



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

March 4, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Education Association Office

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm by Chairman, Fred Fergerson. Minutes of the December 3rd 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Trustee
Michael Crowell, NSPD
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Charlotte LaPorte, Citizen
Jack Gaiser, Citizen

1. **Police**

Chief Crowell reported domestic violence calls have been keeping his department busy. He has encouraged his officers to step up enforcement of the on-street parking ban which expires on April 15th. He has taken over the chairmanship of the Village Emergency Operations Plan Review Committee. He recommends that citizens subscribe to "NYAlert.gov" for emergency notifications. Specific types of alerts and locations of interest may be selected when registering on the site.

2. **Fire Department**

Chief Brennan did not attend. No notice was given for his absence and no report was provided.

3. **Parks & Recreation**

Teresa is forming a coalition with 14 other communities to obtain a discount on the fees charged to perform background checks on anyone working with children, senior citizens or the disabled. State parks and recreation guidelines suggest yearly updates on full, part time and seasonal employees who come in contact with any of these three groups. Suggested cost per employee is \$10. Chief Crowell will be monitoring the process. He advised that anyone below the age of 16 would have had their records sealed, and those below the age of 18 will need a parent's permission for the background check to be performed.

4. **Codes**

Pam reported on a program that has been offered to the village by Safeguard Properties of Valley View, OH. She and Fred attended a presentation by them last week at the Mayor's monthly meeting. The program monitors vacant and abandoned properties. Then Safeguard mitigates codes violations (ie. trash removal, mowing lawns, and even painting) found on the properties. They charge the owners of record, or controlling banks, for their services, so there is no cost to the village. Minoa is using their program and is very happy with their service. Also discussed was the need for the sign law to be updated as several issues have come up that need clarification. The Cricket store on Main and Wells has signs and tents that often block that intersection. She mentioned "eCode360/NY" has our code book online.

5. DPW

Gary's department has been working on dead tree removal in the back of Heritage Park and getting it ready for the official kick off of Frisbee Golf. "Official" because folks have been playing it all winter.

6. General Discussion

The committee has been offered the NSEA building for its meetings, but there was no parking available for this meeting. We talked about moving the meeting location or time. After much deliberation, it was decided to change both. Until further notice, we will be meeting at 4:00 pm in the small room at the Community Center.

7. Trustee's Report

Fred will speak to Gary Butterfield to see if the sign committee can move their work along. Minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mails. He thanked all for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, June 3rd, 2013– 4:00 pm – at the Community Center.

**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.
Charlotte LaPorte
Jack Gaiser
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