



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 13th, 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 the 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 Kufel, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Codes Enforcement Officer David Barnhart, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Fire Chief Chris Strong, Village Engineer Kristy Harris, and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

Personnel Absent: Parks Director Teresa Roth.

RESOLUTION # 051-17

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23rd, 2017 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 # 052-17

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$100,710.44 covering Voucher #1075 to Voucher #1128. 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 # 053-17

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$63.00 covering Voucher #20. 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.



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RESOLUTION # 054-17

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$1,142.77 from A2615P DWI Revenue Police to A3120.143 STOP DWI Overtime shifts transferring revenues received from the County to cover spending on overtime shifts worked monitoring DWI. 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 # 055-17

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$208.58 from A3389 Traffic Safety-STEP Revenue to A3120.142 Police STEP Overtimes Shifts transferring to cover overtime shifts for STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program). The motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 056-17

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$957.87 from A3389C Traffic Safety-Child Passenger Safety Revenue to A3120.27 Traffic Grant Equipment/Car Seats transferring to offset money spent for car seats-Toys R Us. 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.

CITIZENS' VOICE:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

**PENDING: AFTER BUDGET-VILLAGE HALL SCHEMATIC-
HARMONY ARCHITECTURAL ASSOC.**

The Mayor stated there was a previous discussion about waiting to see what happens with the budget and the budget is still in process. He continued in a conversation with the Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel it was decided that we should wait and see how last year's budget comes out and this year's budget. He suggested holding off on this and looking at it in June or July to see where



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we are economically and it was tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 057-17

**SET THE DATE FOR THE VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE
SALE-MAY 20TH AND 21ST**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to establish May 20th and May 21st to be the dates for the Village Wide Garage Sale. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The Mayor suggested watching the turn out after a discussion took place at regarding the use Craigslist that perhaps the Village no longer needs to promote this going forward. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 058-17

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2017-2018 TENTATIVE
BUDGET APRIL 27TH, 2017 @ 4:29 PM**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to set a public hearing for the FY 2017-2018 Tentative Budget on April 27th, 2017 at 4:29 P.M. 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 # 059-17

**ACCEPT ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Mayor stated received a memo from the Fire Chief Elect that represents the positions and who fills that seat; they are as follows:

Chief of Fire:	Chris Strong
Deputy Chief:	Robert Liberatore
Assistant Chief:	Casey Daugard
Fire Warden:	Peter Dromms
Captain:	Scott Gratien
Fire Police Squad Captain:	Dennis McAllister
Lieutenant:	Richard Allen
Lieutenant:	Mike Bridenbaker
Lieutenant:	Aaron Caza



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Lieutenant:
Lieutenant:

Adam Engels
Michael LoVetere

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the elected/appointed officers as listed. 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 # 060-17

**AUTHORIZE \$35/MONTH REIMBURSEMENT FOR CELL PHONE-
C. DAUGARD-ASSISTANT CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion authorize a \$35 per month reimbursement for cell phone for Casey Daugard, the Assistant Chief of Fire. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 061-17

**DISCUSS/DPW 2017 CHEVY 2500 W/PLOW IN
FY 2017/2018 BUDGET**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the DPW 2017 Chevy 2500 with plow to be placed on the FY 2017/2018 Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The Mayor asked how many miles his current vehicle 2016 Ford 250 has. DPW Supervisor Wilmer stated that it has 8,000 miles now and should not have much more than 10,000 miles when it goes to the auction. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Henry, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 062-17

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF (2) NORTH
SYRACUSE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Trustee Browning made a motion to appointment of Allison Logue and Nolan Alley both of Fletcher Drive, North Syracuse as new Volunteer Firefighters. 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: He stated in following up on the cell tower that we lease over in Lonergan Park; he has had conversations with Crown Castle, the people who lease it from us about why we have had a decline in revenue. He continued we are in the last five year renewal period of the lease and they have been trying to get us to renegotiate it to basically extend its life. He stated we have seen a



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decline in our revenue as a result of four co-locators have decommissioned in the last two to four years. He continued primarily according to Crown Castle this is due to the ongoing technology upgrades that are so expensive. They did not want to put it into that tower if there was only a five year life left on the lease. He stated that they forwarded him information which he dropped off to Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel; he assumed she will be copying and circulating it to you. It does not need to be acted on tonight, but just so that you can see what is going on; so that you will be in a position to renegotiate to extend that lease with Crown Castle. He added hopefully then we will be able to entice other co-locators to re locate on that, because a significant portion of our income comes from revenue sharing. He explained we get a certain flat fee and get 20% of the revenue generated from the co-locators; so as the co-locators drop off we lose that revenue stream that we are trying to get back up to where we were.

ENGINEER REPORT: She stated she has an update for the Rt. 11 project; we got testing results back from CME and for the porous pavement; so that is a go, because it worked out really well.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated our April In-Service Training Program starts in a couple of weeks. He continued we continue to do background investigations for the two potential part-time police positions that have been available. He stated he will keep you posted on that. Lastly, he received a call from Assemblyman Stirpe while he was standing on the floor at budget wars in Albany, and once again he is going to put North Syracuse Police in for a BYRNE Grant for about \$10,000. He continued that he just needs permission from the Village Board to go ahead and apply for that.

