



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE  
Public Safety Committee**

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

Monday, June 1, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.  
North Syracuse Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman, Fred Fergerson. Minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 meeting were approved.

**ATTENDANCE**

Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Trustee  
Michael Crowell, Police  
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation  
Pam DiCarlo, Codes  
Gary Wilmer, DPW  
Tim Ellis, Fire  
Ray Sharp, Citizen  
Jack Gaiser, Citizen

**1. Trustee's Report**

Fred began the meeting with two complaints and one concern that had been brought to his attention. There have been two fatal vehicle accidents in the past month on Main Street and four buildings have been hit by cars this year. This came up during a board meeting with a suggestion to lower the speed limit. Fred spoke with NYS Assemblyman, Al Stirpe about the procedures to do this since this is a state road – not a village road. Stirpe said it's possible to request the state automatically monitor the traffic volume and speeds. We will be formulating a public opinion survey to be on our village website. We had another complaint about speeding on Lee Terrace between Bear and Chestnut. The complainant requested our digital speed sign to be placed there, as it does seem to be a deterrent. We again address the parking problem on Ivon Drive. The Chairman will request that the board add that section, near Teacher's Drive, to be a no parking zone and to be so marked.

**2. Ray Sharp**

Ray asked to address the committee prior to department heads. He gave a history of the Lion's Day Parades, which were initiated by Mel Slotnick many years ago. As membership declined and expenses increase this labor intensive, but popular event, couldn't continue. He went on to congratulate all those department heads and all the volunteers who put together the recent 10th anniversary North Syracuse Family Festival.

**3. Police**

The Chief reported that on May 12, 2015, three non-agency officers spent three days reviewing 133 standards of practice and operations of the department. 132 standards met their approval. The state should be recommending accreditation, soon. We won't have to do this again for another five years. The chief wrote over 100 directives to prepare for this procedure. Accreditation may benefit our insurance exposure. He also reported that his department would be announcing cross-walk enforcement in the media. This year, the focus will be on enforcement not education.

4. Fire Department

Chief Ellis talked about the type of stainless steel spring markers he'd like to see installed on fire hydrants. The upper portion would be fiberglass construction with reflective tape. Each marker would be 4 feet high and 3/8 of an inch in diameter. There are two versions; \$17.99 or \$12.99 each. They would be attached prior to the winter and removed in the spring. He was unsure of how many would be needed. Fred will bring this up before the board. He suggested a priority list be made. Perhaps, the towns of Clay, Cicero and Salina (of which parts of make up our fire district) may be able to achieve a better price, if they choose to join our initiative.

5. Codes

Pam reported red stickers are about to be placed on electrical boxes of buildings with prefab trusses and laminated beams in their construction. This enables firemen to know what type of construction they might encounter during their operations.

6. Parks & Recreation

Teresa's department is getting ready for summer. The pool will open next Friday (June 12<sup>th</sup>). The winter was hard on the pool cover and a replacement will need to be purchased. She reported on the North Syracuse Family Festival's success. Lonergan Park's entrance has speed bumps installed. Snow fences at Centerville Park have been removed.

5. DPW

Gary announced that the electric cross-walk signage at Main and Church Streets will be activated tomorrow (June 2<sup>nd</sup>). Chief Crowell explained that one has to be actively walking on the highway in the cross-walk to have cars stop in both directions. Common sense dictates when that is safe.

6. Jack Gaiser

He would like Main Street's speed to be consistent throughout the village. He inquired if the illegal use of cell phones by drivers could be more effectively enforced. He suggested houses should have uniform numbers posted.

7. Chairman's Additional Comments

Fred thanked Charlotte LaPorte for her years of service to the committee. He announced her replacement will be David Robinson, who has been attending our meetings for several years. The minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail. He thanked all for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday, September 14, 2015 – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room).  
(Note: *Second Monday, due to Labor Day*).

**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 Tim Ellis, Fire Dept.  
Deputy Chief Chris Strong, Fire Dept.  
Dave Robinson  
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