get that done, we can then make the guesstimate of what we want to do.

Parks and Recreation Department: She thanked everyone who came out for the rededication of Lonergan Park; it went very well. It was a pleasure that Assemblyman Stirpe was there. We submitted a press release and some pictures, so maybe that will come out in the Star Review next week. We have two summer concerts left in the season. We have set the closing date for the pool; it will be open thru the evening of Sunday, August 28th, 2016. There are two senior bus trips coming up and we are taking signups for that next week: the first is to the Country Music Hall of Fame in Cortland to see an Elvis Tribute Show along with a luncheon, and the other is in September to go apple picking, luncheon and wine tasting. There is a Driver's Safety Course in September that still has some spots left. Tomorrow is the last day of our seven-week Summer Camp Program. It has been hot, but very successful this summer.

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: No Report.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Gustafson: No Report.

Trustee Browning: She praised the Parks Director for the fine work she had done on the Lonergan Park rededication. It was a nice crowd and a nice job; very proud. The other night we attended a retirement for James Baker. He was on the Zoning Board and has not resigned yet, but he is moving away. He and his wife were very pleased and we have been pleased to have them in our community.



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Trustee Henry: No Report.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He spoke of having a study being done on Lee Terrace at the request of a resident regarding speeding cars. The results were boiled down to 5,105 cars in one week go thru there. Of that total, 206 were over the speed limit which only represents four percent of the 5,105 cars. The peak times were between 1:00 and 4:00 o'clock and of all the cars tracked they were one hour either side of that time frame. The Police Chief already has the report, and we are going to bring it back to the Public Safety Committee at the next meeting to discuss it. The next Public Safety Meeting is September 12th, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. downstairs. There was also a complaint on Edden Lane which the DPW and Codes has as well and that will be brought up at that meeting also.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated he has been attempting to reach out to oil companies for our northern most gas station, the former Mobil. He continued both Kwik Fill and Stewart Shops have been contacted and so far nothing has happened. He went on to say he will be reaching out to a couple of more to try to get that place cleaned up. There is some contamination there, but the tanks have been removed. The Leadership Greater Syracuse will be revisiting the Village on Wednesday, August 24th, 2016 from noon to three; that was the group that cleaned up the cemetery. They liked it so much they want to do more. They cut down a lot of brush in the oldest section of the cemetery and had the stones power washed; plus they painted the fence. Jim Baker's retirement celebration was yesterday and it was a nice event. Communications are underway with Senator DeFrancisco's Office and Senator Valesky's Office regarding the paving/widening of Chestnut Street and Church Street. The DPW Superintendent has it on the schedule to repave Chestnut St. If we do the section of Chestnut Street that he is talking about, we would have wider shoulders, so we have been in touch with Senator DeFrancisco's Office. We didn't realize that the Church Street side is in Senator Velesky's District, so he did contact us a couple of days ago, so we sent the information back in again. We have also contact our Assemblyman Stirpe and our County Legislators. They have showed some interest on their part. We also received a call from Senator DeFrancisco's Office asking if we had any parks that needed work. The Mayor stated he is working with the Parks Director and the DPW Superintendent on getting some information together to send back to them for work at Heritage mainly, but other areas as well.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.



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Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

