



## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, December 13th, 2018 @ 6:29 PM  
North Syracuse Community Center  
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:29 P.M. with the Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Gary Butterfield, Deputy Mayor Diane Browning, Trustee Pat Gustafson, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, and Trustee Art Steere.

**Personnel Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Robert Liberatore, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Steve Rotunno, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

**Public Hearing @ 6:29 PM:** This Public Hearing is being held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the adoption of Local Law #4 modifying Chapter 128-Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse specifically Article II, Section 128.5 pertaining to the collection thereof and will hear all persons in support of such matters or objections thereto. The Mayor stated that the purpose of this new local law will be to modify our existing code language to articulate the changes necessary because of the new containers/totes that we have with the transition to the Automated Garbage Collection - specifically the containers for Garbage and Recyclables. He asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the adoption of Local Law #4 modifying Chapter 128-Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse pertaining to the collection thereof. Atty. Chatfield explained the Local Law #4 is precisely what CEO Johnstone gave you three weeks ago, word for word, he did not change anything he simply put it into three sections.

Section 1) now reads: It is unlawful to place or deposit or cause to be placed or deposited any garbage, refuse, rubbish or recyclables along any street or highway within the Village for pickup or removal unless the garbage, refuse or rubbish is contained in provided covered plastic cans.

Section 2) now reads: No trash, refuse or garbage containers, when filled, shall weigh more than 75 pounds.

Section 3) now reads: Recyclables shall be deposited in the receptacles designated by the contractual hauler instead of the blue bins.

He asked a second and third time if anyone would like to speak in favor against the proposed changes to the Local Law. Darlene Piper of 106 1/2 Northfield Dr. asked how long the contract is for and what happens with the Local Law when it is no longer. The Mayor stated it is a good question and it is a five year agreement. He continued if we change to a different system; we would then change the Local



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Law, if required. She asked if it was for the same price. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated it was the same price for the five years. The Mayor stated Syracuse Haulers purchased and own the containers. He asked again if anyone else would like to speak for or against with no response he closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 PM.

**RESOLUTION # 210-18**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20th, 2018 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 211-18**

**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Steere made a motion approving the General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$151,853.28 covering Voucher #659 to Voucher #732. The Mayor made mention this included the Removal of the Jeffers Building, the Plug-In Station and a New Street Light on Centerville which the state helped us with. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 212-18**

**SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$100.94 covering Voucher #13. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 213-18**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer of monies is for training for CEO Johnstone and DPW Sup't Ware to attend Stormwater Training to include inspections, illicit discharge and public participation. Deputy Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A5010.466 DPW Sup't Training to increase A3620.466 Codes Officer Training in the amount of \$274. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 214-18**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**



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The Mayor stated the Police Chief requested the transfer of monies that came in from the sale of old rifles to provide for ammunition and Police Supplies:

<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Transferred To</i>
A2665 Sale of Equipment-Rifles	\$1,774.07	A3120.418 Police Ammunition
A2665 Sale of Equipment-Rifles	\$2,025.93	A3120.467 Police Supplies

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2665 in the above listed amounts to increase A3120.418 and A3120.467 totaling \$3,800. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 215-18**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor explained the transfer of monies from all of the below listed accounts is to clean up a few small items from miscellaneous accounts:

<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Transferred To</i>
A1110.14 Justice Court-Acting Judge	\$1,503.94	A1110.16 Justice Court-Vac Pay-Court Clerk
A1110.14 Justice Court-Acting Judge	\$ 488.00	A1110.417 Justice Court Form/Books
A1110.14 Justice Court-Acting Judge	\$ 200.00	A1320.401 Audit
A1110.14 Justice Court-Acting Judge	\$ 471.00	A1620.29 Reflective Decals
A1110.14 Justice Court-Acting Judge	\$ 614.50	A1620.400 Logo Shirts
A1110.14 Justice Court-Acting Judge	\$ 326.00	A1620.456 Guides Front Lobby

Deputy Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A1110.14 in the amounts listed above to increase A1110.16, A1110.417, A1320.401, A1620.29, A1620.400, and A1620.456 totaling \$3,603.44. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee Steere asked if this was left over money from closing the court. The Village Clerk-Treasurer stated it was. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE- CHARGING STATIONS -MUNICIPAL LOT  
 @ SYR. REALTY**

The Mayor stated this is informational; our charging station has been installed. He continued we need to finish up a little paint and some signage. He stated thus far nobody has used it that we know of. He continued we will get the signs up, and is going to go on a map showing a charging station in the county; so if someone comes to the Village in a hybrid, they can charge the vehicle.



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**DISCUSS/APPROVE VACANCY ON ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS: ALTERNATE**

The Mayor stated we have a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is still looking for someone to appoint for the Alternate position.

**UPDATE - SHARED SERVICE SEWER CRAWLER CAMERA**

The Mayor stated we submitted for a grant for a Sewer Crawler Camera. He continued we were the lead agency. He stated we have not heard yet, but if we get it; we will let you know.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 216-18**

**DISCUSS/ADOPT LOCAL LAW #4 MODIFYING  
GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE**

Trustee Steere made a motion to accept the changes modified in Local Law #4 Modifying the Village code language for the Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse Article II, Section 128.5 to articulate the changes necessary to do with the new containers/totes that we have with the Automated Garbage Collection. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. Trustee Steere asked what would be the down side to not adopting it and how would that impact the Village. Atty. Chatfield stated theoretically people would be in violation of the law. He gave an example of the weight limit being 60 lbs. now and if someone loaded up one of those big totes to be more than 60 lbs., it would be technically a violation to the law. He continued or if they put them in the recycling in the blue bin and the guy cannot pick them up, because it is not the kind that the truck can empty. The Mayor added also we have not designated that they must use the bins that have been given to the Village, to the residents to the households. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSS SHARED SERVICE WITH VILLAGE OF  
BALDWINSVILLE-BUCKET TRUCK**

The Mayor stated the next item is to discuss Shared Service with the Village of Baldwinsville. He continued they have a Bucket Truck and years ago there was an agreement generated from the Village of Baldwinsville that allowed our DPW to borrow their bucket truck on occasion for Christmas decorations, etc. when they do not need it. He stated until our bucket truck is no longer usable while trying to find another, this will ease the potential problem that we have of having no bucket truck and having to rent one if we need it; like to take down our decorations. Trustee St. Germain made a



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motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Bucket Truck Agreement with the Village of Baldwinsville. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Browning. Trustee Gustafson commented she thought it was a “win-win” for the Village of North Syracuse. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION 217-18**

**DISCUSS JOHNSON CONTROL REPAIR CONTRACT:  
STATION I AND STATION II**

The Mayor stated the next item is to discuss Johnson Control Repair Contract which does inspections on the Sprinkler System and during the inspection they found the Sprinkler System needs some work; basically a work order. Deputy Mayor Browning made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Johnson Control Repair Contract for Station I and Station II in the amount of \$1,374.55. The motion was seconded by Trustee Steere. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION 218-18**

**APPROVAL OF A NOT TO EXCEED OF \$13,896 TO  
REWIRE THE FIRE HOUSE VENDOR TO BE  
DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE**

Mayor Butterfield spoke of the need to rewire the fire house to update to current and future bandwidth speeds of the internet. Conversation continued regarding the pricing received, prevailing wage, and the need for another bid, as our purchasing policy requires (3) bids if the pricing exceeds \$10,000.

Trustee Steere made a motion to rewire the entire fire house, the security to doors, and cameras as the bandwidth of the internet needs to be modified to accommodate current needs and future needs; and authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with a not to exceed \$13,896 and taking the lowest responsible bid that he receives from the specification adhering to the prevailing wage clause and the purchasing policy requiring 3 proposals. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION 219-18**

**DISCUSS/SURPLUS 2008 FORD F250, 1991 FORD  
BUCKET TRUCK AND 2008 BOBCAT**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to surplus the 2008 Ford F250, 1991 Ford Bucket Truck and the 2008 Bobcat to send them to the auction. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor

Browning, all voting in favor of the same.



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**RESOLUTION 220-18**

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER  
COMMUNICATIONS RECOMMENDED  
BY COMPUTEL**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Charter Communications for Computel to receive \$23,620 and the Village to receive \$35,429 for a total of \$59,049. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION 221-18**

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN 2019  
OCRA SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT**

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the annual 2019 OCRA Solid Waste Agreement for \$95 a ton tipping fee with \$4 credit per ton for on time payments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSS NEW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER  
CANCER BENEFIT FOR 2019**

The Mayor stated this is informational and was touched on at the budget time, but this is a new state mandate, for Vol. Firefighters, if they meet the criteria; they will get this Cancer Firefighters Benefit. Fire Chief Liberatore stated we do not have any choice; it is a mandate that the Governor signed into law and comes into effect at the beginning of the year. He explained it covers ten different forms of cancer that Firefighters encounter. Trustee Gustafson stated and Fire Chief Liberatore agreed they do not cover Lung Cancer. Trustee Steere asked what the difference would be in the premiums if we asked the insurance companies to cover the Lung Cancer in addition to the Cancers that are mandated. Fire Chief Liberatore did not ask the insurance company, but will have the Deputy Chief look into that tomorrow morning. Trustee Steere stated if we can afford it he thinks we should offer it to our firefighters. *Subsequently, Dep. Chief Daugard stated that fireman are covered for lung cancer in the VFBL insurance we have for all active firemen. The reason it can't be added to the Cancer Bill is you can't collect from 2 policies and VFBL is a much better plan with much more payout and death benefits. The Cancer Bill is closing the gap on some cancers not covered by other plans including VFBL.*

**CITIZENS' VOICE:** The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Ashley Gonzalez introduced herself and the others with her: Leurena Jenkins, Key Lam, Joshua Castillo, Michael Miller, who are students from ASEZ, a university student group which is part of the World Mission Society Church of God. Mr. Miller stated they have been doing interior renovations to



