



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

September 10th 2012 – 5:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman, Fred Ferguson. Minutes of the June 4th 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Trustee
Pat Brennan, Fire Chief
Michael Crowell, NSPD
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Jack Gaiser, Zoning Board
Charlotte LaPorte, Citizen
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Chuck Henry, Deputy Mayor

1. Police

Fred Ferguson introduced Michael Crowell as our new Village Police Chief.

Chief Crowell reported that he had been in contact with the NS Schools administration regarding the path from Bear Road Elementary School to Elm Street. It's becoming a issue with youths using it as access to village residential streets both for the purpose of criminal activity and as refuge following that activity. The school will post signs indicating video surveillance is being conducted and will try to light up the area to discourage this activity. The chief will step up patrols. He also is encouraging residents to lock their cars even if parked deep into private property as several larcenies have occurred recently (published in the Village Beat on the village web site).

We've had a request to paint a stop line at Belmore and Chestnut Streets to discourage people from blowing through the stop signs. It was decided that it would set a bad precedent and become an ongoing maintenance issue.

Complaints about proprietors cars parking on Main Street, brought to the committees attention by Charlotte, has been addressed by the Chief. Wilson Farms, AKA 7/11, noise issues are also being dealt with on a per call basis. A request from residents at 208 N. Main to stop cars from doing U turns in their parking areas is a private property issue, that management should address.

2. Fire Department

Chief Brennan spoke about the upcoming Safety Day. It is set for October 6th at the Fire Station on Chestnut St. The Police and NAVAC will have displays and there will be several food vendors. The schools will be distributing flyers to spread the word.

The department is half way through their "Bail Out" equipment training for self evacuating from entrapment situations. They have five new members undergoing their initial training. Pat is pursuing a grant through Chuck Schumer's office for air packs for the department.

3. Codes

Pam reported that the fire damaged building at 108 Wells Ave East will be demolished within the next week and that the owner does not plan to rebuild. The issue of the fire pit on Chestnut Street seems to have resolved itself.

4. Parks & Recreation

The School District has requested renewal of an agreement with the Village to use the Community Center as a backup refuge for the students at Allen Road School should the school have to evacuate for any reason. Teresa had no other safety issues to bring up at this time.

5. DPW

Gary would like to see the cross walk at Fergerson Ave and Main Street removed. It is too hard to see as you approach it. The intersection makes it even more difficult to negotiate. A request was made to place a 3 way stop at George and Chestnut Streets. The general opinion was it isn't needed. This answered Jack Gaiser's questions. Rt. 11 is a state road and we don't have signage control for it.

6. Chuck Henry, Deputy Mayor

Chuck Henry wanted input on the Village's Emergency Plan. It hasn't been updated since 1999. It is so out of date, that even as a phone directory, it is useless. Much discussion was centered on this topic. The end result is that a committee is to be formed to update, review and refresh the program. We have to make it workable, should the time come that we need it.

7. Trustee's Report

Fred talked briefly about a Community Development grant for lead paint abatement available to eligible village residents. The program will be explained at the next village board meeting September 13th at 6:30. Applications will be available at Village Hall.

He encouraged Chief Crowell to keep "Village Beat" current and was please to hear the web site has been updated with the Chief Crowell's picture and information.

These minutes will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mails. He thanked all for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, December 3rd, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Upstairs at the Community Center.

**Alfred E. "Fred" Fergerson
Safety Chairman / Trustee**

cc: Mayor Atkinson
Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Fergerson
Trustee Linnertz
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