



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 @ 4:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 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 Paul Linnertz.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Michael Crowell, and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

Personnel Absent: Village Engineer Brian Bouchard

RESOLUTION # 121-16

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9th, 2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 122-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 2 in the amount of \$115,057.97 covering Voucher #13 to Voucher #68. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 123-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 28 in the amount of \$55,578.21 covering Voucher #1478 to Voucher #1505. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 124-16

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Trustee Browning made a motion to approve the Veteran's Memorial Park Abstract #28 in the



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amount of \$77.75 covering Voucher #7. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE:

Pat Ferguson stated she and Toni Brauchle were committee members for the North Syracuse Festival. They came to say thank you for all the help and support they received from everyone. She complimented the Mayor for his efforts in arriving early to set up and staying all day. Toni Brauchle shared the reasons she enjoyed being on the committee. She stated it is free to families to attend for both residents and community as well; drawing people from out of the area and has to be great for Village businesses.

Ed Zimmerman of 105 Edden Lane stated he complained about a vine in Heritage Park that already had taken out one of his pine trees which is completely dead now. Depending on which way the dead tree falls, it will be on your property or mine; he did not know what could be done. He continued that the vine is coming from the Village side of the fence, and it is now going toward one of his other pine trees back there. He asked if the Village could do anything to eradicate it. He stated that he had been in there with his equipment and he could only do so much, because it originates on the Village side. He stated if you stand by the tennis courts and turn around, you can see my house. Also, (at Heritage Park at the entrance off Chestnut Street) the side slats on the front bench are all split and broke. If you get kids jumping or the wrong people, someone could get hurt. He went on that they have a bad problem with feral cats. I came here and was sent to the Town of Clay to Animal Control who stated there are no rules regarding the cats. He stated he has been having a problem with cats. You can't even work in the flower bed because they use everyone's gardens as litter boxes and the smell is bad. The Mayor shared that he sympathized with him as he has the same problem at his home and his business and no one will address the issue of feral cats so he would welcome anyone that has any suggestions. He stated that there was a group that was capturing them and then having them neutered and then letting them go to eliminate having more cats. There is something called Cat Scan that you can sprinkle that will deter them from coming to that area. He gave kudos to the North Syracuse DPW; they are doing an awesome job.

PERCENTAGE OF ALLOWABLE ASPHALT/STONE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

The Mayor stated they tried to confirm the survey results but our website was down, but stated that he wants to finalize this before summer is over. He will continue to work on this and table it until next meeting.

RESOLUTION # 125-16

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD



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The Mayor asked for a motion to entertain Fred Wilmer. Trustee Browning made a motion to approve the appointment of Fred Wilmer to commence on 7/1/2016 to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of William Winstanley for a full term. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS TEAMSTERS 1149 AGREEMENT

Mayor Butterfield stated we have finally settled on the Teamsters 1149 Agreement. Emails went out late today and the Village Attorney has not seen them yet. Attorney Chatfield suggested that it be reviewed, ratified if need be and then addressed at the next meeting. The item was tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 126-16

APPOINTMENT OF CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to confirm the appointment of David Barnhart for the Full-time Codes Enforcement Officer position effective June 27, 2016 with a one year probation period and an annual salary of \$43,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 127-16

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to confirm the appointment of Jeramie Cheney for a Part-time Police Officer position at a rate of 19.96 per hour; not to exceed a maximum of 20 hours per week effective July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 128-16

DISCUSSION ON CHANGE ORDER #1-LONERGAN PARK

The Mayor explained while doing excavation for the new toilet room, they came across an old septic tank and unsuitable soil conditions; thus an agreed change to the scope of the work from a material breakdown generated additional costs of \$3,580.00. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the change order. The motion was seconded Trustee Gustafson. Trustee Linnertz expressed that he felt that the DPW should have addressed the problem which would have saved the Village money. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Linnertz opposed.



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RESOLUTION # 129-16

**MODIFY AGREED UPON PORCEDURES-NO. SYRACUSE
FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to modify the Resolution (#055-16) from 3/24/16 and change/modify this agreement to be: The Fireman's Association will be employing the Bonadio Group to complete the audit as outlined in the Dec. 1st, 2015 letter addressed to the Village of North Syracuse, and this will be completed on or before September 1st, 2016 and a copy of the completed audit will be provided to the Village of North Syracuse. Once received, the Village will pay Bonadio Group on behalf of the Fireman's Association the agreed upon \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Ferguson, Trustee Browning and Trustee Gustafson voting in favor of the same. Trustee Linnertz opposed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated that he is working on a draft copy of the law amendment that the D.E.C. wants for the modified Flood Plan and should have it completed by the July meeting. He continued that we need to have that law in place to continue Flood Plan Insurance for our residents.

