The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:28 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Gary Butterfield, Dep. Mayor Browning, Trustee Chris Strong and Trustee Fred Wilmer.

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

**Personnel Absent:** Trustee LouAnn St. Germain.

**Public Hearing #1:** Public Hearing is being held by the Board of Trustees on the question of Local Law #1 of 2020, a local law allowing for modification of the code relating to Electronic Signs Section 240-69 and Section 240-33 (8)a relating to permitted zones, and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. He stated the Board received the new law from Atty. Chatfield that in summary modifies 2 areas of the Code.

The “First” being the R-9 district, specifically churches will now be permitted to have electronic message signs in these areas.

The “Second” being “replacing an existing sign with an electronic sign is exempt from Site Plan Approval as long as the location and original size is maintained, with the change be granted and based on the permit approval process with the Codes Enf. Officer.

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against these changes. The Mayor asked again, if anyone would like to speak for or against these changes being made to our local laws in regarding the signs. He stated there being no one, he will close the public hearing.

**Public Hearing #2:** Public Hearing is being held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the 2020 Funding Request for Community Development Projects in the Village of North Syracuse, and will hear all persons in support of such matters or objections thereto. The Mayor stated we spoke of this at our previous meetings and we currently have (2) areas of interest: One is some more sidewalks and the other is a Gazebo at the Community Center. He asked if anyone would like to speak for or against for or against either. He again asked if anyone would like to speak for or against. He stated with no comment for or against, he closed the public hearing.
RESOLUTION # 015-20

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the minutes from on January 23rd, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 016-20

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of $98,661.37 covering Voucher #993 to Voucher #1,053. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 017-20

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of $36.32 covering Voucher #21. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 018-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer monies to cover shortage due to hiring additional counselor for increase in registrations, this is a good problem! Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2001B Playground Fees Parks to increase A7140.1 Playground Payroll in the amount of $1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 019-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer funds not used in pool payroll to cover costs of Parks Laborer, so she can continue to assist off season projects and events. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A7180.12 Pool Payroll to increase A7110.13 Parks Laborer Payroll in the amount of $735.00. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 020-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)
The Mayor stated the transfer monies to adjust snow equipment maintenance account for new Bombardier tracks machine for repairs needed. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A5110.475 Equipment Maintenance to increase A5142.475 Snow Removal Equip. Mtc. in the amount of $4,400.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Dep. Mayor Browning, and Mayor Butterfield, all voting favor of the same. Trustee Wilmer voted opposed.

**RESOLUTION # 021-20**

The Mayor stated the transfer monies to cover the shifts worked to assist in DWI Prevention. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2615P Police Revenue DWI to increase A3120.143 Police O/T Stop DWI in the amount of $679.26. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Willmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Mayor stated the Board received the detailed breakdown in order to receive VIP monies from the County we need to justify money that they are giving us in categories that qualify. He continued if we do not comply and report the expenditures, we will not receive the money; he asked if anyone had questions. Trustee Strong asked if he could for members of the audience a couple of the items are leaf removal, hauling leaves, DPW stuff, just so folks know what this is going for the sales tax. The Mayor stated we used to just automatically get, now we have to justify the money, so there is categories we are owed and actually spend more than what we get.

**SALES TAX GRANT SUBMITTAL: PROOF OF EXPENDITURES 2019**

The Mayor stated the Board received the detailed breakdown again, there are 7 different components that the County requires of us annually; the largest component is our trash service. He continued these projections allow us to continue to receive our VIP monies. He added Village Public Improvement Projects has increased this year from $612,000 to $708,000; he asked if anyone had any questions.

**SALES TAX GRANT SUBMITTAL: PROJECTIONS FOR 2020**

The Mayor stated the 1st kickoff meeting for the North Syracuse Block Builders, which the name will
not be staying the same, but not sure what it will be; was on Monday, January 27th and it went very well, still looking for more interest from the Community. He continued we have scheduled our next meeting to be on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 PM at the N. Syr. Comm. Ctr. He added Linda Eagan from Fulton who was very instrumental in getting approval to start a program will be in attendance to help us understand the beginning concepts. He explained for the audience that both Fulton and Oswego have started this program and run this program. He added East Syr. is starting it. He stated we are finding a street with some people that want to fix up their front yards, either the front of the house, landscaping, front porch or whatever. He continued grant money has been found to help, the grants are small and the homeowner needs to help as well, but we are talking $500 grant that are a match for the homeowner. He added if you get 4 or 5 people on a block that say they will do it, it is contagious, and then the people across the street say they want that. Dep. Mayor Browning stated the meeting they had in Fulton was phenomenal. Trustee Strong stated there was definitely buzz at the Winter Conference with other Villages that asked us if we were starting, if they could meet with the Mayor afterwards. He shared it was enthusiastic and interesting to the neighbors that showed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 2020 CENSUS: THE IMPORTANCE THEREOF...

The Mayor stated we have all heard about the Census and the importance thereof. He continued he will turn this over to Matthew Vincent from the County to speak on the 2020 Census. Matthew Vincent thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to be here to talk with them about the Census. He stated he was a partnerships specialist; we reach out to the community and work on the count. He wanted them to know that they can help shape the 2020 Census. He continued the Census Bureau is the largest statistical Bureau in the United States and a leading source of data about the nation. He shared they conduct over 130 programs and surveys, such as the American Community Survey, and of course the decennial Census which is his focus here tonight. He spoke of facing many challenges particularly in a diverse and growing population. He stated we estimated we will count 330 million people in 140 million households. He continued their mission is to count everyone once, in the right place; Census is important, safe and easy. He added the Census is mandated by Article 1. §2 of the United States Constitution, it is crucial to our system of representative democracy; the population counts determine the number of house seats each state has, define Congressional and State Legislative Districts, Census counts also help determine the annual allocation $675 billion dollars in federal funding: grants, Medicaid, SNAP, Highway and Roads, all these are allocated by population determined by the Census. He stated Census data provides insights to government, businesses and community groups and provides population benchmarks. He continued Census is safe for anyone to take part in, private
information is never published, and Census Bureau collects information to produce statistical totals only. He added information collected by the Census Bureau cannot be held against responders. He stated Census Bureau employees are sworn to protect confidentiality for life under Title 13. He explained anyone violating Title 13 they are subject to up 5 years in prison or subject to $250,000 fine or both; we take this extremely seriously. He spoke of the Census Bureau having a Cyber Security focus, our data are encrypted and secure, our team possesses the abilities to continually identify, and protect, respond to and recover from all possible Cyber Security treats. He stated the 2020 Census is going to be easier than ever, there are 4 ways to respond: online, by phone, paper forms or people will be visited by enumerators. He stated they only ask your name, age, date of birth, race, Hispanic origin, relationship, tenure and sex; we never ask for your social security number, money or credit card information or anything political. He continued if anyone asks you that kind of information that is a sure sign that they are fraudulent and that is SCAM. He explained they offer the 2020 Census in 12 languages, plus English; that is online and by phone and that assistance covers 99% of all households. He stated in addition we are offering language guides and resources to 59 other languages and we are working with partners to support other language communities, for example in Syracuse, the Burmese Group. He continued they will invite people to respond, on March 12th the 1st invitation to respond will be sent to US households, this will include the options of how to respond, if a household did not receive or lost their code to respond they can respond with their address and the nearest crossroad, two reminders will be sent and then a paper form; those that have not responded will be visited by Census staff. The Mayor asked how they protect from and how we are being protected from scams, especially from the elderly folks. Mr. Vincent stated you can report scams on our website and they encourage everyone to do so; we are also actively looking for those perpetrators scams. He explained in response to his question on how they rule out fraud on the data side is we do that through our process of how we handle the responses; we look for duplicates, we look for nominal responses and we will follow up with those people. Atty. Chatfield asked what the official date for the conclusion of the Census, so that it is accurate as of that date. Mr. Vincent continued we have to have data to the office of the president by December 31st, 2020, so that is our absolute end date. He added we are looking for our operations of ending in mid to late July, but we do have some flexibility there until all are counted. Chief Becker asked if they had a standardized identification card for all your Census takers and asked if he would send him a copy of it. Mr. Vincent continued yes. Chief Becker spoke of social media. Mr. Vincent added they will also follow up.