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the church located at 137 Gertrude St. after being vacant for years and trying to get a sign; as they are trying to become more apparent. Ashley Gonzalez spoke of a campaign, "Reduce Crime Together," happening at college campuses all over the world with the purpose of reducing crime through cleaning up areas, giving an opportunity for participation, to set an example for the younger generation. She explained the reason this campaign is so important is because human happiness pretty much depends on the crime that is happening. She stated they have signatures from governments including the former U.N. Secretary, government agencies, etc. In closing she added, they would also like to partner here in North Syracuse, as it is our home, so we also want to reduce crime here and get many people involved. The Mayor asked again if anyone wished to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No Report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** She stated we are planning to have the plans and specs ready for the Chestnut St. Extension in January to set the bid date for most likely for the first meeting in February, because it is later.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department:** He stated the following:

- Shop with a COP December 22 at 9:00 AM
- Merry Christmas
- So far in December: 387 total calls for service, 218 property checks, 06 Domestic, 13 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 43 Traffic Stops, 35 Traffic tickets, 08 arrests

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Liberatore stated the following:

- By end of the year they we will be up about 120 runs from last year; they have been busy
- Thanked the Board for their support especially with the new cancer coverage; that is huge and a good recruiting technique
- Invite people to stop on Tuesday nights and come visit them to see what we do
- The recruitment is going well; the 1<sup>st</sup> year is building things up and with the grant we are actually going to put it into play, the trailer is getting the ramp on it, the literature is being printed and they will start getting out to all these events to recruit people as firefighters
- We were at Firehouse Subs and Santa with his group with the recruitment tent up; it was successful
- Merry Christmas

**Public Works Department:** He stated the following:



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- They have finished the leaves
- They have been cleaning and keeping the storm drains open; we are busy

**Parks and Recreation Department:** She stated the following:

- Thanked everyone for their support and participation with the Holiday Parade on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Thanked the several sponsors and especially Just One Bite, Syracuse Realty, and the Masonic Temple who were the three big sponsors
- Record attendance of about 1,200 people there
- We, the Village Staff, are adopting a family in need for the Holiday and are collecting donations of gifts or money for that
- Next week we will do the shopping, wrapping and award the gifts next Friday to the family
- Received two requests from businesses to purchase plaques for the Verdin Clock in the Village
  - 1) Sweetheart Corners and the Gelsomin family we are working on and proceeding with
  - 2) Second is not in the Village and would like to discuss one on one with Board Member as there are no parameters
- Happy Holidays

**Codes Department:** He stated the following:

- Charging station is done; we are the first Village to complete one
- NYSEDA Rebate-website needs work uploading some of our stuff
- Once we have paid invoice he will submit; it should take about three weeks
- He had court tonight with John Marzocchi with Germain & Germain; everything is running smoothly

**Clerk-Treasurer:** She stated the following:

- She has been busy acquired grants; good, but a lot of tracking
- The TAP Grant a lot of paperwork to submit to receive monies in return
- She is keeping tabs on the Safer Grant and a lot of the Police Grants, the Multi-Modal Grant has had some activity at the end of Church St, so will start submitting for that
- Court keeping her busy; a lot of people looking for stuff that happened even back to 1968, so been a little challenging trying to locate that stuff
- Did Doodle Poll involving the school district, Grotto, Encore and opening that up for a Shared Parking Lot; trying to get Atty. and everyone together along for meeting in January to hopefully get an agreement together

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**





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**Trustee St. Germain:** She stated the trash person came through about the same time and it looked good. She stopped and spoke with the guy to see if there was anything he had to say about how we are doing this. She continued he stated that people still think that they can put stuff on the side of the totes like bags that do not fit in the tote, mattresses and furniture; people need to remember there are not people walking around to pick it up. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Trustee Gustafson:** She spoke of being fascinated by the automated pickup that she has watched them do and thinks it is working well. She has received favorable comments about it. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Trustee Steere:** He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He remarked that during the last big snow a couple of the trash totes had fallen over and the driver got out and stood it back up and dumped it into his truck.

**Deputy Mayor Browning:** She stated she thinks they made a good decision with the Automated Trash. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor reminded everyone our Holiday Party is Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Twin Trees. He stated it is nice time to see all-out of the work environment and our Police Chief will also be giving recognition to the officer of the year. He continued we are going to provide for a family this year and that is in progress. He attended a meeting at the NSEA on Monday Evening; North Syracuse School District is holding a Relay for Life in May. He stated that the Village got some good news for the Sales Tax Sharing Agreement. He continued they thought it was going to be a very tough go, but the Villages are going to share more revenue in this next Sales Tax Agreement than they have been before. He stated the Cell Site 5G is in the Right of Way and will be coming down the road; it maybe an opportunity for some revenue. He shared our DPW Sup't. Ed Ware achieved a Road Master Level I. and is working on a Road Master Level II. He continued this was achieved by completing six core training courses on both technical and management skills having to do with highway quality and management. He congratulated him and thanked him. He stated the next meeting is after Christmas so he wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He continued the next Village Board Meeting is between Christmas and New Year's; many of the Department Heads will not be around, so we are holding it at Village Hall in the Conference Room on Thursday, 12/27/2018 at 4:30 PM.



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Trustee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel  
Village Clerk

