



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9th, 2017 @ 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, and Trustee Chuck Henry.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Codes Enforcement Officer David Barnhart, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, and Village Engineer Brian Bouchard.

Personnel Absent: Trustee Pat Gustafson (ill), Parks Director Teresa Roth (Training).

RESOLUTION # 019-17

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26th, 2017 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 020-17

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #18 in the amount of \$80,336.31 covering Voucher #863 to Voucher #911. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 021-17

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Trustee Browning made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$26,690 from A909 Fund Balance to A3410.200 Fire Dept. Overhead Doors-Sta. 1 to cover the costs of Overhead Doors for Station 1. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE:

The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Sonny



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Abraham stated he runs and operated Xtreme Wireless of 412 South Main Street. He expressed his concerns regarding signage regulations and the importance it is to his business. Garry Buchanan, owner of Garry's Auto Repair at 223 North Main Street, shared his concerns regarding the signage regulations. He continued that the banner(s) and flags attract people which are helping to promote his business. He also mentioned the use of off premise signs and the hanging banners. Peter Nestico, owner of Nestico's Restaurant at 412 North Main Street, stated his concerns regarding signage; the rules need to change to include L.E.D. signs. Jozsef Asztalos of 118 Palmer Drive shared his disappointment in Fire Chief Ellis' decision not to run again. He also commented on how much he learned while serving under him and admired him. Mary Piazza owner of Mercedes Hair Design at 301 North Main Street shared concerns about the rules within the Village to use signage to advertise for businesses and the fees to do so. Mayor Butterfield stated what if every business along Rt. 11 wanted a banner and it was out in the right-of-way; what would that look like? He explained that we try to control the signage so there is not a free for all, and it doesn't get out of control. He explained when he was Trustee he wanted to see the signage part of the code simplified, cleaned up and has had a Signage Committee which includes business owners looking into the Code. Hyseyin Turan, owner of the Gulf Station at 200 South Main Street, addressed the Board and commented that he needed the signs that are on his poles to advertise to keep his business going. Mr. Nestico inquired as to ideas on how to address this; and the Mayor suggested that the business owners speak with the two members of the Signage Committee that are here tonight regarding their concerns, and he would have the Signage Committee look into it. Mayor Butterfield shared that the off premises signs that were referred to were put up by the Plank Road Chamber of Commerce which meets periodically. Attorney Chatfield explained there are two options: 1) by filing for a Variance for relief before the Zoning Board of Appeals if they can show economic injury exists with the particulars of the business; or 2) by amending the code which is a more complicated process which discusses the proposed changes with the public at large and takes longer to get through. David Robinson of the Signage Committee explained electronic signs would have to go before the Planning Commission for their review and approval because of the wide variety of the signs, but they are not forbidden.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 022-17

**APPROVE/DISCUSS MODIFICATION OF MULTIPLE
DWELLING FEE SCHEDULE**

Gary Butterfield made a motion to adopt a resolution to amend the fee schedule previously adopted by the Board and authorized by Local Law #2-2006 that was adopted November 9th, 2006, to charge apartment complexes with eight buildings or less a fee of \$100 and apartment complexes with nine or more buildings a fee of \$500. Also, the wording was changed under Inspections from Commercial Use-Every Year to Assemblies every year, because Commercial are not done every year; they are done every three years. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was approved with



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Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

POLICE DEPT. - 2016 OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Police Chief Crowell thanked the Mayor and welcomed everyone. He stated this is one of his favorite things to do; but, unfortunately, he only gets to do it once a year, but tonight is a good night for all of us. He explained North Syracuse Police Department has an Awards Program. One of the awards that are done annually is Officer of the Year Award. The Officer of the Year is an officer who consistently demonstrates exceptional achievements. These achievements include an officer who has a general commitment to the profession, to our agency, and most importantly to our community. Officer of the Year is selected with strong recommendation from his supervisors. According to our First Line Supervisors, this particular officer excels in commitment to the agency in his effort toward community policing and comes to work every day with a tremendous drive. Most importantly, this particular officer understands our mission, and he works to that end on a daily basis. At this time, it is my pleasure to present to you, the 2016 Officer of the Year, Chance Fieldson.

RESOLUTION # 023-17

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION BOARD-ALTERNATE**

Trustee Browning made a motion to accept Sam Mondello for a three year appointment for a 2nd Alternate on the Planning Commission with a term to expire on July 1st, 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 024-17

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR "2% TAX CAP OVERRIDE" -03/09/2017

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to set a public hearing for a "2% Tax Cap Override" to be held March 9th, 2017 at 6:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 025-17

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUNDS - 03/09/2017**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to set a public hearing for the 2017 Community Development Funds to be held March 9th, 2017 at 6:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR CREATION OF RESCUE 7
APPARATUS RESERVE ACCOUNT- 03/09/2017**

The Mayor stated they thought they would need a public hearing for the Creation of Rescue 7, but rather a public notice for a permissive referendum is being initiated, so a public hearing is not necessary.

RESOLUTION # 026-17

**APPROVE SPECS FOR (1) YR. CLEANING CONTRACT
W/TWO (1) YEAR RENEWALS**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the specs for the one year cleaning contract with two, one year renewals to go out for bid on March 2nd, 2017 at Village Hall at 2:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 027-17

APPROVE 2017 STRAIGHTLINE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the 2017 Straightline Service Agreement at a cost of \$270 for two inspections during the year on the Fire Suppression System Inspection at the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 028-17

**AUTHORIZE GRANTMASTERS INC. TO PREPARE RECRUITMENT
GRANT WITH (2) ADD'L PARTNERS**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign, giving authorization for Grantmasters Inc. to prepare the Recruitment Grant that will partner with both Brewerton (\$250) and Moyers Corners Fire Department (\$250) to apply for \$180,000 worth of funding towards Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response with a cost of \$250 (for the Village). The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated in the routine course of business, we are rolling over the bond anticipation note on the Streetscape Project tomorrow; paying it down by \$35,000 and rolling over \$280,000 and the closing is set up for tomorrow.