ENGINEER REPORT: The Mayor stated Mr. Bouchard had a flat tire, but he had spoken with Mrs. Franco. He continued she stated that we did get a grant for infrastructure improvements; mainly sanitary sewers. He commented that our sanitary sewers are in good shape. It also included other things, so he has asked CHA to look at regrading Rt.11 between the pavement and the shoulder of the sidewalk, where there doesn't need to be pavement. The grant would cover that plus we have some manholes that need to be worked on. We need to spend the money before next summer. He stated we are still waiting for sidewalk plans from them for Chestnut Street; the surveyor was late getting information to them.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated summer has started and our numbers are up as normal. We are dealing with the usual type of summer complaints; trying to manage that as best we can with the level of staffing we have. He continued the probationary Sergeant that was promoted is evaluated monthly through his probationary period and so far things are working out really well.

Fire Department: Absent

Public Works Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer stated he received a request for a permit to install a 120' utility pole on the corner of South Bay Road and E. Taft Road for a communication tower by Cole Muffler. This will be in the right-of-way. He stated he did not see any benefit to the Village to install something like that there. Once it is installed, it could end up looking like a Christmas tree. It is through Mobilite and they use microwaves for communication. Attorney Chatfield spoke of a special



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permit process in place under the Zoning Regulations. There are restrictions as to what a municipality can do in terms of regulating cellular communication facilities. There are proofs that are required. Is it the only location or are there alternative locations; are there alternative means? What you can't do is arbitrarily refuse a particular provider because they have to be in a competitive position versus the other providers. This will have to go thru the "planning" process.

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated she would like to promote that the pool is open. Swim lessons and summer camp programs start on Monday. Registration is going well with over a 100 kids signing up so far. The Lonergan project will end tomorrow except for installing railings and painting the shed; looks great. The Pavilion is done and restrooms are done except accessories. On the wall that exits the building, the DPW will be installing a window and door and should be finished within two weeks. Summer concerts start next Wednesday and go for nine weeks.

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: No Report.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Gustafson: She thanked Trustee Linnertz for his many years of service to the Village, the "Board" and for sharing his knowledge and expertise.

Trustee Browning: No Report.

Trustee Linnertz: He stated it has been my pleasure to represent citizens of the Village. He continued that he wanted to thank them for their confidence in him and appointing him to the Board. He stated that he appreciated Attorney Chatfield's guidance that has helped their relationship. He went on to say the time having served on the Village Board and volunteering as a fireman has prepared him in his professional career and he feels he has gained as much if not more than the Community has with him serving on the Board.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He thanked Trustee Linnertz for his years of service on both as Trustee and the Fire Department; although the Fire Department will continue. He stated that both he and Trustee Gustafson attended the Mayor's Association Meeting on June 15th. Basically, their representatives are going to attend every Village Board meeting in the area. They are proposing that the North Syracuse Village Board authorize them to canvas our residents (once we approve their energy study) to offer them an option to go with Constellation to buy their energy with no penalties to opt in or get out. However, it is going to cost them money. There are three ways you can choose: 1) ESCO-Energy Service Provider, 2) Community Choice Aggregation or 3) CCA in New York City. It is



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very complicated with 20 steps to get the proposal legislative approval. Then they would contact the Village residents. The savings is between \$100- \$175 per year per resident and he did not feel that is what the Village would want, but they will be coming. They need a total of 44,000 people to sign up for this and, at this time, it is only for electricity, although they stated that they could do gas as well. They stated it would not change your bills at home, but we have to pass a law and then it has to go to the Energy people. He suggested a public hearing to see if the residents would like them to endorse this company. The next Public Safety Meeting is September 12th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Butterfield stated Heavy Trash continues to be a concern. He continued single family rental properties corral trash at the curb expecting the Village to pick up. The Annual Meeting will be a combined meeting with the first meeting in July, being on July 14th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. He stated letters have been sent to the elected officials seeking their help with the paving of Chestnut Street and Church Street because these roads are used more than just the Village use. He continued the DPW Superintendent has budgeted a portion of Chestnut Street for repaving, but that does not help with the shoulders. He has contacted Senators Stirpe and De Francisco, people for STMC and our County Legislatures for help. He mentioned receiving a call from James Baker, Zoning Board Chairman who has served for many years who stated he will be moving to Maine and he will be missed. The Village Election was last Tuesday, and Chuck Henry will be returning as a Trustee being sworn in on July 14th, 2016 at the Annual Meeting. He referred to when he became Mayor he had to replace his Trustee position and he chose Trustee Linnertz because he knew he would ask the right questions; the hard questions and he thanked him for his service.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Browning made a motion to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer