The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman, Fred Fergerson. Minutes of our December 5th Meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE
Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Trustee
Pat Brennan, Fire Chief
Tom Connelly, Police Chief
Gary Wiemer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Jack Gaiser, Zoning Board
Pam Dicarlo, Codes
Ray Sharp, Resident
Charlotte LaPorte, Resident
Joe Difazio, NSFD

1. Police
Chief Connelly reported that his department has a camera to monitor vandalism of village signs, but no place to mount it. He wants to have the police’s “Village Beat” portion of the village website back up soon. He is hopeful that all the bugs have been worked out. Marked car 251 is being replaced.

2. Fire Department
Chief Brennan asked if the agenda of our meetings could be sent out prior to the meeting so everyone would know in advance what topics would be focused on. Fred said he would try to email reminders out with any concerns he knew should be discussed. The chief reiterated the growing problem with senior housing that his department has been facing (disabled seniors in public housing settings are frequently and repeatedly calling for assistance after falling). These calls put a strain on agencies that aren't designed to cater to senior care. Assisted living should be sought for these people. Pam, from Codes, mentioned that Malta House is classified as "elderly housing." As such, isn't required to meet "assisted living" standards. Pat introduced Capt. Joe Difazio, from his department, as the first of many of his officers he plans to expose to the various governmental functions of the village through attendance at meetings such as this. The chief also reported that the Town of Clay had just had a ISO Rating Fire Department review. This is like a report card encompassing all the Fire Departments in the town. Formerly, this was done on a department level. NSFD was rated a 3 out of 9 where 9 is the worst rating and 1 (received by Syracuse Fire Department) is the best. Clay received a 4 this time.
Ratings are based on how many full time, paid members a department has, number and location of fire hydrants, types of equipment, response times and training, among other factors. These ratings help to determine the fire insurance rates home owners are charged.

3. Codes
Pam addressed new regulations that are coming out regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). What was "grandfathered" before, may not be now. She'll be looking into addressing the new requirements and enforcing compliance in the future.
4. Parks & Recreation
   Teresa mentioned, in reference to ADA, the village pool has just received a lift to assist those with
disabilities in getting into and out of the water. She attended a training course that focused on
providing accessibility. The Community Center elevator is now completely handicap accessible. Rieder
Elevator Co. will maintain it for a year under their warranty. Mark Stockham of 40 Lee Terrrace spoke
to Teresa regarding the stop sign at Hier Ave. and has again requested enforcement by police.

5. DPW
   Gary reported that in an effort to reduce costs, he has been looking into ways to save our energy
usage by removing or lowering the tone of the street lights. Mary Street and Watson Road are areas
into which he is looking. Brennan suggested that letters be sent out to residents prior to any reduction
to explain the move. The street winter parking ban ends on April 15th. It's been a mild winter.

6. Additional Discussion
   Jack Gaiser is concerned that pedestrians using crosswalks are being ignored. He requested stepped
up enforcement. Chief Connelly has plans for an awareness "sling" to be done as the weather
improves. Charlotte LaPorte requested that the Village Disaster Plan be reviewed. Everyone agreed
this review is over due. Fred will bring this to the board's attention.

7. Trustee's Report
   Fred mentioned that the Board is about to begin line by line review of the village budget.
Early drafts show almost no increase. He did research on the legality of the South Bay School Zone
and found it covered in the Village Codes book (Sections 230-41 and 230-7). Attorney Scott Chatfield
has concurred. He also commented on last week's fire alarm, subsequent complete evacuation of
Village Hall, due to a water leak setting off the detectors. It turned out to be only an inconvenience.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm.

Next meeting: Monday, June 4th, 2012 – 5:00 pm – N.S. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alfred E. “Fred” Fergerson
Safety Chairman / Trustee

cc: Mayor Atkinson
   Trustee Butterfield
   Trustee Henry
   Trustee Fergerson
   Trustee Linnertz
   Diane Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
   Chief Connelly, Police Dept.
   Gary Willmer, DPW
   Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
   Chief Brennan, Fire Dept.
   Deputy Chief Tim Ellis, Fire Dept.
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