



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 25th, 2019 @ 4:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Gary Butterfield, Deputy Mayor 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, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Steve Rotunno and Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

Personnel Absent: Fire Chief Robert Liberatore.

RESOLUTION # 078-19

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Steere made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11th, 2019 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 # 079-19

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Gustafson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$70,324.84 covering Voucher #1190 to Voucher #1236. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 080-19

CHURCH STREET EXTENSION PROJECT/BIDS/AWARD

The Mayor stated the next item is an update on the Church Street Extension Project: The Board received the results from the bid opening; we had four interested bidders. He went on to say the lowest bidder was EZ Paving came in at \$66,800 for the base bid. He explained they also bid Alternate #1 for \$6,000 for concrete curbs and Alternate #2 for \$4,600 drainage and piping. He opened this up for discussion; Engineer Franco is here to answer any questions. The Mayor explained there is approximately \$20,000 left in the grant monies from the Multi Modal and we will



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need to appropriate an additional \$45,000. Deputy Mayor Browning made a motion to award the contract to E-Z Paving for \$66,800 with an additional \$6,000 for Alternate #1 concrete curbs and an additional \$4,600 for Alternate #2 drainage and piping. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. Trustee Steere asked how much money do we have set aside for this project. The Mayor stated we have \$60,000 and then \$10,000 we used from the sign on for the cell tower. Trustee Steere clarified \$70,000. The Mayor agreed; he continued we spent more than we thought that we would and then the design, because of prevailing rate CHA put it up for bid and these are the results that we got. Trustee Gustafson inquired how will we make up the difference. The Mayor went on from the funds that we have; we have received \$34,000 or \$35,000 from Computel, and we are saving \$30,000 to \$32,000 approximately from the courts, savings for the first full year from LED Street Lights approximately \$34,000, so there is money available; we also could take it from Fund Balance. He explained the Fund Balance is healthy as a Village with our good rating of 3.3 Fiscal Stress. Trustee Steere asked if that meant that we want to do both options. The Mayor continued he does not know that we need to. Mrs. Franco stated \$77,000; the curbing kind of spruces up the area, functioning there is not. She continued it does delineate, because we really want to encourage right out movement, so curbing does enforce that to alleviate any cutting in here. Trustee Gustafson agreed curbing for doing sidewalks is a necessity, because when you do not, you just extend the road; with the curbing at least there is a separation. The Mayor asked about plowing. DPW Sup't Ware stated there is a shoe on the end of the wing that rides against the curb; once in a while the guys leave it on top of it, but more of the time that gives them something to ride against. He continued he did not think it would affect there end of it. Trustee Steere stated he was in favor of doing both curbing and drainage. Trustee Gustafson stated especially for these prices. Trustee Steere stated water always pools up and spoke of people always disobeying rules if possible. Mrs. Franco stated we want to get rid of those big blocks that are out there if we do not have to reuse those. She continued we also did work with EZ Paving before; they did all of Main St. project, so we are familiar with them. She went on to question the difference in the lower price knowing that we worked with them before and have that rapport. The Mayor spoke of being shocked the prices were as high as they were, but that is prevailing rate. The motion was approved with Trustee Gustafson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Steere, and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

**UPDATE-"5G" CELL AGREEMENT IN THE RIGHT OF WAY
FOR VERIZON-REVIEW COMPARABLE AGREEMENTS**

The Mayor stated the "5G" Cell Agreement in the Right-of-way for Verizon: Once again, we met with Verizon regarding our community and getting ready to introduce 5G. He continued we have 2 agreements that needed our "legal" dept. to review, some modifications were made and we are still looking into the aesthetics and the pricing per pole. He stated has received emails on the hazards associated with the 5G and someone else has dropped off paperwork on the studies that have been



