VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee
Dedicated to increasing the safety of the residents, in the Village of North Syracuse

June 3, 2013 – 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 4th 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE
Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Trustee
Michael Crowell, NSPD
Gary Wilmr, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Chris Strong, NSFD
Chuck Henry, Deputy Mayor
Charlotte LaPorte, Citizen
Jack Gaiser, Citizen
Ray Sharp, Citizen
Dave Robinson, Citizen

1. David Robinson, of 163 Siindes Wood Circle, stated his concern about speeding conditions on South Bay Road at the crossroads of Grove Street, Van Mera Drive, Watson Road and Maxwell Ave. He asked for greater police enforcement to address: passing on the right shoulder, excessive speeds, traffic using Van Mara and Grove in violation of posted signs. He also asked that the 35 mph sign north of the 481 overpass, southbound, be turned so traffic can see it. Emphasis should be placed on rush hour times.

2. Police
Chief Crowell said he would write orders to address Mr. Robinson’s complaints. He thought a traffic study could be done; as was similarly done on Watson and Highland a couple of years ago.
Fergerson reported that studies exist for most state and county roads accessible on the Internet. The Chief reported that domestic violence calls are still keeping his department busy. They recently handled a stabbing, and a domestic kidnapping. He plans to inform the public about NYS cross-walk laws on the Village Beat website.

3. Fire Department
Asst. Chief Chris Strong reported the department’s beginning of a new fiscal year. He answered a question about how grass fires are usually reported to and by the police and then to the Fire Department. Ray Sharp presented 911 memorial caps to the department from several cities around the country including NYC, LA, Las Vegas, Boston, and others including a colorful Hazmat hat. The seasonal Bunk-In students are gone. New Bunk-In students are to receive 40 hours of fire training when approved.

4. Parks & Recreation
Teresa announced that the summer parks program would begin July 1st. She asked Chief Strong if his department and Chief Crowell if his department would have representation on “Safety Day.” FD would
be in the AM and PD in the PM. The pool staff is receiving training this coming Monday in CPR and
first-aid (the pool opens June 14th). This will be the first year that the pool will have a handicap lift
available. Speed bumps are now slowing traffic in Lonergan Park. We still are having problems with
dogs off leash at Heritage Park. The disk golf course opens June 8th. June 9th there will be a “Pet
Pawty” at the park for pets and their owners. Chief Strong asked if the Parks Department was going
to use the Fire Department for bad weather days. Teresa explained that the Baptist Church has
offered their facilities this year and, therefore, the Fire Department building will not be used.

5. Codes
Pam reported that Safeguard Properties of Valley View, OH is now helping to monitor vacant and
abandoned properties. Safeguard can mitigate 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. There was much committee discussion on
unmaintained properties and how they could be improved. Asking volunteer organizations such as
Boy Scouts and community service groups to help with upkeep opens the Village to liability. 102
South Main Street does not have a Certificate of Occupancy, at this time, but plans on having tenants
possibly this month. We have received complaints about un-mowed lawns. Once tagged, 15 days
must pass before the Village can mow and add the fee to the taxes.

6. DPW
Gary commented on Mr. Robinson’s complaint about the miss-aimed speed sign. It is out of the
village so he’ll notify the county DPW. He announced that the age of banners over Rt. 11 at Church
Street has ended. High winds took down the Family Festival banner and could have caused injury.
He was unsure of when the State DOT would remove the cross walk at Fergerson Ave to the old Post
Office.

7. Trustee’s Report
Fred yielded his time to Chuck Henry. He asked the committee to consider installing a cross walk
across Centerville Place for residents of Malta House and Manor. Concerns expressed were: ponding
of water, lack of curb cuts, and the requirement of board action. The Board will ask Scott Chatfield’s
advice on how to proceed. Chuck also asked Chief Crowell to undertake cross-walk
awareness/enforcement at the existing ones. The Emergency Operations Plan Committee hopes to be
done by the end of the year. Next meeting will be June 17th at 2:30 pm at the Village Hall.

Fergerson thanked all for attending and reminded them of the Village Elections June 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, September 9th, 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.
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