



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

Dedicated to increasing the safety of the residents, in the Village of North Syracuse

September 8, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman, Fred Ferguson. Minutes of the June 2nd, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Trustee
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Charlotte LaPorte, Citizen
Ray Sharp, Citizen
Dave Robinson, Citizen

1. Police

No one from the department was present. Fred reported that he has served on the department's panel to interview candidates for full and/or part time positions. The process is now progressing into a more in depth review of those who passed the panel's scrutiny. Officer Michael Quill has requested to be placed on full time and the Board approved this request. Fred requested extra caution for all drivers now that school is back in session.

2. Fire Department

No one from the NSFD was present. Pam said the recent Lawrence Avenue fire was a result of the owner attempting to burn off paint. It became an uncontrolled fire that was quickly extinguished by the efforts of our fire department.

3. Parks & Recreation

Teresa reported that Centerville Park is getting a lot of use. Some of that use has been after hours and not by village residents. Three arrests have been made. She requested any one seeing activity after dark, report that to the police. All summer recreation activities are now over, no injuries were reported and everyone enjoyed the programs. The pool decking will be getting a new treatment starting tomorrow. The old surface is about 40

years old and has deteriorated. She mentioned a substantial grant has been applied for to make improvements to Lonergan Park, beginning after next year's festival which is May 23rd 2015.

4. Codes

Pam updated the committee on various property violations and their progress for resolution. Charitable painting options were discussed as a solution for some properties but liability insurance seems to be an insurmountable problem. She is mandating new construction projects install fire extinguishers per code to be approved.

5. DPW

Gary has his staff in Fire Station 1 this week for mandated 4-5 hour OSHA training. The speed zone trailer is back in operation but has limited battery life.

6. Citizen Comment

David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Circle stated that North Area Meals on Wheels has purchased the Lion's Park adjoining NAMOW's building. As a member of their board, he is concerned about how that land will be utilized and maintained.

7. Citizen Comment 2

Ray Sharp requested that the speed trailer be placed on Wadsworth between Shaver Avenue and Chestnut Street.

8. Trustee's Report

Fred reported on the newly adopted New York State mandated Handicapped Parking Signs that Governor Cuomo signed into law on July 25th. The new law goes into effect in November and will require gradual replacement of existing worn signs. He gave copies of the law to Codes and the DPW and showed samples of the ones he is now using at his funeral home. Fred has received several complaints requesting speed and stop sign enforcement: Bob Wituszynski, Wells Ave East; Mark Lawson, Wells Ave. West; Mark Stockham, Hier Ave. and Lee Terrace.

The Fire Department requested four new hydrants and they have been installed: Lawrence Ave at South Bay Road, Catherine Street at Millen Drive, Single Drive south of Chestnut Street, Shaver Ave. at Wadsworth Road (There was a complaint about the height of this one and it will be addressed). All Complaints were reported to the appropriate agencies.

Fred thanked all for attending. The minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, December 8, 2014 – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room)

**Alfred E. "Fred" Fergerson
Safety Chairman/Trustee**

cc: Mayor Atkinson
Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Fergerson
Trustee Linnertz
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Michael Crowell, Police Dept.
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Chief Brennan, Fire Dept.
Deputy Chief Tim Ellis, Fire Dept.
Capt. Joe DiFabio, Fire Dept.
Charlotte LaPorte
Jack Gaiser
Ray Sharp