RESOLUTION # 022-20

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT W/SOLVAY BANK FOR DPW STAKERACK-BUDGETED ITEM

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease purchase agreement with Solvay Bank the DPW Stakerack; this is a budgeted item. He continued the Board is
aware of the replacement of Unit 5 for the DPW; the cost is $54,000 at 2.75%, this lease purchase agreement will be paid annually over 3 yrs. and the payments will be approximately $18,000 per year.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease purchase agreement with Solvay Bank for the DPW Stakerack to be paid annually in 3 payments of approximately $18,000 per year; total cost of $54,000 at 2.75%. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

DISCUSS PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE ENTITY

The Mayor stated as some of you know, our Atty. is looking forward to palm trees, and relaxing in his retirement years, so the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Atty. Chatfield and the Mayor met today with the attorneys they are hoping will be his replacement. He continued Germain and Germain have actually worked with us previously. He added we had a good meeting, so that is our plan to use Germain and Germain for our Attorneys going forward. Atty. Chatfield stated his official date as far as insurance carrier goes is March 17th, but will be around by until March 31st plus or minus and then available by telephone.

RESOLUTION # 023-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR HERITAGE PARK PARKING LOT/PAVING

The Mayor stated the Board has received the specifications today for Heritage Park and he trusted they all have had time to look at them. He continued Parks Director Roth/DPW Sup’t. Ware/ Village Engineer Franco, we received a grant to do the work at Heritage Park, it is going to be a Dog Park that is going to be installed there, plus new paving and we already started on some of it. He continued we need to approve the plans and specs, so we can send it out to bid. He explained once approved the bid opening would be on Tuesday, March 10th at 2 PM and at our Thursday, March 12th Board Meeting we could approve the low bidder. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the specifications for the Heritage Park for the Dog Park, main lot and the Lee Terrance Entrance Parking Lot/Paving. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 024-20

DISCUSS /APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CLEANING SVCS. FOR VILLAGE HALL AND COMM. CTR.

The Mayor stated the Board has received the cleaning specifications prepared by Parks Director Roth. He continued there have been a variety of changes due to the enhancements at Village Hall. He added
as a reminder, this is for cleaning of Village Hall and the Community Center. He stated the bids will open on Tuesday, March 12th, 2020 at 10 AM. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the specifications for Cleaning Svcs. for Village Hall and the Comm. Ctr. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 025-20

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE NY STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

The Mayor stated the Board has received the recommended resolution for Justice Reform; this will be a part of the minutes labeled Exhibit "A". Trustee Wilmer made a motion to request an amendment to the NYS Justice Reform. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 026-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE 2020 COMM. DEV. PROJECT(S) SUBMITTAL

The Mayor stated the Public Hearing was just held and he entertained a motion to apply for the money. Village Engineer Franco stated she spoke with Comm. Dev. today and they have not released the application yet, they are waiting for H.U.D. on their final threshold; they are the ones that approve the grant. She is hoping to hear in the next 2 weeks, so there is some leeway; if you know what you want to do, then we can put it together. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion for purposes of discussion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The Mayor stated the 2 items are the Gazebo outside the Comm. Ctr. or sidewalks. The Mayor stated under our Church/Chestnut St. we are getting our sidewalks done with the exception of way down at the end of Church St. He continued in our last approved Comm. Dev. App. we are getting a sidewalk on Grove St. from Church St. up to the pool; we are pretty good with sidewalks. He stated Rt. 11 is a mess and $50,000 on Rt. 11 is not going too far. The Mayor stated if it were up to him he would like to see the Gazebo up here. Mrs. Franco stated last year they did have on the list Sleeth Park, Sleeth Mill as well, so she does not know if that is something to table. Parks Director Roth stated that was for the walkway to try to incorporate more of a walking concept from all the parks and incorporate Sleeth into it. The Mayor asked when you say Sleeth. Parks Director Roth clarified the walking trail and making some enhancements to the trail, part of that was signage. She explained the map Leon Ilnitzki did to help us years ago, did not tie in certain locations, we wanted to make a loop; we were talking about it making a circle from Heritage to Lonergan, to all the parks. He explained for those who are not aware, we had a walking trail, Blueberry Hill is over there; there is a path in the woods behind Meals on Wheels, that is not well publicized and it needs some work, because it is in the woods and trees have fallen, etc., etc. The Mayor suggested we table this until next meeting. Parks Director Roth stated she had a girl from the Girl Scouts who need to do a big project,
she came to her looking for ideas, she mentioned her designing purposes and whatever; we applied
but did not end up getting it last year and she does not know if she has moved on to a different project.
She continued this would be ideal for something like, a girl scout or someone that has some computer
things to design on a map and the logistics for it too, she can also include in the Budget for someone
to do some work. The Mayor tabled this until meeting. Trustee Strong stated he liked the idea of the
Gazebo, obviously we have Lonergan and a lot of folks are renting out this facility and to him it looks
like an enhancement; you can rent out the building and we have a lot of wedding receptions, bar
mitzvahs, and birthday parties that you can have. He continued now you have any other option, plus
the holiday parade and it is another potential usage there and it is on the South and North Side of the
Village with multiple opportunities. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer,
and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 027-20

DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE INTERMUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT W/TOWN OF CLAY: VIOLATIONS

The Mayor stated we are entitled to fine monies that were generated within the Village, but we were
not getting it. He continued the Village received a letter from the State Comptroller’s Office stating
monies were due the Village from the Town of Clay; this agreement was written to address that and
the Town of Clay has agreed to sign it. Atty. Chatfield explained how alleged Criminal Violations, Zoning
Violations, and Parking Tickets are determined and any fines given as to where the fines are to be paid.
Trustee Strong made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Intermunicipal
Agreement with Town of Clay for Violations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion
was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the
same.

RESOLUTION # 028-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE NEW PART-TIME
POSITION: FIREHOUSE CARETAKER

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the new position for a Part-time Firehouse Caretaker. The
motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong,
Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 029-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE SYRACUSE SIGNALS AGREEMENT:
FEB. 1, 2020 THRU DEC. 31, 2020

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Syracuse Signals Agreement
for Feb. 1, 2020 thru Dec. 31, 2020 at $165 per month for the light at South Bay Rd. and Centerville
Place. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Trustee Strong asked if the payment could be held
until they move their cross arms at Centerville and Main. The Mayor explained it is a totally
different from the county. Trustee Wilmer asked if they had shopped around for a different company. The Mayor stated he did not know he did not know how many companies do signals. He added he is argued why we should pay for it when it is a county road. Atty. Chatfield stated he thinks Syracuse Signals is a particular vendor who through a competitive bidding process through the county was granted a bid contract county wide to maintain the county signals. He added it occurred to him the county are going to be looking for cooperation from the Village in connection with the Sewers; that might be a good time to mention this, at that time too, if it is not otherwise resolved. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 030-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE LOCAL LAW #1 PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC SIGNS

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the adoption of Local Law #1 Pertaining to Electronic Signs. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 031-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE JUSTICE COURT AUDIT FY ENDING 5/31/2019

The Mayor stated the Board has received the Audit and the letter requiring that we submit our audit to the State of New York Unified Court System. He continued this will be our final Audit for the court. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion acknowledging that we indeed have an examination done of the Courts books for FY 5/31/2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 032-20

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2-2020 ALLOWING FOR A PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to set a public hearing to discuss Local Law #2 for 2020 allowing for a Property Tax Cap Override to be held Thursday, March 12th, 2020 at 6:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 033-20

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM CASEY DAUGARD-PPLANNING COMMISSION

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to accept the resignation of Casey Daugard from the Planning
Commission effective 02/13/2020 due to a work conflict. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion took place of some acknowledgement of their service. The Mayor stated they will do something. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESTATEMENT # 034-20

DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CHESTNUT/CHURCH ST. PROJECT

