



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 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 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, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, Village Engineer Amy Franco, and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

Personnel Absent: Parks Director and Codes Enforcement Officer.

RESOLUTION # 075-16

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14th, 2016 Board Meeting. 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 # 076-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 24 in the amount of \$71,117.91 covering Voucher # 1261 to Voucher # 1309. 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 # 077-16

BUDGET TRANSFER

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve a budget transfer for \$720.11 from A2615P DWI Allocation Revenue Police to increase A3120.143 Labor Police DWI Overtime to cover overtime shifts worked. 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.



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RESOLUTION # 078-16

BUDGET TRANSFER

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve a budget transfer for \$300,000 from A3389R Save the Rain – Round 2 to A9950.9 Transfers to Capital Funds transfer to balance out appropriation needed to be transferred to Capital Fund-Streetscape Project. 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 # 079-16

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Browning made a motion to approve a budget transfer for \$556.76 from A9060.84 Dental Claims-Self Insured to A9050.8 Unemployment in the amount of \$56.76 and to A9060.81 Hospital & Medical Ins. In house in the amount of \$500 to cover Unemployment not budgeted (Dog Control) and Emp. Ass. Program - more used than anticipated. The motion was approved with 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.

RESOLUTION # 080-16

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Browning made a motion to approve a budget transfer for \$550.00 from A1910.43 Liability Insurance to A1320.400 Auditor in the amount of \$250.00 and to A1320.401 LOSAP Audit in the amount of \$300 to cover Audit Svcs.-Projections based on previous auditor; although due to a death, we transitioned to a new auditing firm. The motion was approved with 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.

RESOLUTION # 081-16

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve a budget transfer for \$1,888.92 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1110.444 Court Office Repairs to cover updated and remodel of the Court Office, as agreed with former Mayor. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning. 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 invited everyone to come to the Arbor Day Celebration tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at Centerville Park. The Mayor will be there presenting the proclamation. She thanked the Village for



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preparing the proclamations for the families and the DPW Superintendent Wilmer for planting the trees.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Drive spoke regarding the 4.5% budget increase on behalf of a lot of the Village residents. I urge you not to pass that 4.5% increase. Dave Greiner of 203 Herman Drive stated that he can't afford any more taxes; he suggested driving around to see the houses up for sale around the Village now. He continued when he first moved in the Village his taxes were around \$600 and stated enough is enough. He stated he has seen a lot of improvements, some of which he feels is a waste of money.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD FEEDBACK ALLOWABLE % OF ASPHALT/STONE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Mayor Butterfield referenced previous discussions on front yards turning into parking lots for commercial vehicles. He stated Attorney Chatfield provided information along with diagrams that were placed on the website. The Mayor spoke of receiving feedback showing 124 voted not to change anything and 56 have voted that they want "something" to change. He explained our current laws do not provide enough information to prohibit front yards from looking unkempt and full of vehicles, so we will table this until we receive more feedback.

RESOLUTION # 082-16

DISCUSSION ON THE FY 2016-2017 VILLAGE BUDGET

Mayor Butterfield spoke of the public hearing at the last meeting where the Clerk/Treasurer explained Model Two of the Village budget which represents a 4.2% increase of which we passed a resolution but still cannot stay within the "tax cap".

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to adopt the FY 16-17 Budget reflecting a 4.2% increase to open this up for discussion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning.

A discussion took place regarding various Police Dept. line items. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to decrease A3120.129 Police Training \$1,500 and increase line item A3120.25 Police Rifle. 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.

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to remove \$19,812 from A7020.13 Parks Part-time Clerk and add this same amount to A7020.12 Parks Personal Svcs./Clerk. 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.



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Trustee Linnertz made a motion to decrease A1325.14 Dep. Clerk Treasurer by \$800 and decrease A3620.12 Codes Clerk by \$800. 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.

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to decrease A1420.4 Professional Svcs-Legal by \$769. 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.

Mayor Butterfield spoke on the resolution that was made in the fall of 2015 approving the budget amounts submitted from the Fire Dept. that was necessary to submit to the Towns. The Towns are on a calendar year budget and the Village is on a fiscal year which makes it difficult for this Board to approve a budget way in advance of our work study/budget hearings. The discussion continued on the projections out of cycle and issues with the Towns being on a different cycle than the Village.

