



## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, February 11th, 2016 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Due to inclement weather, the meeting was move up to 4:30 PM. News Media notified and posted on the Village website.

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 PM with Deputy Mayor Fred Ferguson inviting everyone present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Deputy Mayor Fred Ferguson, Trustee Diane Browning, Trustee Paul Linnertz and Trustee Pat Gustafson. Mayor Gary Butterfield (absent-vacation).

**Personnel Present:** Village Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Kufel, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, and Police Chief Michael Crowell.

**Personnel Absent:** Fire Chief Tim Ellis, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam Di Carlo-Schermerhorn, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

### **RESOLUTION # 023-16**

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

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

### **RESOLUTION # 024-16**

### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 18 in the amount of \$114,146.98 covering Voucher # 987 to Voucher # 1041. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. Trustee Linnertz asked about the National Grid bill from 12/18/15-1/27/16 for \$11,000.00 whereas the description was labeled incorrectly. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Linnertz and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 025-16**

### **SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #18 in the amount of \$310.00



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covering Voucher #19 and #20. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson Trustee Linnertz, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 026-16**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

Trustee Linnertz made the motion to approve the budget transfers for Parks and Rec in the total amount of \$3,253 to A7180.12 Pool Payroll with \$553 from A7020.441 Recreation Printing and \$2,700 from A7140.1 Playground Payroll to cover the shortage at the Pool with playground payroll funds for a staff member that worked both departments and was charged solely to the Pool. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Linnertz and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

**CITIZENS' VOICE:** Pat Ferguson stated she was here on the behalf of the North Syracuse Housing Authority. She went on to explain that it is a five member board. Some of the members are getting to an age where they may not stay after their term is up; so they will be looking for people to replace them. She went on to share that the North Syracuse Housing Authority puts \$1,000,000 a year of Federal money into the Village; 1/12<sup>th</sup> of that money every month gets distributed in funds to people for places to live. She explained what the person on the board would have to do and how the program works.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Deputy Mayor Ferguson stated the next item we have is the allowable percentage of asphalt/stone on a residential property of which the Board has all received a copy. He suggested that the Board look it over and mark with any comments that they might have. Eventually this will be a public hearing to amend Zoning §240-29 subsection C-1(a). He made mention of a trailer season being May to October inclusive or November to April inclusive depending on the different types of trailers you can have. I think it should read May 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also there are no penalties in the draft in front of them. Police Chief Crowell commented that usually in every chapter of Village Code has a penalty clause at the end of every chapter. He indicated if there is not a penalty clause, there definitely needs to be one to enforce it. The other item was, Recreational Vehicles cannot be used for inhabitation for persons or animals and may not be connected to utilities while parked or stored on a property except, immediately before departure; although it would be hard to determine when they were departing. The Board decided to continue revisiting this. Leave on as Old Business.



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**“AGREED UPON PROCEDURES” FOR NORTH SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson stated the next item is the “Agreed Upon Procedures” for the Fire Department. There is not any one here from the Fire Dept. and we have not received a copy of the audit yet. Town of Cicero had a meeting last night and they do not want audits; they want financial statements quarterly from both the Association and the Fire Dept., as well as Form 990 filed at the end of the calendar year. The Board tabled this item.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 027-16      SET PUBLIC HEARING “TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TAX LIMIT”3/10/2016**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made mention of the “2% Tax Cap Override” isn’t 2% anymore; it is less than a half of a percent. He explained that the disadvantage of not meeting this is that the citizens can’t get a refund on their taxes for Village taxes. Trustee Linnertz made the motion to set a Public Hearing for 3/10/16 at 6:28 p.m. for possible vote to approve new legislation to allow us to exceed the “Tax Levy Limit - Tax Cap Override.” The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. Deputy Mayor Ferguson suggested that the Board approve it to avoid being penalized. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Linnertz and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

**CHA’s DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR 2016 COMM. DEV. FUNDS**

The Board has received the application of the draft proposal for the 2016 Community Development Funds; 2015 was already signed. The funds for this year are already earmarked for additional lighting. DPW Supervisor Wilmer stated that the entire conduit is already in and it stops at Garry’s Auto.

**RESOLUTION # 028-16      2016 COMMUNITY DEV. FUNDS-PUBLIC HEARING 3/10/2016**

Trustee Linnertz made the motion to set a Public Hearing for 3/10/16 at 6:29 p.m. for the Board to discuss the 2016 Community Development Funding Application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. Clerk Treasurer Kufel commented that she believed that the Mayor had wanted to use part of the money toward Chestnut Street Extension. Then if there was money left over, some of it would go toward Lonergan Park. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Linnertz and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.



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## **SYRACUSE HAULERS CONTRACT**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson spoke of a date in the contract indicating that it had to be returned within 10 days; I had Clerk Treasurer Kufel follow up on that today. Clerk Treasurer Kufel indicated that she had emailed her, but she had not heard back yet. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a suggestion that the Mayor contact the owner of the company to see if they would take into consideration that the cost for gas has gone down and see if we can get a reduction in the fuel cost.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Absent/Weather

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Absent/Weather

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department:** Police Chief Crowell clarified that the form they received was from the 911 center on the calls for all agencies. It was put in there for comparison to the two Villages that are similar in size which is Baldwinsville and Solvay; we exceed those in size. This number does include follow-up complaints as well.

**Fire Department:** Absent/Weather

**Public Works Department:** No report

**Parks and Recreation Department:** Absent/Weather

**Codes Department:** Absent/Weather

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Ms. Kufel stated they had completed and distributed the 1099's and the W-2's. The budgets sheets have been distributed. We are making daily progress with the back log.

### **DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee Gustafson:** No Report.

**Trustee Browning:** No Report.

**Trustee Linnertz:** No Report



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**Deputy Mayor Ferguson:** There is the Village Mayor's and the Town Supervisors Meeting this coming Wednesday at the Salina Civic Center. I can take a couple of people with me and dinner is being served by Nestico's. Mayor Butterfield and I are working on the current Police contract negotiations and will report on that in the future. Deputy Mayor Ferguson shared the following events:

02/27/16	Fireman and EMS Legislative Breakfast	Camillus Elks Club
03/07/16	Public Safety Meeting	downstairs at 4:00 p.m.
04/01/16	Law & Management Conference	"At The Turning Stone Casino & Resort"

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Absent.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Browning made a motion to adjourn at 5:01 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Deputy Mayor Ferguson, Trustee Browning and Trustee Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel  
Village Clerk Treasurer