The Mayor stated Board has received the prints to review and have been available at Village Hall. He continued once approved, he opened this up for discussion; the Bid Advertisement will go out on March 4th with a bid opening on March 25th. Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the specifications for the Chestnut/Church St. Project with 3 alternates as specified, subject to modifications contingent upon the changes made by DOT. The Mayor stated they will be pulling the tree removal out of the specs. Mrs. Franco stated the cost goes towards your portion as well. She continued the things that have changed are MWBE; they are different from federal too, because we are some of the Comm. Dev. money, so some of those percentages are different. She added that wording will change in the specs; they still have to meet requirements for that through the money, so if you are going page by page you will know. She added the dates that were provided are also contingent on DOT time frame, so those dates included in the notice to bidders might change, based upon their time frame. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESTATEMENT # 035-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD-APPOINT C. IRICK

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the appointment of Connie Irick to fill the vacancy from the resignation of Casey Daugard on the Planning Commission; effective 02/13/2020 and expiring on 07/01/22. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

RESTATEMENT # 036-20

SURPLUS UNIT #5-2000 FORD STAKERACK-
VIN # 1FDAF57F6YEB30904

Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorize the surplus Unit #5 - 2000 Ford Stakerack with VIN # 1FDAF57F6YEB30904 to send to the auction. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Browning. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.
RESOLUTION # 037-20

DISCUSS/APPROVE TEMPORARY PART-TIME CLERK POSITION

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to approve the appointment of Noel Bensalem for the temporary part-time position for 2 days per week at $18 an hour for 2 months for approximately $2,016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting favor of the same.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated this is an unusual year, in that it cannot be summarized with only legally and safely with 2 digits; you are used to saying 6/13/99, but 6/13/20 could be easily changed to 6/13/2011 or 6/13/2001. He added FYI: write it out every time 2020. Conversation took place on the SEQR requirement for the Heritage Park Project. Parks Director identified that this item was included in the September 13th, 2018 adopted Board Meeting minutes. The Mayor asked when it was going out to bid. Parks Director Roth stated she was emailing it out tomorrow. Atty. Chatfield stated it would have to be done before you award the bid. The Mayor stated we have another Board meeting, and if we find that it was not done at our 4:30 PM meeting, we can do it if necessary.

ENGINEER REPORT: She stated she has the AARP Grant that has come out again which is due April 1st, 2020. She continued it is open and we have applied the last 2 years for it, if you want to think about doing that application again. She added the money is whatever project you want to do; there is not threshold and no designated match number either. She stated Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel had mentioned some murals you were looking at for Village Hall, the DPW; she thinks last year we did the Sleeth Mill Project Application, so just to think about that. Parks Director Roth stated we did the Gazebo under that and she asked if we got any feedback back on why. Mrs. Franco continued because it is AARP Grant they really want the benefit to be community for the 50 and older population, so obviously Sleeth Mill would be good, the Murals would get a lot of benefit, history and memorialization of that. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated we would and get some public involvement. Mrs. Franco suggested thinking about that, they have a little time.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: He stated the following:

- Feb. 4th, in Albany, he attended gathering of N.Y.S. Chiefs of Police Assoc. with 380-400 Chief, law enforcement administrators, and representatives from every D.A. office in the state to discuss concerns regarding recent N.Y.S. Justice Reform Act. Topics discussed: Bail Reform and
unfunded mandate of new Discovery requirements where discussion was productive, State Assemblyman echoed our concerns, but at this time it appears the Majority Leader of the Assembly does not believe removal or reform of this act is acceptable at this time without a much longer review of its effects. Due to his concerns pertaining to both an unnecessary risk to public safety and unneeded monetary impact to the municipality, he will continue to address these concerns with our State representatives and State Assembly.

He would like to take this opportunity to commend Sgt. Jeff Tripp for his continued commitment and dedication to the NSPD community policing outreach programs. Sgt. Tripp has been a leader in Onondaga County law enforcement in promoting the nationally recognized program #9pmRoutine. Every afternoon (even on days scheduled off) Sgt. Tripp creates a slide which depicts the message of the day and posts the message onto our NSPD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Sgt. Tripp took the initiative recently and requested to display the #9pmRoutine through an electronic billboard advertisement firm in Syracuse. At this time there are 9 Electronic Billboards located throughout Onondaga County Displaying Sgt. Tripp’s outreach program. This was accomplished through a donation by the advertisement firm at no cost to the Village of North Syracuse. I have to date received several dozen complements from both citizens and surrounding area law enforcement officers/administrators as to the positive message this programs brings.

So far in February: 412 Total Calls for service, 210 Property Checks, 07 Domestics, 07 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 71 Traffic Stops, 24 Traffic tickets, 04 Arrests

Fire Department: Fire Chief Liberatore stated the following:

- He thanked them for the support of the part-time Firehouse Caretaker position
- Week from Mon. the Association- buying new lockers for the Fire Dept., part of the Cancer Bill stuff, they purchased lockers with air flow and air clean with the carcinogens to get air out of the Firehouse. They will be install and the Association flipped that bill for us
- He thanked Scott for all that he has done for him

Public Works Department: He stated the following:

- Last Friday was a challenge with the amount of snow fall coming down, they fell behind a little bit, but did them cleared and opened; it was coming down fast, heavy and people were getting stuck. Other municipalities were having issues with it as well.
- They have been helping with the Heritage Project as well
- Working on stuff at Village Hall; they have been very busy

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated the following:

- Atlas fence working on the Dog Pk. this week, today finished getting in all the post
• Sending for RFP starting tomorrow for the paving project, hopefully award the bid 1st meeting in March
• Saturday, April 4th is the Easter Egg Hunt
• Sunday, April 5th is the Bunny Breakfast at VFW, big fundraiser for Family Festival
• We faxed in our application for the Earth Day Cleanup Project on Saturday, April 25th, we really need help where residents come and help for 2½ hrs. picking up litter, and clean up in the parks and you are fed well for your efforts
• Saturday, May 23rd Family Festival held at The Gathering Place; we already had 2 meetings planning the Family Festival

Codes Department: He stated the following:
• We are a Smart Energy Community; we took delivery of new Hybrid Ford Explorer last week
• Now Hybrid Ford Explorer has been delivered, can start working on a NYSERDA Grant to offset the cost; asking for entire cost
• Old truck washed, cleaned, and vacuumed out, going to get stickers off, so he and DPW Supt’ Ware can take to auction next week
• NYS Code Report for 2019 was completed and sent in today

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:
She wanted to report the latest financials for this year is looking really good, everything looks in line through December and January will be printed out fairly soon

• She thanked DPW for the wonderful job that they have done at Village Hall with all the improvements that we have had between painting, working around us, but they have done a nice job
• She is excited about the Murals, she spoke with an Artist, who is very involved with public relations and would like to get the public involved; she has some really unique ideas with the snowplow and stuff, for on the Village Hall Garage Area and the other over at the DPW
• Star News had DPW on the front page with the Boy Scouts, it was very nice
• We are going to be upgrading some of the computers at Village Hall that need to be upgraded with the Windows 10 including yours, so that is going to be happening very soon
• The Budgets, she sent out the worksheets and we will see how they come back; soon we will have a 1st model out, then we can see where we are at

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:
Trustee St. Germain: Absent

Trustee Strong: He welcomed back Dep. Mayor Browning and stated how great it was to have her back at the meeting. He also thanked her for suggesting the Newly Elected Official Boot Camp out in Geneva, it was a long day that could have been 3 days, but we tried to complete it in 6 hrs. but learned a lot. He spoke of a nice trip to Albany, the Mayor and he for the Winter Counsel Mayors Meeting. He stated there were a lot of positive notes from Comptroller Dinapoli. Comptroller Dinapoli spoke very highly of Villages, their efficiencies, and how Villages are really that 1st line of defense in bringing you the services to the citizens; hardworking, all the Dept. Heads working with their staff, really bringing you more bang for your buck than any other level of government. Trustee Strong added that was nice to hear, as well as some healthy numbers for the Pensions of not only the Dept. Heads, but the workers, and public employees; so he spoke very highly which also trickles to helping Villages and Cities as well. He shared he spoke very highly of that, continued praise, and much discussion and the Discovery Law echo what Chief Becker had mentioned. He stated across the state having number issues with Bail Reform Discovery, they are hoping for some common sense changes which law enforcement and the D. A. are pushing for as well as citizens. He continued there should be some case law challenges forth coming to challenge some aspects of those, so we will keep you posted and he is sure the Chief will keep you posted as well.

