



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 26th, 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, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Deputy Chief Chris Strong, Village Engineer Kristy Harris, and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION # 098-16

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12th, 2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 099-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 26 in the amount of \$170,340.22 covering Voucher #1371 to Voucher #1433. 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 # 100-16

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #26 in the amount of \$63.00 covering Voucher #26. 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 # 101-16

VETERANS MEM. PARK

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the Veterans Mem. Park Abstract #26 in the



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amount of \$93.21 covering Vouchers #3 and #4. 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 # 102-16

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the 11 budget transfers listed as follows as they were provided to us. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning.

- # 1) Transfer \$557.27 from A231J Justice Court Reserve Account to increase A201 Gen. Fund Money Market.
- # 2) Transfer \$219.99 from A231J Justice Court Reserve Account to increase A201 Gen. Fund Money Market.
- # 3) Transfer for \$240.00 from A201 Gen. Fund Money Market to increase A231J DWI Allocation Court.
- # 4) Transfer for \$2,828.73 from A201 Gen. Fund Money Market to increase A231P DWI Allocation Police Reserve.
- # 5) Transfer for \$647.21 from A3389 STEP- Revenue to increase A3120.142 STEP Overtime Shifts.
- # 6) Transfer for \$720.84 from A231P DWI Revenue to increase A201 Gen. Fund Money.
- # 7) Transfer for \$400.00 from A3389C Child Pass. Safety Revenue to increase A3120.27 Police-Child Car Seats.
- # 8) Transfer for \$2,109.95 from A1990.4 Contingency to increase A1620.450 Software Maintenance.
- # 9) Transfer for \$903.09 from A1990.4 Contingency to increase A1620.444 Bldg. Repairs and Mtc.
- #10) Transfer for \$761.27 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1110.444 Court Office Repairs.
- #11) Transfer for \$690.00 from A7140.448 Playground Bus Rental to increase A7020.441 Recreation Printing.

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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CITIZENS' VOICE:

Dave Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Circle updated the Board on the Community Garden. He thanked the DPW for mowing the land to allow us access. The landscaping company came, turned the land, and several other guys came in and finished the preparation so it is ready to go. They are located over behind Meals on Wheels in the former Lions Ball Field. On June 7th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. United Health Care will sponsor a groundbreaking event with tents that is open to the Community not just the residents. He continued this is not just for residents, the gardens are open to the public, but they do need to contact the Parks & Recreation Department to get on the list and the committee will contact them.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD FEEDBACK ALLOWABLE % OF ASPHALT/STONE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Mayor Butterfield explained there has been little feedback from the website; 154 people voting "they do not want to change" and 77 "do want something changed." Someone suggested taking pictures of some of the front lawns that are not very appealing but that has not happened. We will continue to work on making a law that has some enforcement capability, but for now we will table this.

DISCUSS LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2016-AMENDING CHAPTER 169 OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

There was much discussion regarding Section 169 of the code and various changes they would like to make. The Board asked the Village Attorney to draft something that would address the right to conduct background investigations, expenses incurred and hours of operation allowed. The Board tabled this item for now.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD

The Mayor shared the Planning Commission is short a member and an alternate. He has received two names and he asked someone who declined; so if anyone knows of anyone interested, please let him know.

NEW BUSINESS:

MS4 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

The Mayor asked Engineer Harris to give the MS4 Annual Report presentation. She explained the



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program requires the Village to get a permit to discharge storm water from the state which mandates they comply with six components as follows: 1) Public education which is addressed by doing things like publishing articles and training to educate the storm water quality in the area. It covers not being able to dump into the storm drain or let soap from washing a car run into a catch basin. 2) Public participation which deals with stream monitoring and cleanups which the Parks Department covers well with Earth Day. 3) Illicit Discharge which has to do with illegal dumping and enforcing the ordinance when it occurs. The County is involved thru a hotline to report illegal dumping like pet wastes. The County notifies the Village Code Enforcement to deal with it. 4) Construction Site Storm Water Management which deals with new construction and sediment control by tracking any dirt on the road that can run off into the catch basins and streams. 5) Post Construction Storm Water Management is going to the site and inspecting the install practices to make sure they are working properly as designed. 6) Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping which generally involves the Highway Department garage involving things like oil spills, secondary containment, and keeping the garage clean. Also included is the system cleaning of the catch basins and street sweeping of which the DPW does a great job. We do these meetings in case anyone has comments or questions. The report is sent annually to the state and contains everything that has been done to comply with the rules. It is sent to the D.E.C. and put on the website so that people can review and comment if they would like to.