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done on the hazards of radiation from 5G. He continued as he understands we cannot stop 5G from coming in. Atty. Chatfield asked if he was talking about the allegations associated with non-ionizing radiation. The Mayor stated yes. Atty. Chatfield stated it has been preempted by the federal government. He continued we cannot inquire into nor utilize issues associated with non-ionized radiation in any of our decision making. Trustee Gustafson requested a representative come and speak with the Board about the health concerns. Atty. Chatfield stated the decision making is limited to a narrow window only regarding aesthetics and some other standards for justification and then all providers have to be treated similarly. Trustee Gustafson commented aesthetics aside, people are worried about the safety of their health. Atty. Chatfield stated he is not an advocate one way or another, but he has had some experience in non-ionizing radiation cases over the last 40 yrs. and he can tell you when you hold a cell phone up to your head you are getting about 10,000 more radiation affect than if you live at the base of a broad cast tower. Deputy Mayor Browning stated the Board needs more information if possible. The Mayor stated there are two issues apart from the health concerns that we have been attempting to resolve; the first is getting the language right to allow them to use our Right-of-way and the other is and how much do we charge per unit; they basically low balled greatly. The Mayor stated if you look at the City of Rochester and you talk about strict guidelines, Rochester really upped the ante. He continued NYCOM sent that to information to us and some literature says \$270 per unit per yr. is fair. He went on Verizon offered \$20 per yr. Atty. Chatfield stated that there is room for negotiation. The Mayor stated fortunately we can do a Right-of-way agreement and then a separate fee agreement for the permitting process. Deputy Mayor Browning asked if you can imagine somebody like Rochester increasing the fees, making money, but then not able to answer the health question what the public is going to do with Boards like them. Atty. Chatfield stated there has been hundreds, if not thousands of studies conducted by people that have a lot more degrees than he has, in Electrical Engineering, Physics and all the rest of that stuff and it is sort of like global warming; there is no reasonable compromise between the two positions. He continued but all the studies submitted to the federal government prior to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 concluded that the health risk associated with non-ionization radiation by normal exposure is so infinitesimal, is to not be a matter of health concern. He stated the proximately is the variable with non-ionizing radiation, the closer you are to the generation source the more you can experience it, further you are away from the source the ability to measure drops exponentially. Trustee Gustafson stated she feels the public should know this and be better informed. The Mayor asked what the pleasure of the Board was. Both Trustee Gustafson and Deputy Mayor Browning both stated a representative to come talk to the Board, so they can talk with the public and know what they are talking about. Atty. Chatfield stated he can reach out to Verizon as a starting point; his guess is we are going to find a source of that information at the university also in their Physics Department to have a Physics Professor or Electrical Engineer, these are the peoples whose degrees are presumptively in the fields we are talking about and Health Professionals as well. The Mayor stated this is to be continued.

UPDATE-TIP GRANT-DISCUSSION



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The Mayor stated update on the TIP Grant: We had another grant that we applied for with SMTC (Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council) and they came back and stated they thought we underestimated; we had put a tag of \$200,000. The Mayor continued this was for removing the sidewalks on the south side of Church St. from South Bay up to short of the Bridge; there are 24 houses there, SMTC came back and stated their estimate was \$570,000. We declined due to the "matching portion"; we opted out. He continued so we are going to get new sidewalks on the other side (north side of Church St.) part of the TAP Grant, but the ones on the south side will stay as is for now.

UPDATE-ENGINE 6 REHAB-BUDGET 18/19

The Mayor stated update on Engine 6 Rehab-Budget 18/19: He knows an alarm went off not long ago, so no one from the Fire Dept. is here. He continued they had a line item in their budget to do some rehab to Engine 6. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated she received an email that none of them could attend that better explains. She continued as it stands in the FY 18-19 Budget there is a line item for \$45,000 to rehab Engine 6. She went on the rehab was to bring up to standard as far as an emergency the equipment, lighting and replace the aging doors; upon inspection from a couple of vendors it was pointed out to us that the paint was peeling off the body; which in turn when old doors and lighting are removed the paint would come off with it; it was recommended that to do the job correctly, it would need a complete proper paint job. The paint issue is noted by the manufacturer local service center at the time. The Fire Chief contacted the local rep who stated that he was unable to do anything about it even thou it was documented; Chief Liberatore drafted a letter to the manufacturer to request a warranty claim to paint the vehicle at their cost. He currently has a call into the manufacturer to discuss this issue; he stated if he is unsuccessful with this he will get the Village Atty. to draft a letter as well. She stated with this taking place they have not completed nor started the rehab the process as it would be crazy with the paint issue. He asked that the money that they have in the current year's Budget be put into the Vehicle Reserve Account until we solve this issue as he does not be that it will be resolved by the end of this fiscal year, the Rehab needs to happen, but it also needs to be done properly, so the vehicle will last its intended 20 yr. before replacement. Trustee Gustafson asked how old Engine 6 is. Chris Strong stated 2009. Deputy Mayor Browning asked when the last inspection was. The Mayor stated it is a standard practice over there to do a Rehab after 10 yrs. over there, so whatever needs to be done they do a rehab to extend the Engines life. He continued some of the engines have lasted longer than 20 yrs., before replacement. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated they would be asking for \$45,000 plus the \$25,000 which would be \$70,000 to go into the Reserve. Trustee Steere clarified, plus the \$25,000. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel continued every year they Budget that to go into the Reserve Acct. for emergency repairs or for new apparatus, so the \$25,000 is already a given and they want this additional \$45,000. Trustee Steere asked if there was any reason not to put it in the Reserve Fund now if it turns out that they are able to do the repairs in the beginning of June and take it back out of the Reserve Fund. Trustee Gustafson asked if it has



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already been budgeted. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated it has already been budgeted for, but any time that we move money into the Reserve Acct. or out she needs Board approval. Trustee Steere asked if we could wait until June and see where the situation is with the truck and then. Atty. Chatfield clarified close to the end of the FY. Trustee Steere stated yes. Atty. Chatfield stated that was fine, as long as it is done in the FY. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel clarified that they already had established by permissive referendum the Reserve Acct. The Mayor stated this was done 2 yrs. ago. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated that there are two separate accounts on is for apparatus and one is for repairs. The Mayor stated we will table this for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 081-19

**SET THE DATE FOR THE VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE
SALE-MAY 18TH AND MAY 19TH, 2019**

The Mayor stated the Village provides a weekend "once per year, the residents do not have to apply and get a permit for a Garage Sale. He continued therefore Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th-no permit is needed and resident are asked to sign up on the roster sheet in the lobby at Village Hall. Deputy Mayor Browning made a motion to adopt May 18th and May 19th to be the dates for the Village Wide Garage Sale. 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 082-19

**PARKS DEPT.-APPOINT/HIRE RECREATION AIDE
AUSTIN BERTOLLINI-EFFECTIVE FRIDAY-4/26/19**

Trustee Steere made a motion to approve the appointment to hire Austin Bertollini for the position of Part Time Seasonal Recreation Aide at a rate of \$11.10 per year effective April 26th, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gustafson. The motion was approved with, Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Steere, Trustee St. Germain and Deputy Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Vera Desimone of 304 Belmore Dr. stated she wanted to thank the DPW Sup't Ware and the DPW guys for the great job they are doing picking leaves and trash. Pat Ferguson stated Arbor Day is tomorrow and if it is raining heavily they will be in the Comm. Ctr., but if light drizzle there will be pop up tents at Memorial Park. She thanked DPW Sup't Ware for his help with the planting and flags being ready. He asked again if anyone else wished to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.