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:



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Police Department: He stated our probationary police officers are continuing to do well and are moving forward. Our February In-Service Training is tonight and that is why Mrs. Roth is not here; she is actually training our officers at the fire house for CPR for their recertification. He continued he is still working on trying to fill some of the vacancies that we have, and he is attempting to schedule a panel and get all the applicants together.

Fire Department: He stated the Rescue 7 update is on January 16th, 2017. A letter was sent out using the HGAC Account to some vendors; we sent it to E One, Sutphen, Pierce, and Seagrave giving them 30 days to get back to us to see if there is an interest in this project. We have asked them to include the following with their submittal: 1) engineer drawings, 2) full specifications, 3) warrantee information, 4) service center locations including the distance of the Village of North Syracuse, 5) certification of technicians, 6) current customer reference lists, 7) any exceptions to what we currently have as a rough draft specification that we sent them to look through, 8) estimated build and delivery time, 9) estimated cost to build, 10) bid bond, and 11) certificate of insurance. They are looking to hear back from them; they were given 30 days, so we should have something soon from those who are interested and also possible purchases off the HGAC process. He wanted to thank the association for the month of January in purchasing a new gear washer for our turnout gear. There has been proven studies of carcinogens that are embedded into our turnout gear. We took an aggressive approach and asked the association if they would purchase a gear washer which has the ability to extract. The first one installed at Station 2 is about \$10,000. Also, in the last week of January, we upgraded the meeting room, so now there is scheduling for training. They have the ability to do training in both the meeting room and training room which was around \$18,000 to cover AV Equipment, a new projector, and a new screen; so again, the association helped them out there. Thirdly, they just purchased a new chief's car for \$28,000; so in the month of January the association spent a total of \$56,000 on your fire department.

Public Works Department: He stated they are still working on the Tree Forestry Grant and they are almost done with it.

Parks and Recreation Department: No Report (Absent).

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: As you recall, she thought they were going to have to go out to bid for the trash; Syracuse Haulers is currently the hauler. As it looks, there is one more year that can be rolled over with the same terms and conditions of the current agreement, so we won't have to go out to bid for that. That will come before the Board before May 31st, 2017 to renew it.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:



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Trustee Gustafson: No Report (Absent).

Trustee Browning: No Report.

Trustee Henry: He commended Chief Crowell on the phenomenal job with the Police Department. The "Officer of the Year" is just phenomenal. You have done a super job since you have been here. He stated to Chief Ellis that he hoped he reconsidered. He stated they have been friends, worked closely together, side-by-side over the last five years and it saddens him to hear that he is not running for Chief again. He commented he has done a phenomenal job as far as morale and turnaround, so thank you for your service and he hopes he stays.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He stated March 6th, 2017 is the next Public Safety Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center, and there won't be a table top at that time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked the Police Chief and the Fire Chief for the job that they have done. The budget process begins again, and each of the department heads has been given a work sheet to turn back in. He stated he hoped that they can stay under the Tax Cap. He wanted to remind everyone February begins the new codes for phones, so you will need to dial 315 or 680 in addition. On Sunday, the Mayor along with Deputy Mayor Ferguson, Trustee Browning and Trustee Henry will be heading to Albany for the NYCOM, so Trustee Gustafson will be in charge on Monday. He commented that these meetings are always interesting and they learn a lot of information. There is a Solar Energy Workshop on Thursday, March 30th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. It is open to anybody, community residents, and commercial opportunities, and there are grants available for homeowners; flyers are available at Village Hall. Next Wednesday, there is a meeting for Consensus over at Town of Salina for Elected Officials. As you have seen, the Consensus Report has hit the streets and there is quite a bit of controversy already. The Consensus Report also says Villages and Towns will not be affected right away, so we will see what happens. He stated the results came back from the 2017 NYCOM Budget Survey of Villages that we participated and it was interesting. He mentioned in the cost per resident to operate a village; our Village cost was in the lower portion to operate, so we do a very good job here of providing services for our residents at a minimal cost. He continued, if you have not seen them, some L.E.D. lights have been put up on Elm Street and also on Bear Road and Rt. 11; if these are acceptable, we can go L.E.D. lighting for all our street lights. It will cost us \$30,000 initially, but there is a payback. The payback is three years and then every year after that we will save \$10,000. He encouraged people to drive down and take a look at them. He received correspondence from Canteen, which is an organization that is up by the high school that does beneficial things for the Community. The Village participates along with the other towns in helping to fund the Canteen. They gave a report in the newsletter covering the afterschool activities that they do for the kids.



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Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Browning made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferguson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

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PLEASE SIGN IN

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
ROBINSON	SWINDES Woods
NEWELL	NEPTUNE'S
MARY PIABRA	221 W W
GARRY BUCHANAN	223 N. MAIN ST
M. J. RENN	123 Catherine St.
Off. Fieldson + Family	NSPD
CASEY + SHERRY DAUGARD	109 Chestnut St
Joe Aszatalos	118 Palmer
Mr. Messer/Butterfield	224 Chestnut St
Dan Weil	513 S. Main St
SONNY IBRAHIM	
Huseyin TURAN	200 S. Main Street