



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, December 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, Codes Enforcement Officer David Barnhart, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Fire Chief Tim Ellis, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Michael Crowell, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

RESOLUTION # 224-16

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8th, 2016 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 # 225-16

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #15 in the amount of \$97,212.72 covering Voucher #693 to Voucher #742. 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 # 226-16

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor explained the transfer of monies included the Village spending \$25,000 more than reimbursed which the Final Revenue Financial Statements will reflect; this was our portion of "in-kind" shown that was not reflected last year. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$90,160.32 from A3389S DASNY Lonergan Park Revenue to A7710.28 Expenditures for Lonergan Park Improvements. 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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The Mayor explained the transfer of monies was to correct payroll charges that should have been made to Playground Payroll but were charged in error to Parks Laborer and Pool. Trustee Browning made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$6,300 from A7140.10 Playground Payroll with \$2,300 to A7180.12 Pool Payroll and \$4,000 to A7110.13 Parks Laborer. 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.

RESOLUTION # 228-16

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor explained the transfer of monies was to help pay cost for Roof Repairs at Village Hall Garages. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget transfer for \$3,000 from A1620.27 Village Hall Bldg. Improvements to A1620.444 Bldgs. HVAC Htg. Windows. 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.

CITIZENS' VOICE:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 229-16

APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to approve the appointment of Hugh Williams for the Alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 230-16

DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE SYRACUSE SIGNAL SYSTEMS AGREEMENT (SOUTH BAY/CENTERVILLE)

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2017 Syracuse Signal Systems Agreement allowing payments to be paid either \$125 monthly or \$375 quarterly for them to maintain the light at the corner of South Bay Road and Centerville Place. 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.



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RESOLUTION # 231-16

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A LABORER
I. FOR DPW/HIGHWAY DEPT.**

Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to appoint Scott Cooley to the position of Laborer I at \$22,000 per year effective January 3, 2017; pending the pre-employment drug testing. 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 # 232-16

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE FULL TIME APPOINTMENT OF
A POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE 01/2017**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to appoint Jeramie Cheney to the position of Full-time Police Officer effective in January of 2017 with a starting salary of \$41,598. 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.

DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT ISSUE ON CHESTNUT STREET

The Mayor explained that the Board was aware of the property of concern. He also explained that the Codes Department, the Police Department and the Village Court have made efforts and have been unable to get them to comply. There was a hearing scheduled; and the court appointed attorney explained the property owner is a woman in poor health that has no money. Thus, she would not be able to pay a fine from the Court either.

Attorney Chatfield explained to the Board the difference between the court's powers and what they each have the authority to do. There was much discussion between the Board and the Attorney as he continued to explain the three options of having the unlicensed vehicle(s) towed, taking the owner to Supreme Court or the possibility of the property being sold at the Tax Auction for back taxes, along with the time involved and costs associated with each option. The Mayor stated that they are trying to figure it out. He shared a success story where someone else that had refused to remove something. He continued after having a hearing, they were instructed to take it down by the deadline of December 20, 2016, and we did receive a healthy settlement. They did comply and took it down by the deadline. He welcomed any ideas and moved on to the next item.

DISCUSS MULTIPLE DWELLING FEE SCHEDULE

The Mayor explained in 2006, it affects complexes like Woodwind Gardens with multiple buildings; the charges add up as compared to some of the other places. The Codes Officer explained Mr. Valenti has 42 buildings at \$50 a building, so that comes to in excess of \$2,000 of which he is complaining



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about. The Mayor continued the code is written in such a way that he would like to revise it for those who have multiple buildings as it doesn't take that much time to inspect. You can't inspect every dwelling unit in the apartments, but we are inspecting the common areas and electrical every three years. The Mayor stated he was working on that trying to come up with a compromise to recommend so that we could collectively make a recommendation, as it does not seem fair. He then moved on to the next item.

RESOLUTION # 233-16

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE PHYSIO CONTROL ANNUAL MTC.
CONTRACT THRU 12/2017-FIRE DEPT.**

The Mayor explained this is the annual Maintenance Program mandated by New York State for the Fire Department because of the emergency response use to have the updates and repairs for the Lifepaks and Heart Monitor done. Deputy Mayor Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2017 Physio Control Annual Maintenance Contract for a total of ten Lifepaks and one Heart Monitor for a total cost of \$6,326. 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.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mrs. Franco wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No Report.

Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: He stated at the beginning of December he sent a letter to the resident at 103 Edden Lane regarding a rock that is right on the edge of the road. He continued he gave her until December 16th to respond, either to move it or let the DPW know what we can do to give them a hand. He has not received any response to either. He stated that he sent a letter to the Board that he would like to send to her by registered mail next week with your approval. He stated Smart-Watt is going thru the buildings doing an inventory. They came thru and saved us some money before and now they are going thru and converting everything to L.E.D. and to see if there is any savings there. He stated he would share the information once he receives the reports. He went on that National Grid is starting to move forward with the L.E.D.'s; they just installed one on the corner of Bear Road and Rt. 11 by the former oil change place. We can look at that and see what the difference is. He also stated he was given the task of looking at some of the O.C.W.A. bills last month. While reviewing,



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he found one that was not our bill, so we will be getting a credit for like \$6,200.

Parks and Recreation Department: She shared that she received notification from DASNY that we were awarded a \$50,000 Grant. She continued that we are awarded but DASNY has tasked her to submit some paperwork and agree to it. It is called the SAM Grant (State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant). She stated that she had submitted multiple things, but the one that they chose was the Community Center Renovation Update. Initially, we wanted to replace the flooring area downstairs where there are some areas that are cracked and shifting, but we added some other updates to the restroom, windows and making the building more efficient. So we will be seeing that. It is a \$50,000 grant and we have to match \$10,000 so we will see. I just got the paperwork and have not gotten to look at it yet, but we will turn in whatever we have to which was good news. She stated she had heard back from the gentleman who was doing the free legal consultation that she had requested for the Franchise Agreement with Verizon and Time Warner Cable. We have set up a conference call for January 11th, 2017 where he will give us advice on that; they are really outdated. We want to consider options to see if the Village could maybe get some free service, by adding WiFi at some of the parks and Village buildings, so this might be an option if we can negotiate for that. The first week in January there is a new Yoga and Zumba Class. We also have a Driver's Safety Course set up in January if anyone is interested in it.

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: No Report.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Gustafson: She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a blessed day and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Trustee Browning: No Report.

Trustee Henry: He wished everyone a safe, happy holiday and God bless and enjoy.

Deputy Mayor Ferguson: He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a blessed day and Happy, Healthy New Year. The thing that was corrected in the minutes was in regard to the Emergency Operations Plan drill. He stated he just threw it out there last time, like maybe doing it an hour before the next Public Safety Meeting. He stated he was open to any suggestions from Chief Crowell and Chief Ellis as they were going to need to come up with something. Chief Crowell responded he hoped to have something by the next meeting. He stated he would speak with Chief Ellis as they planned on doing it, but had not gotten to it yet. He suggested that they would start off with something really small and



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come up with a scenario. This will be scheduled in the very near future. Deputy Mayor Ferguson stated we also have to update the Emergency Operations Plan. The next Public Meeting will be held on March 6th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. downstairs.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked everyone for the gifts he had gotten. He asked that people remember to shovel the fire hydrants. He stated that the DPW may have their work cut out for them this year, but so far, they have kept our streets clean and he thanked them. He spoke of the Village Christmas Party being held on January 24th, 2017 at 4:30 at Twin Trees. He mentioned the billing error that DPW Superintendent Wilmer had found and thanked him for looking into that. He stated that the DASNY Grant was good news! He continued he had been calling Senator De Francisco's Office about getting paving done. They called back and inquired as to whether we had any Parks. He concluded that they were not going to give money for paving, but that they did have Park money, so Parks Director Roth starting putting numbers together so that is a good thing. He spoke of meeting with a woman from the state this week and the year after next; they are going to go through and make the sidewalks along Rt. 11 ADA Compliant. He continued to say he challenged her after this meeting was over about our North entrance to the Village where we have the Mobil Station and the building next to it that are almost inaccessible because of the widening of the road over the years. He stated he had already tried to get limited exit on to the Bear Road extension if those two properties were combined, but it is a limited access highway. He has got the name of another woman that is new there, so he is going to keep trying to do something there, so we can get that cleaned up. Lastly, we have ordered new signs for the entrance into the Village of North Syracuse, and they should be installed in the spring because of having to set the posts. He wished everyone a safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Butterfield asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer

