



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 @ 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 Trustee Strong asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Strong stated he is sitting in for Mayor Butterfield who is currently in the tropical Bahamas; hopefully he will bring us back some nice weather. He continued Dep. Mayor Browning, for those of you that did not hear at the employee appreciation meeting was hospitalized a couple weeks ago, she has since been released from the hospital and is recovering. He wished her best wishes in her recovery, so they asked him to head the meeting.

Roll Call: Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong and Trustee Fred Wilmer.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief William Becker, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, and Village Engineer Brian Bouchard.

Personnel Absent: Mayor Gary Butterfield (Vacation), Dep. Mayor Browning (Ill), CEO Brian Johnstone (Excused), Fire Chief Robert Liberatore.

RESOLUTION # 012-20

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9th, 2020 with the modification to show that Trustee Wilmer was a Nye vote for the Bombardier Track Driven Unit, so it was a 4 to 1 vote instead of 5 to 1, and he asked for approval of the minutes with noted modification. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 013-20

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong stated this is a bit larger as there is a payment included in this amount for approximately \$80,000 for Rescue 7. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$153,240.73 covering Voucher #934 to Voucher #992. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:



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RESOLUTION # 014-20

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to set a Public Hearing to discuss the following projects for the 2020 Community Development Monies: repairs to the sidewalks on Rt. 11 and a gazebo at the Community Center to be held Thursday, February 13th at 6:28 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee St. Germain shared she would not be here for that meeting. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: Trustee Strong invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Trustee Strong asked if anyone would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated he wanted to elaborate a little bit; he continued everyone should have a copy of the current code and the proposed changes from CEO Johnstone regarding the electronic signs. He spoke of the two proposed changes being: 1) it authorizes signs in the R-9 for churches and only churches in the R-9, and 2) is to indicate if you are replacing an existing sign, and you are not relocating or enlarging it, that it does not have to go in front of the Planning Board for approval; it would be handled administratively as long as it complies with the requirements of the code. Trustee Strong stated the public hearing was discussed at the last meeting so they are aware of it; they have just not gotten the official document yet.

ENGINEER REPORT: Brian Bouchard stated above and beyond the anticipated decision for the Community Development Project and our Application, in preparation for that Mrs. Franco left him some notes. He continued the DOT project has been submitted with the changes for the drainage system to the DOT. He explained we expect hopefully a fast turnaround from their approval, at which point we can authorize the Board's approval, at one of the pending meetings; hopefully either Feb. 13th or Feb. 27th for the Village's approval, then to set a bid opening date before that and release those documents for bid. He added there is a mandatory 3 weeks that it has to be on the street for bid, so we can coordinate those dates, once we get a hard answer from the DOT on their approval and we can put it out to bid. Trustee Strong stated just for Trustee Wilmer and Trustee St. Germain there was a copy of the plans left in the wire bin at Village Hall. Engineer Bouchard stated he can make a PDF available too, if Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel wants to he can send out a link that is downloadable for them so you can look at them at home or whatever you would like to do. He continued above and beyond as we usually do, with the bidding we just put it on a CD and people come and pick them up, so that there is not a refund charge in bookkeeping. He added we will probably print out one set of documents to be maintained on site, in case someone wants to just come and look at them, so if there are no objections to them; he thought the way that they usually do it, that is probably the way to administer this bid as well. He stated it would be



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available on CD and then we can put it out to Data Builders Exchange and the other resources where contractors can access it and hopefully get a lot of competitive pricing from it.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated the following:

- Jan. 16th, 2020, at Centerville Ct., 47 residents attended a safety presentation with open forum which included: the 9 o'clock lock program, identity theft, internet safety, and current scams to name a few. Current issues were discussed and positive feedback was received regarding performance and professionalism of the NSPD.
- So far in January: 687 Total Calls for service, 389 Property Checks, 12 Domestic, 13 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 93 Traffic Stops, 69 Traffic tickets, 17 Arrests

Fire Department: No Report.

Public Works Department: He stated the following:

- We have been painting trim at Village Hall and installing ceilings
- We did some snow removal today in the Cul-da-sacs so Fire Trucks can get in and out
- We have been doing some vehicle maintenance and dealing with the snow from last weekend

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated the following:

- DPW Sup't Ware and herself met with gentlemen from Atlas Fence today that was contracted to put in the Dog Park fencing and staked it out
- Anticipate Fence installation will start in 3 weeks, and it will take 2 to 2 1/2 weeks, so that will be coming soon
- Have a good idea how they want the parking lot pavement to be designed at Lee Terr. Entrance, DPW Sup't Ware is working on so we can get specs together and get that out to bid soon
- February Defensive Driver's Course was filled yesterday, have a waiting list; another in April
- Monday was 1st day at Village Hall accepting credit card payments; they have done a few this week without any glitch and still going through training to accept online registration for summer camp

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:

- Very busy in back area, as well as some renovations w/lighting/baseboard and painting



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- Doing W-2's, 1099's, year-end tax documents that are required of us
- Still working on the Sales Tax Application that we have to prove, the expenditures in order to get our infrastructure money
- We have 2 public hearings at next meeting, she asked for input from Trustee St. Germain as she will not be present, if there is anything you are interested in speaking on for that
- Next agenda quite large; items held with 2 people being absent, there are 2 public hearings and plan that there is a lot going on
- A lot of requests for several court dispositions which pulls her away from her normal duties too

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated she spoke with Dep. Mayor Browning on the way here and she has the gusto feistiness still going on. She continued Dep. Mayor Browning wanted everyone to know that she misses you, wished she was here and is thinking of everybody. She added we can pray she gets better and comes back soon.

Trustee Strong: No Report.

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Browning: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Trustee Strong stated he would like to remind everyone the North Syracuse Block Builders, citizens who agreed to help throughout the community, there is a kick-off meeting is Monday, Jan. 27th, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Comm. Ctr. He spoke of one in attendance this evening and if you know of anyone else that is interested, they are always looking for other folks; there are 12 to 15 that have signed up and seemed interested; good start. He continued the Mayor would like to acknowledge the Eagle Review is beginning their new phase of "Mystery in History," so we will all see some eventful, past history articles, photos, etc. He added again the Village historian is helping out with this. He stated a representative from the Census Bureau will be coming to make a small presentation at the next meeting and the importance thereof the Census and how it affects small villages. He continued you will notice we lost our Village Post Office and it now says Syracuse, NY and not North Syracuse; a lot of times even with the plus four through the Postal Service, so small communities can sometimes lose their identities, so it is important that the Census numbers are there for all sorts of funding. He spoke of it being that time of the year to think about hanging planters that brighten our Village. He stated a



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letter will be going out to Village Businesses that are kind enough to help us with donations to make that possible.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 4:46 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk

