



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

March 2, 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 December 8, 2014 meeting were approved with a correction of the total calls the Police Department had in 2014. It was 10,000 not 3,000 as reported.

ATTENDANCE

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

1. Police

The Chief reported that on May 12th three non-agency officers will spend three days reviewing 133 standards of practice and operations of the department. This is the final step for accreditation. If all goes well, we won't have to do this again for another five years. The chief has written over 100 directives to prepare for this procedure. All aspects, even the color of uniforms, will be taken into consideration. Accreditation may benefit our insurance exposure.

2. Fire Department

Tim spoke of his department's increasing difficulty finding fire hydrants due to the deep snow. He encouraged citizens to shovel out the hydrants near their homes. He passed around a picture of a hydrant that had been hit and put out of service near the Junior High School. He feels Taft Road is one of the key areas that should have hydrant markers. Also, he talked about the type of marker he'd like to see installed; directly attached to the hydrant.

3. Parks & Recreation

Teresa mentioned that the substantial grant (possibly \$250,000), that has been applied for to make improvements to Lonergan Park, is still possible. We should be hearing about that soon from Al Stirpe's office. Last fall's damage to the Heritage Park playscape has been cleaned up. Replacement parts are now here and ready to be installed when the weather allows.

4. Codes

Pam reported the letters regarding the mandated carbon monoxide detectors are out to all business owners. There was an apartment building boiler outage this past weekend. Rather than calling the owner or manager, the residents called the fire department who in turn called her in. Chuck Henry purchased a space heater that got the residents through the night. The owner responded the next day following a citation from the Codes office. The matter has been resolved.

5. DPW

Gary has had a busy February with plowing operations. He mentioned a couple of accidents with the equipment, that have necessitated new procedures. He is expecting a busy spring filling pot holes.

6. Citizen Comment

General support for the hydrant snow issue was voiced. Tim will try to identify prime areas of concern and look into markers. When asked how many hydrants were in the district, no number could be determined. Just in the village alone, there may be over 500. Cost and aesthetics will play into our committee's recommendation to the Village Board.

8. Trustee's Report

Fred congratulated Teresa Roth on her service. She will be honored by the Central New York Recreation & Parks Society at this week's Annual Awards Luncheon at the Barnes Hiscock Mansion. He passed out the NSPD's 2014 Annual Report along with two pamphlets that have recently been produced by the department. Also, he reported that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Police Chief recently attended a NYS Fireman's Legislative Meeting in Camillus. Legislation from 2014 and projected for 2015 was presented by several speakers. He thanked all for attending. The minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, June 1, 2015 – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room)

**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.
Capt. Joe DiFabio, Fire Dept.
Charlotte LaPorte
Jack Gaiser
Ray Sharp