RESOLUTION # 063-17

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE POLICE CHIEF TO
APPLY FOR THE BYRNE GRANT**

Deputy Mayor Browning made a motion to authorize the Police Chief to apply for the BYRNE Grant. 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.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Strong thanked the Board for the acceptance of himself, the other fire chiefs and the officers in the fire department. He stated he was looking forward to an excellent year; progressing and working with the Village and all the other department heads. He stated he has good news; he has two new members and no one is resigning which is always a positive. He continued we will lose a couple of student bunk-ins to graduation, but we have offered conditional acceptance for a student who will be going to O.C.C and will be coming to North Syracuse as a bunk-in in August. He



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mentioned having four other applicants. He continued on with the Assembly Stirpe theme; the airbags and the highway extrication equipment has all now been received. He stated in early May they are going to be doing some In-Service Training with the firefighters on these new airbags that will assist with calls for the residents and folks commuting through North Syracuse. He spoke of having met with the three vendors on the replacement of Rescue 7 who provided documentation and have bid proposals to build the vehicle. He continued they will be making a presentation, and if able, he would like to open it up to meet with any of the Trustees to speak individually; as well as make a presentation at the next Board meeting regarding the Rescue 7 replacement. He thanked the Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel and others; as you know Ed Frye passed away recently and with the LOSAP Program there is a guaranteed tenure and Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel got that paperwork turned around extremely quickly, efficiently and the family is very appreciative to get this turned around.

Public Works Department: He stated, as you know, we applied for a Urban Forestry Grant from the D.E.C.; we did not survive round thirteen.

Parks and Recreation Department: Absent.

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: She is concentrating on the budget; distributed the 2nd Model and plans to distribute a 3rd Model next week. Within that 3rd Model, she plans to have March's closing of the books inputted so you can see where we stand 10 months of the year vs. what is out there for the projections FY 17/18 for the official tax levy. It is April 13th and we close the books May 31st so we are winding down and hoping we can get a complete accurate count of what is out there to close out the books. I cannot officially close the books until all liabilities are paid that were incurred thru 5/31/17.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Henry: Over the past 10 years, he has done a lot of work with the fire department and has been very enjoyable working with Tim Ellis. Our new chief, Chris Strong, has been instrumental in a lot of things that have been done throughout the Village. The best thing I can say about the fire department is that they think outside the box. They have been phenomenal with that, and have been the pioneer in a lot of things that they done over the years. He ended saying he appreciates everything that you are doing so thank you and congratulations.



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Trustee Browning: Congratulations to the fire department. She thanked them for inviting the trustees to their banquet the other night; a very nice banquet. She commended Teresa for this past weekend for the egg hunt and the bunny breakfast. The kids love her in the Village and the seniors loved her today as they had an egg decorating contest. She is doing a great job and I commend her.

Trustee Gustafson: I would like to welcome Chief Strong and congratulate the other elected members, and thank you for the invitation to the dinner as it was very nice. Teresa asked me to thank everyone for being part of the bunny breakfast as it was very successful. She still needs some help for Earth Day on the 22nd so if anyone can help, please call her at Village Hall.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: Again, congratulations to all the people in the fire department. He relayed some information to the Fire Chief that he had passed on that he learned from the FASNY Legislative Breakfast, some new legislation that was forthcoming. This is regarding a permanent disability, not a partial disability, a permanent disability. He continued to say let's say they sprain their ankle and cannot walk very well; they will get \$400 to \$650 per week. They are fighting to have this increased to \$800 as it is in the workplace. They are trying to increase that one. Also, Damian Ulatowski, Supervisor of Clay, did an excellent presentation on Consensus. If there is anybody ever thinking that consensus is a good idea for the local people, they should listen to him talk. He continued to mention the Consensus debate at the SU Maxwell School and after the talk, how the numbers had all changed – not in favor of it. We were well-fed at the Bunny Breakfast and the Safety Meeting is June 5, 2017.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The budget process is challenging once again and we will present the final model at our next meeting. Each department has been instrumental and helping to keep spending at bay. Mayor spoke of the porous pavement in front of St. Rose on Rt. 11. We also have a new poll question up on the website regarding signs, and we are looking to see the input we get regarding A-Frame Signs and the Feather Signs. Arbor Day is Friday, April 28, 2017 at Noon with a tree planting. Everyone is welcome to attend. We have two proclamations prepared to give to the families of Leon Ilnitzki and James Baker. The last mayor's meeting on March 15th, 2017 was cancelled and has been rescheduled for April 19th, 2017. Peter Baynes will be the speaker. There were letters sent out a week or so ago for donations for our hanging baskets of flowers. We have collected \$1,310 to date from business owners which shows they enjoy them as much as we do. The Village offices will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday, which is posted on our website and there will be no delay in the trash pickup.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to adjourn



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at 6:55 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

