



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman, Fred Ferguson. Minutes of our Sept. 12th Meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Trustee
Pat Brennan, Fire Chief
Tom Connelly, Police Chief
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Rec
Jack Gaiser, Zoning Board
Pam Dicarlo, Codes
Ray Sharp, Resident

Trustee's Report

Trustee Ferguson, reports:

The one week traffic study we commissioned was completed shortly after our last meeting on September 26. The results were very detailed and killed a tree or two when printing them out. Not only speed, but vehicle classification (cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles) as well as direction and time made up the data obtained.

In short, Maxwell Ave does appear to have a legitimate speeding problem. On Friday, Sept. 16th when traffic was shown to be the busiest. From 12-4 pm, 80 cars were over 31 mph, 22 were over 36 mph (the posted speed is 25). Totally for the week there were 179 vehicles exceeding 36 mph. All the violations were recorded heading east bound.

Watson Road had 9 violations over 36mph (4 East, 5 West bound) and a total of 143 over 31 with the majority of those, 95, were west bound.

Ferguson spoke to Chief Connelly about the results and his department has been made aware of the problem and will be monitoring this.

Also discussed was a request by Mark Stockhem of Lee Terrace to step up enforcement at Hier Ave and Lee Terrace as cars have been ignoring the stop sign located there. Chief Connelly has had his department observe this and tickets have been issued.

1. Police

Chief Connelly noted that the Department's new marked police car that had a battery problem, no longer has that problem.

2. Fire Department

Chief Brennan introduced a lengthy discussion about the propriety of the flashing light and school zone markings on South Bay adjacent to the St. Rose School. His concern was based on the thought that students no longer walked to school and no longer use the cemetery's land for recreation. Everyone commented on this issue and a vote to keep the zone in place was the result. Ferguson will look into the legality of the zone and report back.

The chief also requested that Codes advise his department of the past year's public assembly and business inspections. He related a growing problem with senior housing that his department has found to be increasing. Disabled seniors in public housing settings are frequently and repeatedly calling for assistance after falling. These calls put a strain on agencies that aren't designed to cater to senior care. Assisted living should be sought for these people.

3. Codes

Pam echoed Pat's comments, and related stories involving residents of Malta House.

Parks & Recreation

4. Parks Director Roth reported that village parks signs have been vandalized several times. The damage, so far, has been covered by insurance. It has been suggested that cameras be set up to monitor these locations. Chief Connelly will be looking into purchasing cameras.

5. DPW

Superintendent Wilmer reported that he is looking into why there is no stop sign on Singleton Drive, and if there is a state mandate to have one.

6. Additional Report

Jack Gaiser expressed his concern that pedestrians using crosswalks were being ignored. He requested stepped up enforcement and inquired about the possibility for more signage. He was almost rear-ended recently after stopping for a person in a crosswalk, then the car tailgated him for some distance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, March 5th, 2012 – 5:00 pm – N.S. FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

cc: Mayor Atkinson
Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Fergerson
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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