



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

September 12, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman, Fred Fergerson.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Trustee
Pat Brennan, Fire Chief
Tom Connelly, Police Chief
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Rec
Jack Gaiser, Zoning Board
Charlotte LaPorte, Planning Commission
Mark Atkinson, Mayor
Ray Sharp, Resident
Beth Roemer, Resident

Reports:

1. **Police**

Chief Connelly was recently asked why there was no crosswalk on Main Street near the new Toll Road Senior's Apartments. Gary Wilmer explained that the State DPW is the agency to request crosswalks. Additionally, they only put them in once every three years in any locality. Since the Village had ours done a year ago, we're two years away from that happening. The Chief will contact the resident who made the request and explain this procedure. Discussion followed as to where else we may want a crosswalk, One at Ling Ling's Chinese Buffet and Papa John's was suggested. It was noted that the Police Department has a brand new marked police car now in service.

2. **Fire Department**

Chief Brennan announced that on Saturday, October 8th the NSFD would be hosting a Fire Safety Day at the Fire Department. Several agencies will be there from 11 am to 3 pm to educate the public on the emergency services that we are privileged to have in this area. Demonstrations, tours and static displays will be available throughout the day. Notices have gone to the schools and a flyer will be posted on the Village Website. The department has requested need for additional fire hydrants. None have been added since 2008. Brennan reviewed the 2008 list of 12 sites and put them in this order. 1. The area of 110 Single Drive; 2. The area of 208-210 Catherine Street; 3. Area of 407 Church Street (where, in addition to the hydrant requests 2 standpipes from Church St. to the NB and SB lanes of Rt 81 ((approval of NYS DOT needed)); 4. The area of 891 South Bay Road (also with 2 standpipes from South Bay to the NB and SB lanes of RT 481 ((DOT))). Fergerson asked Gary Wilmer to put the request in writing and submit it for the 2012 Village Budget review, as part of infrastructure maintenance.

3. **Codes**

No one was present from the Codes Department.

Parks & Recreation

4. Parks Director Roth reported the pool has been closed, speed bumps in Lonergan Park have been removed and the Fall programs are about to begin. She announced that plans are under way to replace ageing playscape structures in Lonergan Park.

5. DPW

Superintendent Willmer reported that, in answer to resident complaints of speeding on Watson and Maxwell Ave, traffic counters have been installed to study the traffic flows. The week-long study will record not only traffic counts but also direction, speed and times.

Gary also reported that the traffic light at South Bay and Centerville Place/Church Street has been replaced and is tied into the generator at the Community Center. Additional work on the pedestrian LED's has yet to be completed. Lawrence Ave. is now posted a 25 MPH zone.

6. Mayor/Trustee's Report

Mayor Mark Atkinson addressed citizen's concerns regarding heavy trash removal. He announced that the problems are on his 60 day to do list. Problems reported include trash out too early, regular trash mingled with legitimate heavy trash, and cruising "pickers" causing traffic problems at the piles. A resident asked for additional enforcement on animal control. The Mayor will direct that complaint to the proper department.

The Mayor also addressed complaints about enforcement of the state law regarding pedestrian right-of-way in crosswalks. He and Police Chief Connelly will be running a village wide sting at these crossings to refresh public awareness and compliance.

Trustee Ferguson reported that the excessive use of air horns by NAVAC crews in the village was addressed in a meeting he had with Paul Smyth of NAVAC and since then all has been quite. Fred thanked Pat Brennan for his assistance in this matter.

7. Additional Report

Committee Member, Ray Sharp reported that he has collected 150 baseball caps from all the responding agencies to the Twin Towers Attack of September 11th 2001. These caps are currently on display in the NYS Museum in Albany. This meeting was held one day after the 10th Anniversary of that attack. Exactly 10 years ago, he started the collection. He presented then Mayor Jim Hotchkiss, with the first four hats which were on display in Jim's office prior to the collection moving to the state's museum. Ray also presented Chief Connelly with a decibel meter to help the police department in enforcing our village's noise ordinances.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, December 5th, 2011 – 5:00 pm – N.S. FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

cc: Mayor Atkinson
Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Linnertz
Diane Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
Chief Connelly, Police Dept.
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Rec.
Chief Brennan, Fire Dept.
Deputy Chief Tim Ellis, Fire Dept.
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