



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

Monday, September 14, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman, Fred Ferguson. Minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Deputy Mayor
Michael Crowell, Police Chief
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Tim Ellis, Fire Chief
Bob Liberatore, Ast. Fire Chief
David Robinson, Committeeman

1. **Trustee's Report**

Fred began the meeting announcing that the Ivon Drive parking problem has been addressed. The Village Board approved the committee's recommendation to prohibit parking anywhere on Ivon Drive. Local Law 1 of 2015 amends Section 230-50 of the Village Code. Eight signs have been placed indicating the new law. He also reported that the new administration has addressed several resident's complaints regarding numerous vehicles being parked on lawns in residential areas in violation of Village Codes. A new question has been posted on the village website seeking opinions about changing speed limits on Main St.

2. **Police**

The Chief reported that his department has answered over 560 more calls this year than for the same time frame last year, a busy year. The new officer has completed his field training and now able to patrol on his own. The department is going to be using a demo speed reporting unit for a couple of weeks. It only notifies drivers of their speed. No records will be kept.

4. **Fire Department**

Chief Ellis brought in stainless steel and fiberglass markers he'd like to see installed on fire hydrants. Both materials will be reflective. Each marker would be 4-5 feet high and 3/8 of an inch in diameter. Each will cost \$20-\$35 complete with hardware and maybe installed by the department and DPW. The village has 205 hydrants. He suggested starting with Main Street and Taft Roads (possibly 50), then into the residential streets in following years. The Committee voted to use the less expensive fiberglass pole with a spring mount. The suggestion was made to offer an "Adopt a Hydrant Marker" program. Residents and businesses would be encouraged to buy markers for their local hydrants to offset some of the expense. Tim will obtain a firm quote and Fred will bring this up before the board. Tim presented three village fire district maps showing the locations of existing hydrants and village and town boundaries. One will go to the DPW, one to the Emergency Operations Center

(EOC) and one to Village Hall. Tim also reported that September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and October is Fire Safety Month. The department will be hosting a Fire Safety Day at Station One Oct. 3rd. (For information on the 2015 National Preparedness Month go to www.ready.gov) Chief Ellis also announced that a new Public Service Critical Incident Management (PSCIM) course will be offered at OCC starting October 5th Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-10pm until October 14th. This is a free course for anyone in emergency services or holding a public office. Registration closes September 30.

5. Codes

Pam reported red stickers are about to be placed on electrical boxes of buildings with prefab trusses and laminated beams in their construction. This enables firemen to know what type of construction they might encounter during their operations. There was discussion about who owns the meters and boxes. It was determined that the power company owned the meter and the boxes are the building owners. All new construction of this nature will be mandated to have this sticker. Existing structures will have the option to post or not. Pam addressed her concern about shrubs and trees blocking traffic views where kids ride bikes. Boysen and Sunnybrook were mentioned. If the problem is in the right of way, she or DPW can remove it.

6. Parks & Recreation

Teresa's department is busy supervising the new construction at Lonergan Park. Additional parking, refurbished buildings and deck areas are being upgraded, funded partially by a grant from Al Stirpe's office. Only one park rental was scheduled in October. They were advised of the construction taking place. There was discussion on a proposed 5x8 foot two sided electric LED sign for the park and its compliance with the developing sign law. To not "set a precedent" is the concern. The Kennedy Park Pool has new tile depth markers and the deck area has been treated and sealed.

5. DPW

Gary was absent due to being part of the honor guard at Philip Abruzzese's calling hours. Phil was a long time member of the NSFD and father of past Village DPW Superintendent, Mike Abruzzese.

6. Committee

Dave Robinson brought up the crosswalks on North Main Street, they are being ignored at Angelo's and Twin Trees. A suggestion to place a sign in the middle of the road was rejected as they cost \$400, have been hit several times and are a hazard to emergency vehicles.

7. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday, December 7, 2015 – 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
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
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