The motion was approved to adopt the FY 2016-2017 budget with the amendments above totaling a decrease of \$2,369. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Linnertz opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

**DISCUSSION ON MODIFYING VILLAGE CODE RELATING
TO PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS**

The Mayor spoke of previous discussions and the Board receiving a copy of new legislation that was drafted to modify Village code relating to peddlers and solicitors which would restrict any for profit groups from soliciting in the Village, but would still allow "not for profit" entities to solicit.

RESOLUTION # 083-16

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2
RELATING TO PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to set a public hearing for May 12th, 2016 at 6:29 p.m. to discuss it. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 084-16

**DISCUSSION ON MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS FOR GENERATORS:
COMM. CTR., FIRE STATIONS**

Mayor Butterfield spoke of the Board receiving a Maintenance Agreement from Kraft Power to do



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inspection and testing of the generators. The Community Center estimated cost was \$300, and for the Fire Department Stations #1 and #2 it was \$175 each; Penn Power estimates were higher. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Kraft Power. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. There was discussion about load testing not being included in the price for the fire stations. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 085-16

CHA AGREEMENT-CONSTRUCTION MGMT. FOR CHESTNUT STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

The Mayor spoke of receiving a revised proposal that is not to exceed \$19,090 to do the design for the Chestnut Street Sidewalk Project. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement to enter into the construction design with CHA for the Chestnut Street Sidewalk Project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The Mayor noted we are going to directly sub the survey. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 086-16

SURPLUS 2006 FORD EXPEDITION- FIRE DEPARTMENT SQUAD 1

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to send to surplus at county auction the 2006 Ford Expedition having VIN #: 1FMPU16506LA97148 with 90,407 miles on it. 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 # 087-16

AUTHORIZATION FOR MONTHLY EXPENDITURE FOR BUSINESS USE OF POLICE SGT. CELL PHONE

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to authorize monthly expenditure for business use of his cell for Police Sergeant Stassi in the amount of \$35 a month. Deputy Mayor Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No Report.



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Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: DPW Superintendent Wilmer stated that Earth Day was last Saturday. We had a lot of help and a lot of kids helping to pick up litter; actually picking up $\frac{3}{4}$ ton of trash which is probably the heaviest since we started. It was a good day and after we cooked hotdogs for everyone. He wanted to thank all those that did come out to help, even the Village employees. Bulk trash will be starting on Monday, so if you get the couches and stuff out to the curb this weekend we will be around to pick that up. He mentioned being over budget on that item, but felt he could find enough funds to cover it in other line items. We go around one or two days once and then again next month.

Parks and Recreation Department: No Report (Absent).

Codes Department: No Report (Absent).

Clerk-Treasurer: No Report.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Gustafson: No Report.

Trustee Browning: No Report.

Trustee Linnertz: He stated he had one thing that he believes is in our trash contract there is a request that they do not start before 7:00 a.m. Attorney Chatfield stated that there is a time, but he did not know what it was. Trustee Linnertz continued they are on my street at 6:30 a.m. and if that is the case I would like to ask them to stop coming thru the Village so early.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He stated the next Public Safety Committee Meeting is on June 6th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. downstairs.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Butterfield stated he attended a Complete Streets Meeting last night, and they are going to be wrapping that committee up soon. He mentioned Arbor Day is tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at Centerville Park; he encouraged everyone to attend while they recognize some former Village people. He spoke of Deputy Mayor Ferguson and himself meeting with the Police Bargaining Unit and commented they are making progress; another meeting is scheduled in two weeks. He stated he and Trustee Browning would be attending NYCOM Meeting in Saratoga from May 1st thru May 3rd, 2016. Also, PAVE NY; our CHIPS money has increased by an additional \$24,000 so we should be able to do



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another quarter of a mile of a road. DPW Superintendent Wilmer replied that they have not come back with all the rules for that money yet. The Mayor commented to pave a road it takes us about \$110, 000 and this year we should get about \$130,000; it takes us a little while to repave the Village just so that you know. He mentioned the Flower Donation money has exceeded last year's total; to date we have received \$1,870 for flowers around the Village and I know that everyone appreciates that. He thanked everyone who donated. At the last Mayor's Meeting that Trustee Linnertz myself attended, and the former Mayor of the Village of Seneca Falls spoke about the dissolving of the Village of Seneca Falls and the cost savings were essentially passed on to the County while the level of personal service went down.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

