

## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, January 28th, 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 PM 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, and Trustee Pat Gustafson. Trustee Linnertz (absent).

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

**Personnel Absent:** Fire Chief Tim Ellis.

### **RESOLUTION # 016-16**

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Browning made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 017-16**

### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 17 in the amount of \$85,466.70 covering Voucher # 938 to Voucher # 986. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 018-16**

### **SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$186.71 covering Voucher #18. The motion was seconded by Trustee 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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**RESOLUTION # 019-16**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)-AMEND THE BUDGET**

Trustee Browning made the motion to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$7,000 from A3389Q-Police SLETPP Grant to increase the appropriation of A3120.211 for the Police secured fencing in the parking lot. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

**CITIZENS' VOICE:** Toni Brauchle from the Canteen Teen Center presented the annual update statistics for 2015. She stated there were 610 unduplicated youth that went through the program; 69 of those were Village residents. Total visits were 9,640; which yielded 1,604 more than in 2014. 61 of those youths completed 600 hours of Community Service. There were 22 field trips taken giving opportunities for youth to develop. She made mention of a former youth of the Village who previously worked for the Parks Department and attended the program who published a book called "College Ready." She spoke of going through the Foster Care System in the area while obtaining the help she needed. A youth name Kenzie spoke of being in the program for 6 years while learning about leadership, and communication skills; while part taking in fun activities and learning activities. She also made mention of opportunities to learn about drugs, alcohol and its effects. Ms. Brauchle thanked the Village for their continued support and helping to provide opportunities for the youth that go through the program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 020-16      INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR DOG CONTROL WITH TOWN OF CLAY**

The Board has received a copy of the new Inter-municipal Agreement for Dog Control Services with the Town of Clay; we used this service last year and it worked well. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. Deputy Mayor Ferguson stated he wanted it noted that although this is with the Town of Clay; they are also covering for the part that is the Town of Cicero. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Ferguson, Trustee Browning and Trustee Gustafson, all voting in favor.

**BOARD FEEDBACK ALLOWABLE % OF ASPHALT/STONE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Mayor Butterfield stated we are not ready to vote on it yet, but the next item is regarding the percentage of allowed asphalt/stone on a residential property. Attorney Chatfield had expressed at the last meeting he had presented different options and was looking for some feedback as to what





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referencing the 5 year plan.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department:** Chief Crowell reported on the Police Department's 2016 goals and achievements that have been completed. He will be publishing that soon so that Board knows what they are going to be looking at for 2016. We are finishing January in-service training. He went on to thank you for the DPW and their hard work in servicing the vehicles; this is just another example of internal sharing services to save money while assisting as soon as possible to alleviate down time with vehicles.

**Fire Department:** Absent

**Public Works Department:** No Report

**Parks and Recreation Department:** Ms. Roth shared the upcoming events are:

Driver Safety Course	March 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	
Bunny Breakfast	March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	(Palm Sunday) 8:00 a.m. to Noon at VFW
Earth Day Clean-up	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2016	(Refreshments will be served)
Family Festival	May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	

Teresa referenced contacting her office for information or to register for any of these programs. She is also beginning to book the summer concerts.

**Codes Department:** Ms. Di Carlo-Schermerhorn stated the Onondaga County Planning Board is holding their symposium on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If anyone has concerns about Consensus, one of the sessions are covering this, so this is a good place to voice your concerns. The Full Boar Brewery is still working away.

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Ms. Kufel shared it has been a busy month, following up with the normal work; and additionally the W-2's, 1099's and the payroll taxes that are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Her department is backlogged and continues to try and catch up. Budget worksheets should be out next week and hopefully the Department Heads are thinking about their upcoming items for the coming year.

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee Gustafson:** No Report.



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**Trustee Browning:** Trustee Browning thanked Dianne for her efforts with the Christmas Party and it being successful.

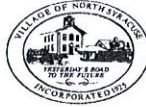
**Trustee Linnertz:** Absent

**Deputy Mayor Ferguson:** Deputy Mayor Ferguson shared that March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, is the next Public Safety Committee Meeting downstairs at 4:00 p.m.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Butterfield spoke of some of the elected officials attending a Breakfast Meeting last Saturday and now the Consensus Committee has given us a report. There will be six weeks to attend meetings for public comment. He continued to explain that there are structural issues with our city/county government which also would include towns and villages. There suggestions are to modernize. From our prospective at the Village level; we feel comfortable where we are, but need to look at it. There many layers upon layers of government and the more you get the more layers there are. Attorney Chatfield explained their choosing of the name, Consensus, presumes a mutual agreement. He suggested a better name choice would have been usurpation, because there hasn't been any agreement between anybody before the documents and recommendations were released. The Mayor continued it came out on Monday and has been dispersed to the Board to review. Trustee Browning added she felt it was important for the residents to express their opinions; it is their Village and they should have a say. Ms. Di Carlo-Schermerhorn expressed because of the County Charter and the Home Rule they have to put this up for referendum, but was concerned about only 6 weeks to review this. The Mayor continued he saw in the paper that there is a referendum in November which would me everyone has a vote. Deputy Mayor Ferguson stated this is not the final copy; that should be out in April.

Mayor Butterfield shared that he had an initial meeting with the Police Department regarding their contract that expires on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016; so we are starting the negotiations and there will be more information as we meet. There was a three year contract with Syracuse Haulers that ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We have the option of doing a two year extension or going back out to bid. Attorney Chatfield shared that in other municipalities are looking into automated collection, the benefits and savings that it offers. Dianne will follow-up with the county thru county purchasing. He went on to thank Dianne and everyone for the Holiday/Christmas Party this past Tuesday; it was a success and a good time was had by all.

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



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Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel  
Village Clerk Treasurer