RESOLUTION # 103-16

APPROVAL ADDITIONAL SUMMER PARKS STAFF MEMBER

Trustee Browning made a motion to approve the appointment of Justin Stewart as a Recreation Leader at \$11.15 per hour to work at Heritage Park as a Camp Director. 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 # 104-16

DISCUSSION ON ELEVATTITT AGREEMENT-COMMUNITY CENTER

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the contract covering 6/1/2016-5/31/2017 for quarterly servicing to be billed at \$128.75 a month or \$386.25 a quarter which is an increase of \$11 per year. 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 # 105-16

DISCUSS F.O.I.L. SCHEDULE-SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to set a public hearing for June 9th, 2016 at 6:29 p.m. to discuss the Fee Schedule for the F.O.I.L. requests. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. Some discussion took place to explain that F.O.I.L. stands for Freedom of Information Law which allows



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requests for information. By law we have to comply with the request which has some restrictions in place. This can be a lengthy process for Village employees to research and compile the data. This schedule will set fees for specific requested documentation and the associated costs incurred to provide that data. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, Deputy Mayor Ferguson, and Trustee Linnertz, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 106-16

DISCUSS TEAMSTERS 1149 AGREEMENT

The Mayor stated he and the Deputy Mayor Ferguson have been meeting with the Teamsters 1149 working out a contract. He stated he wanted to go to executive session to discuss an issue with the collective bargaining agreement at the end of the meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated he felt there was a teaching moment with the Participation In Government Students and the comments from the Board. The Freedom of Information Law was created to allow well intentioned people to have access to government and understand what its government is doing. Like many other things, sometimes you open up Pandora's Box and the unintended consequences of the law can be disastrous to the operation of government. You just heard an example from the Fire Chief what is in the city of Syracuse and think about the consequences from a potential law before it is put in place.

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated the Police Department is finishing up the May in-service training tonight and then we will take the summer off. He is wrapping up the selection for those other part-time positions that are open and he will have his recommendation to the Board by either the next meeting or meeting after that.

Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: He stated they finished up with the brush pickup for the month. The bulk waste pickup starts June 6th, 2016. All of the hanging baskets have been put up along Centerville Place and Main Street. The flags have all been put up. Yesterday we were busy with a major sewer backup on Helen Street which took a couple of hours for it to drain out, but we finally got it broke open. Storm drain work will start shortly, and I will have a list of the streets that need to be paved by the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Department: She just wanted to promote the Family Festival that is scheduled



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for Saturday, May 28th, 2016 at Lonergan Park from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is open to the community and it is free with all sorts of entertainment and activities for kids and families. There will also be food available, as well as vendors and crafters. She thanked all the businesses for their support as sponsor the Festival. Everyone should have a great time weather permitting. The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 30th at 9:00 a.m. which starts at Lonergan Park and ends at Rt. 11 at Veteran's Memorial with a brief ceremony with the VFW. Kennedy pool opens June 10th which is two weeks from tomorrow. We are now issuing pool passes and accepting camp registrations. We have all the summer staff hired and ready to go. Next week we have the staff orientation for the pool. The Lonergan Park renovation is coming along and looks really nice; we tidied everything up for the Festival. There is still some work to be done after the festival with erecting the pavilion and the shed. The Eagle Scott project is complete at the entrance at Lonergan, and we will have a brief recognition for that at the Festival opening ceremony.

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: No Report.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Gustafson: She encouraged everyone to come to the Festival and bring your sunscreen; it is supposed to be 90°.

Trustee Browning: She thanked the DPW and the Park's Director for their efforts. The Village looks beautiful with all the flowers up and the flags up; she has received several comments.

Trustee Linnertz: No Report.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He state the next Public Safety Meeting is going to be held Monday, June 6th, 2016 downstairs at 4:00 p.m. He reiterated what Dave had stated, that Meals on Wheels ground breaking for their Garden is going to be at 12:00 p.m. on June 7, 2016.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Butterfield spoke of Saturday, June 4th, 2016 there is a T.V. and electronics drop off at D.M.V. parking lot on E. Taft Road. There are people there to help unload and remove your items. The Village made the spring edition of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council for the study of opening up Church Street so that is something that we are going to try to do in the future when we can come up with the funds to do it. In our Codes Department, we have a temporary person from the Town of Cicero who is helping us out while we send out canvas letters to try to hire a Codes person of our



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own. Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30th, 2016 in honor of Memorial Day. For those of you have not noticed, the state is patching all the pot holes on Rt. 11 which is a good thing. He stated he would like everyone to have a safe holiday. The Festival is a great time, and the Memorial Day Parade on Monday is an annual event to honor our military. Mayor Butterfield made a motion to go into executive session at 5:12 p.m. to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement and stated there would be no more motions made after they returned. The motion was seconded by 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. Trustee Browning made a motion to return to regular session at 5:54 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with all voting in favor of the same.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

