



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 22nd, 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 Chuck Henry.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Codes Enforcement Officer David Barnhart, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, Assistant Chief Bob Liberatore, Scott Gratien, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

Personnel Absent: Village Attorney Scott Chatfield (Absent-Surgery).

RESOLUTION # 172-16

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8th, 2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Henry abstained.

RESOLUTION # 173-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 08 in the amount of \$189,945.61 covering Voucher #364 to Voucher #421. 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.

RESOLUTION # 174-16

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract # 08 in the amount of \$47.98 covering Voucher #8. 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:



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The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Ed Zimmerman of 105 Edden Lane stated he was here in June with concern about the vines from the park going into his trees. He thanked the Village for the quick response and the awesome job they did. He stated the other question he had was about the driveway next to him with the big boulder in the driveway. He stated that evidently you are taking care of that now. Superintendent Wilmer clarified that it is being looked into. He referenced speaking about feral cats last time. He stated the problem still exists; but the only difference is there is a possum and raccoons going for the food that the lady is putting out for the feral cats. He expressed his concerns being next to the park with the possibility of rabies. The Mayor stated the feral cats have come up many times at past Board meetings and there is not something in place that allows us to regulate the cats. He spoke of it happening up his way. He stated the lady has the right to put the food out on her property. The Mayor suggested he call the Wildlife man to trap the raccoon. For the feral cats, the Wildlife man has suggested a product called CAT Scan. Mr. Zimmerman also wanted to express his thanks to the Police Department for the excellent job that they do.

OLD BUSINESS:

**FINAL-FLYER/MAILING REGARDING HEAVY/BULK TRASH,
BRUSH PICKUP, LEAF PICKUP, HOUSE TRASH**

The Mayor stated the Board has received a final copy of the educational tri-fold brochure that tells the times and rules for placing their items out. He continued they are working on the printing costs and getting a bulk permit to mail them. The brochures should go out within the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 175-16

DISCUSS/AWARD BID OPENING OF APRON/PAVING-STATION 1

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract agreement for the pavement and concrete work at Fire Station #1 with Salt Springs Paving for \$43,750. 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 # 176-16

**SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTING A NEW LOCAL LAW
ENCOMPASSING CHANGES OF THE REQUIRED FLOODPLAN
MANAGEMENT MEASURES-NAT'L FLOOD INS. PROGRAM**

Trustee Browning made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at 6:29 p.m. to adopt a new local law to put the mandatory flood plan changes in place. The motion was



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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 # 177-16

SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CHESTNUT ST. & MAIN STREET/ST. ROSE/WELCH/STICKELY RE-GREENING PROJECT

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to have the SEQR determination be a Negative Declaration for the Chestnut Street Project. 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.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to have the SEQR determination be a Negative Declaration for the Main Street/St. Rose/Welch/Stickley Re-Greening Project. 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 # 178-16

DISCUSS TAP OPPORTUNITY GRANT-BIKE PATH

The Mayor explained the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Opportunity Grant is for bike lanes for the Complete Streets and is being funded through the D.O.T. This round of funding offers a minimum of \$250,000 and the maximum of \$5,000,000. Mrs. Franco explained that Chestnut Street and Church Street would be a good fit for the shoulder widening and stripping. The Village has quotes from the county contract for the straight construction to do the paving that needs to be done for those areas at a cost of about \$340,000. She continued there would be additional costs for the survey, engineering and the construction administration process. She suggested the Village submit the pre-application which is due to D.O.T. by September 30th, 2016 to get the feedback on the project and 20% match approval prior to sending the full application in. The Mayor stated this is a good opportunity and that we are prepared and should move forward with this. Trustee Gustafson made a motion to move forward with the application for the TAP Opportunity Grant. 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.

RESOLUTION # 179-16

DISCUSS PROPOSED LOCAL LAW CHANGES FOR VILLAGE SIGNS

The Mayor stated that the Board has received the detailed changes for the sign codes from the Sign Committee. David Robinson, member of the Sign Committee, explained currently temporary A-Frame Signs are permitted for 40 days; at the applicants choosing of when they want it. This made the enforcement difficult on the Codes Officer trying to keep track of when they expire. The Committee has recommended the law be changed to say that temporary signs are permitted by the calendar



