



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

Monday, March 7th, 2016 – 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 December 7th, 2015 meeting were approved.

ATTENDANCE

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

1. Trustee's Report

Fred reported that the Village was hosting a Blood Drive this Wednesday from 2-6 pm in the Community Center. Donors will be entered in a drawing for \$50.00 gift certificates from Wegman's. He and Chief Crowell have been interviewing candidates for a first line supervisor. The Village Board has authorized an additional Sergeant to supplement the current two. Fred attended a recent Fireman's Legislative meeting. There he found an LGRMIF Grant (Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund) available to volunteer fire departments to help defray paperwork expenses, The amount is substantial. The application must be submitted by March 14 each year.

2. Police

The Chief also reported on the selection process to promote one of our officers. Testing, interviews, looking for a fit for the department mission, and adhering to County protocol, were among many other factors that have to be weighed. The decision which will be announced soon. He was recently interviewed by Channel 5 news on his department. The main focus was crosswalk enforcement. The entire interview is on the NSPD facebook page, "Working the Blue Line in North Syracuse".

4. Fire Department

Asst. Chief Liberatore reported that the hydrant markers have been installed. He thanked the DPW for the help they provided in that task. He thanked Chief Crowell and his officers for their help, during a recent fire, evacuating the Parklane Apartments. The fast response saved the fire from spreading to other apartments. The department is actively recruiting new members. They are receiving assistance from the Towns of Clay and Cicero in this effort.

5. Codes

Pam DiCarlo informed the committee that the Park Lane Apartments are under new ownership. The new administration is determined to improve conditions at the property.

6. Parks & Recreation

Teresa's department is busy supervising the recently activated 5x8 foot, two sided, electric LED sign at Lonergan Park. The incorrect temperature display has been addressed. White or light color backgrounds do not work well with dark letters. The auto dimming may need some adjustment. Objects of information should be kept to a minimum. No commercial advertisements should be allowed (making it a billboard – against sign ordinances). Teresa announced that the Village will be conducting Driver Safety Courses. Attendance will reduce insurance expenses and help reduce points on a license. A boating course will be announced as well. Keep an eye on the Village Website for times.

5. DPW

Gary's crews are working on filling pot holes and getting ready for spring cleaning. He will be looking into adjusting the malfunctioning "walk/don't walk" signs at Main and Chestnut Streets.

6. Committee

David suggested the Sign Committee address the difference between a commercial LED sign and a community sign that only announces community interests and events. Jack asked why the village hydrants weren't being serviced by OCWA per "contract". Gary will look into that. Jack also requested more enforcement at the crosswalks. Mike is looking for funding to have cameras placed to make drivers think twice, before ignoring the law.

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. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday, June 6, 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
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
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