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Browning: She stated while she has been kept home she got a two or three complaints on the telephone for Sup’t. Ware’s Dept., DPW. She continued she thinks if they watched the news like she watched the televisions over and over, everybody in the county had trouble plowing the roads, everybody had complaints. She added our complaints and as she understands, and correct me if I am wrong, your plow drivers; a lot of them got out and helped people get out of their driveways. DPW Sup’t. Ware stated they pushed out, either into a drive way or out of a driveway approximately 24 people. Dep. Mayor Browning stated there is what took a lot of time. DPW Sup’t. Ware continued that took time, people parked in the roads to clean their driveway and we had to wait for them to come to move a vehicle into the driveway, and then clean them out. Dep. Mayor Browning continued from what she heard sitting in her chair, they did a tremendous job. She asked him to thank them all from all of us. She also thanked everyone for her support.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor stated he was happy to acknowledge the Eagle Review is beginning their new phase of “History Mystery”, so hopefully we can contribute to that. He continued we sent out the annual letters to all the businesses for them to contribute to the flowers. He spoke of having lots of compliments on
the flowers that are hanging around the Village. He added then there is a lot of volunteer work, because those have to be watered constantly. He stated he knows the DPW folks sometimes hear, "what are you doing, it is raining out," but even when it is raining they do not get enough water. He continued they are nice looking flowers, he gets a lot of compliments; it is a nice looking Village. He stated Trustee Strong pretty much headlined the meetings in Albany, it was good, a lot of stuff we listened to; it was packed with too much information, but you filtered it out, there were some good points. He stated the Village Hall is closed on Monday for Presidents Day. The Police Dept. remains open.

The Mayor stated he would like to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss some insurance issues and some personnel issues. He continued we will not be making any decisions when we come back out.

Dep. Mayor Browning made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. The motion was seconded by Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning all voting in favor of the same.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to return to Regular Session at 9:05 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning all voting in favor of the same.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee Strong, Trustee Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Browning, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk
VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: 1-26, 13th, 2020

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RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO NEW YORK STATE’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS
02/13/2020

WHEREAS while there was a need to reform New York’s criminal justice status during the 2019 state legislative session, it is widely recognized that several of the drastic changes in the laws pertaining to discovery are overly broad and vague and are having unintended consequences at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS the dramatically shortened time period in which prosecutors must disclose evidence to defendants and the broad expansion of the matters to which such discovery mandates apply will have significant cost, tax and justice implications for cities and villages with police departments, local justice courts or code/parking enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS the discovery reforms mandate prosecutors disclose evidence to the defense within 15 days or arraignment for criminal charges (even if the defendant is not in custody); and

WHEREAS drastically enlarging the scope of material that a prosecutor must review and deliver within 15 days will overwhelm the ability of city and village officials and employees to prosecute cases while managing their misdemeanor and felony caseloads, and will make it impossible to prosecute vehicle and traffic and local code infractions and violations in compliance with the new discovery mandates; and

WHEREAS arraignment must now take place within 20 days of desk appearance ticket issuance, thereby requiring justice courts, many of which convene monthly, to meet more frequently; and

WHEREAS cities and villages will not reap savings from the bail reform’s reduction of the burden on county jails; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already challenged with operating within the now-permanent 2% tax cap and have not received an increase in general purpose state aid in 11 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of North Syracuse supports the following set of amendments proposed by the New York State Conference of Mayors that are consistent with the intent of the criminal justice reforms but which will allow for more effective and affordable implementation:

- Ensure that cities and villages are provided with additional financial and operational support to offset the cost of these mandated measures;
- Allow 60 days for prosecutors to disclose evidence to the defense for criminal charges;
- Exclude from the accelerated discovery requirements any charge not involving a misdemeanor or felony;
- Adjust the 20-day arraignment requirement to accommodate local courts that meet on a monthly basis;
- Allow prosecutors to withhold sensitive information, such as victim contact information, without having to obtain a court order.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this duly adopted resolution of the Village of North Syracuse be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Rachael May and Assembly Member Al Stirpe, the New York State Conference of Mayors, and local media outlet.