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quarter; January to March and so on to expire at the end of each quarter. We recommended the fee be prorated, so if someone comes in later in the quarter, the fee would be prorated to the end of that quarter. He continued that we also recommend this temporary sign code require the business owner bring that sign in from its temporary location when the business is closed and only display it when the business is actively open. He later stated that we were asked to address Electronic Signs which the Committee feels are more complicated. He explained if you go by two of the gas stations in town, their prices change electronically and you probably don't even notice the change. On the other end of the spectrum, you have the sign that we have at Lonergan Park where there is Welcome to Lonergan Park with information on the top and it changes down in the body of the sign. He stated that there are current rules about how often the sign changes and about the illumination. We had one location where the sign would have been placed for free and if the person could put his name on the sign for advertisement. Our code stopped that because it would look like a billboard. In his opinion, with the changes in the electronic signs and technology, it is almost impossible to write a code to address all the instances that would be presented. The committee has decided to follow both the Towns of Cicero and Clay which refer the Electronic Signs for site plan review before the Planning Commission. Deputy Mayor Ferguson asked about the approval of the content of the sign. Mr. Robinson replied the content would be addressed by the Planning Commission. The Mayor stated it was his understanding that we do not want to allow advertising on any of these signs. Mr. Robinson shared that a restaurant might have their name on the top of the sign, which would be specific to his business, but not selling advertising ads. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Thursday, October 13th, 2016, at 6: 28 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.

DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR GARAGE BAY ROOF REPAIRS

Deputy Mayor Ferguson a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with W.C.A. Roofing & Sheetmetal for \$4,650 to do roof repairs to the garage behind the Village Hall. 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.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report (Absent).

ENGINEER REPORT: Mrs. Franco stated they had their pre-construction meeting for the Chestnut Street Project and Main Street Re-greening Project on Tuesday with all the involved parties. They just have to submit some additional paperwork for Community Development. Then, they should be getting them going in the next couple of weeks. The Mayor added we have new sidewalks scheduled for Chestnut Street from Heritage Park down to the Village line. We also have some re-greening of Main Street and that will be done this construction season.



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No Report.

Fire Department: Chief Ellis stated that Safety Day is next Saturday, October 1st, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; it is an open house with a lot of activities going on there. The Fire Chiefs attended a meeting last night at Cicero Fire Department where they reviewed their new building plans. There is a Town of Cicero fire chiefs Meeting Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. The Town of Cicero is discussing the possibility of redistricting the lines, so I will keep you informed on that. We are processing two new applications. We need new members. Since the last meeting, the Fire Department has responded to 37 alarms and the last one was at Malta House.

Public Works Department: No Report.

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated she went on a bus trip with the seniors today and we had a great time apple picking, lunch, and then they went and visited Chocolate Pizza Company for some sampling. On October 13th, 2016, we have another bus trip set up to Letchworth State Park. If anyone is interested in that, they can contact me to sign up. This past week we had three new programs start-Yoga, Line Dancing and Zumba Gold here at the Community Center. We still have some spaces for registration if anyone is interested in any of that. Today they finished the repair that they were doing on the pool deck over at Kennedy Park. They replaced a section that was coming up and also added another coat to the other decking that we had. It was starting to peel up in certain areas, so hopefully that is fixed and will extend the lifetime of that. The Halloween Party for the Village youth has been scheduled for October 28th, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., so they can start contacting our office to sign up. It is free, but it is for Village youth only for ages twelve and under to be held at St. Rose.

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated it is worthy of noting that the work that is going to be performed on Chestnut Street and on Rt. 11 has all been covered by grant award money. It is just about an even split, and the Village won't have to come up with hardly anything toward that. The audit is just about wrapped up. They concentrated on the Court today, so I should have the final results of how the year ended up; but it looks promising. She stated she would be opening up the books soon for June, July and August and trying to catch up here. She stated Gary Wilmer handled that application for National Grid who sponsors the planting of trees. Because we planted some trees this year we actually got one thousand and some odd dollars back.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:



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Trustee Gustafson: She thanked Dave Robinson and the Sign Committee for all the hard work that they put in this. She stated that she felt it was a good plan.

Trustee Browning: No Report.

Trustee Henry: He thanked Chief Ellis and the Assistant Chief Strong. Tuesday night he went to the Fire Department and spent about an hour and half with those two gentlemen and had a very nice conversation. He stated he had a lot of questions, and they were very good about answering every question that he had. He shared that last Sunday he ran his first 5K race ever for longevity. The race is 3.2 miles and he ran it in 36 minutes and 42 seconds; he placed 2nd in his age bracket.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He stated if there was anyone who did not receive a copy of his report for the Public Safety Meeting, it was available online. The next meeting for the Public Safety Meeting will be on December 5th, 2016.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated he was thrilled with what is going on with the sidewalks and the re-greening of Rt. 11. He thanked all the Department Heads for all the work that they do.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. 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.

The Board returned at 5:35 to Regular Session.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Browning, Trustee Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Ferguson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

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