



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

Monday, December 7, 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 September 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Deputy Mayor
Michael Crowell, Police Chief
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Tim Ellis, Fire Chief
Jack Gaiser, Committeeman
Ray Sharp, Committeeman
David Robinson, Committeeman

1. Trustee's Report

Fred began the meeting reminding all that 74 years ago on this day Pearl Harbor was attacked. He announced that the "Village of North Syracuse Emergency Operations Plan" (EOP) was in it's final draft stage. He passed around the latest copy for a quick overview of its layout. He said that he would send the document out by e-mail following the meeting and invited comments to be sent back ASAP. The goal is to have this approved by the Village Board in their next two meetings to be published in January. He attended and explained the public meeting on extending the 100 block of Church Street to South Bay Road. The current plan, subject to public review, is to allow only right hand turns from South Bay onto the 100 block of Church Street and only right hand turns onto South Bay from that block of Church Street. Rt. 11 Southbound traffic will be allowed to turn left onto Church from that block of Church. There may be a restriction from turning left onto Rt. 11 from Church Street due to the limited view at the corner. He also passed around a number of repeated complaints from a resident regarding the failure of motorists stopping at the four way stop signs at Wells Ave West and Coolidge Road. The committee has reviewed several similar complaints, regarding people ignoring these signs in the village. Police Chief Crowell advised 1. Stop signs have no effect on speeding and 2. they can not spare the manpower for targeted enforcement. The request for a "Stop Means Stop" sign was denied for those reasons and because that type of sign is not legal in New York State.

2. Police

The Chief reported that his department has answered a record number of calls to date and it will be a record year for his officers. He was asked by committee members if the EOP was a revision or a replacement to the current plan, as the copy circulated didn't fit the format of a revision. He explained that since the September 11, 2001 incidents, the federal government has dictated that an Incident Command Standard be followed. Our new plan follows that standard. It is not a modification, but a total replacement for our village to follow. He reported that he had requested the State Police have a dog team trained in explosives recognition work the holiday parade route and crowd. The dog did find a sample that was left to test him.

4. Fire Department

Chief Ellis reported that the hydrant markers have been ordered and should be here shortly. He has trained his personnel to be extra cautious around emergency incidents due to the current number of mass incidents in our country. He encourages citizens to be on alert and to use 'www.ny.gov/programs/see-something-send-something' to report things that don't seem the normal. His department has a Facebook page with advice on many safety issues, especially the life of fire, smoke and CO detectors. New detectors are available that, upon activation, will dial a phone number to give off site notifications.

5. Codes

Pam DiCarlo urged families with basketball hoops, to make sure they aren't protruding into the road right of way. She reported that backup generators are now installed in Toll Road Senior Housing, Masonic Memorial Center, Maloney Mannor and Meals on Wheels.

6. Parks & Recreation

Teresa's department is busy supervising the construction at Lonergan Park of a 5x8 foot two sided electric LED sign that is now ready to be put into service. The village has received a \$250,000 NYS grant for improvements at that park. She also reported that new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been obtained for the parks and the police.

5. DPW

Gary reminded the "winter on street parking ban" is in effect now to April 15th. No snow has allowed his department to catch up on fall clean up and other tasks.

6. Chairman's Additional Comments

The minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail. He thanked all for attending. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday, March 7, 2016 – 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 Linnertz
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