



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

Monday, June 5th 2017 – 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 6th, 2017 meeting were approved.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Deputy Mayor
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Chris Strong, Fire Dept.
David Barnhart, Codes
Michael Crowell, Police
Ray Sharp, Committee
Fred Wilmer, Resident

1. **Trustee's Report**

Fred read a letter submitted by Joe Curtis of Wadsworth Road that complained of cars speeding in both directions on Wadsworth Road between Chestnut Street and Shaver Ave. He requested more police patrols. This matter was turned over to Chief Crowell's attention. Ray Sharp, who lives on the street, supplied times of day that were the worst. Fred suggested obtaining license plate numbers. He recently solved a similar problem on Main Street by turning in a plate number. Police contacted the operator and that corrected the problem.

2. **Parks and Recreation**

Teresa reported the Festival was a success despite the bad weather in the morning. No injuries were reported and two lost children were quickly reunited with their parents. The Pool opens this coming Friday and the parks are ready for their inspections to obtain permits to operate the summer programs. There was general discussion about why NAVAC wasn't present at the Festival. Chief Strong said events of this size require first aid facilities. His department had the required personnel there.

3. **Police**

The chief reported that he has spoken with the fire department about re-arranging the placement of emergency vehicles in parades to promote public safety. Had we had the Memorial Day parade, this would have been the first parade to utilize the new approach.

4. **Fire**

Chris Strong was introduced as the new Chief of Fire and said he'd try to have a representative at each of our meetings. He reported that at 6:00 pm on June 16th, a Relay For Life would begin at the Jr. High School track and run until 6:00 am on June 17th. This is a benefit for cancer research. Many different units will be represented from the community; military, fire departments, EMS, and others will be walking the track all night. One member of each unit will be required to be on the track at any one time. The fire department will walk in full turn-out gear. He also pointed out that the Memorial Day parade was canceled by the Commander of VFW Post 7290, sponsor of the parade. Several area parades were also canceled due to weather. Social media had questioned this.

5. Codes

Dave reported that he has had calls from residents concerned about the NSJHS stadium lights being on all night. Fred asked if it is a violation of code to zip tie a real estate advertisement to a street sign. One has been affixed to the South Main Street and Palmer Drive sign for over two weeks. Chief Crowell said it was a V&T violation and that his department would address the issue.

6. DPW

Gary reported being challenged by the ever changing weather we have had. Flooding between Rt. 11 and South Bay Road has been a problem with the heavy downpours. One of his men was stuck with a needle while picking up trash in Heritage Park. He is now being monitored by a doctor for any issues. Fred asked him to pick up a traffic cone that was left at the NSEA after being dragged there by a woman who ran over it.

7. Committee

The minutes of this meeting will be distributed through e-mail and village mail boxes. Reminders of future meetings will be announced at each Village Board meeting. Fred thanked all for attending. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday, September 11th – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room, 103).

**Alfred E. “Fred” Fergerson
Safety Chairman/Deputy Mayor**

cc: Mayor Butterfield
Trustee Gustafson
Trustee Browning
Trustee Henry
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
David Barnhart, Codes
Michael Crowell, Police Dept.
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Chief Chris Strong, Fire Dept.
Bob Liberatore, Deputy Chief Fire Dept.
David Robinson
Jack Gaiser
Ray Sharp