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ENGINEER REPORT: No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated the following:

- Det. Florian did a great job with the Drug Investigation at 312 Main St. Convenience Store. Great arrest yesterday after we conducted a search warrant
- Basement project underway
- So far in April: 916 Total Calls for service, 543 Property Checks, 17 Domestic, 15 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 133 Traffic Stops, 107 Traffic tickets, 07 arrests

Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: He stated the following:

- He stated in April they picked up 300,856 lbs. of Brush
- In April they have dumped 30,940 lbs. of Bulk Trash
- They have been working on the Village Hall Remodel Project
- They have been getting the water out of the parks, planting a tree and Parks Dir. Roth helped get the plaque in the tree
- Tuesday, he has 3 interviews with the seasonal to come in to help with the mowing, grass clippings, and parks

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated the following:

- Earth Day Cleanup; anyone that can come in help is welcome, we will meet 9:00 AM Comm. Ctr. downstairs, will have some supplies with Twin Trees Pizza after
- Summer Program Flyer will be distributed in Star Review 5/6 and 5/7
- Summer Program Flyer went out Electronically yesterday with CNS School District, available online on our Website as well
- Summer Camp Registration start 5/16
- Canteen Event tonight: 20 yr. Anniversary at the Canteen
- Easter Event went well; great weather with 62 kids for Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Breakfast made more money than last year

Codes Department: He stated the following:

- Nice weather; very busy, first above ground pool installed last week
- Re-educating when Bulk Trash can be put out
- Good Job to Police Dept. & Det. Florian for their work at the Mini Mart

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:

- Just winding down the year, 1 month left for spending in this Budget year
- Getting new Budgets laminated to get sent out to everybody



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- Important to mark requisitions now with "Old Budget," "New Budget" so we know what to appropriate to the proper Budget

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Gustafson: No Report.

Trustee Steere: No Report

Deputy Mayor Browning: No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He stated with the Community Grid adversity who knows what is going to happen to Rt. 81. He continued the Mayors and Supervisors have been unified in looking at all the options but would like to save Rt. 81 as it is or a tunnel; now that the report has come out from the state, it is anybody's guess what is going to happen. He stated Mayor Walsh and County Executive McMahon got together; County Executive McMahon said if we do not mitigate we are going to litigate and that will take us out another 10 yrs. with lawsuits potentially or however many years. He continued the least for the grid is 5 yrs., and the tunnel is 11 yrs. He went on to say that is the construction sequence and then you still have to design it. He stated there will be public hearings coming up this summer and he encouraged people to speak your peace. He continued the flowers donations are up almost to the same as last year. He spoke of being grateful for the people that participate in donating, so we can have our flowers; we get lots of compliments on them. He stated Village Hall is a work in progress; we are doing it in house to save money. He continued for those of you that do not come to Village Hall very often, our Police Lobby is going to be larger, adding a Handi-cap Bathroom and the conference Room is going to be bigger. He spoke of improvements to the basement as well for the Police; their locker rooms are going to be down there as well and some other areas, we are doing that in a reasonable fashion as well. He added we are trying to save money and be legal as well without skipping requirements or prevailing wage and all of that. He spoke of the TAP Grant is the repaving of Church St. and Chestnut St., new shoulders, new sidewalks; the "pre-requirements" are being followed diligently, he thought that they would already bid by now, almost awarded and have somebody ready to go, but we have not even gotten the finished documents yet. Mrs. Franco stated they got the request from Verizon and Spectrum, because we do from National Grid and then they send out their request and then we get them. She continued they are on their list to move their wires when grid moves their poles. The Mayor went on so there are going to be some poles that are going to be moved and that is why they were cutting trees, cutting branches, in the Right-of-way; the road is going to be wider and better. He stated of Arbor Day is

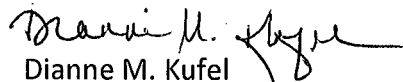


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tomorrow and we will be recognized, this is our 30th yr. as a Tree City. He continued at the Arbor Day Recognition we are planting a tree in honor of Justice Bob Bertrand at the Memorial Park. He continued Earth Day is Saturday. He went on it is also open house for the Fire Dept.

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 PM. 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.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk

