The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:29 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield introducing Girl Scout Troop #10155 and asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Gary Butterfield, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong and Trustee Fred Wilmer.

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

**Personnel Absent:** Dep. Mayor Browning, and Fire Chief Robert Liberatore.

Mayor Butterfield stated he received a call earlier in the week that Dep. Mayor Browning is resigning from the Board due to health issues. He continued he will be making an appointment early in April, but we appreciate her service. He added she felt it was in the best interest of her and the Village that she resigns.

**Public Hearing #1:** Public Hearing is being held by the Board of Trustees on the question of the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2020, a local law allowing for a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. The Mayor stated this allows us since we have been mandated by the state of New York not to exceed a 2% Tax Cap each year. He continued the official percentage this year is 1.78%. He explained if our Budget comes in over that we would be in trouble if we do not pass this Local Law allowing us to exceed the Tax Cap. He stated so anybody that would like to speak for or against please come to the microphone and give us your opinion. He asked again, if anyone would like to speak for or against. He asked another time, if anyone would like to speak for or against and with no response closed the hearing.

**RESOLUTION # 047-20**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27th, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 048-20**

**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**
Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of $137,488.95 covering Voucher #1117 to Voucher #1186. 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 # 049-20

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of $36.32 covering Voucher #22. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 050-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer of money rec’d from Insurance Company was to pay for repairs to Village Truck. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2680 Insurance Recoveries to increase A3120.27 DPW Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of $2,749.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 051-20

AARP GRANT: DUE BY APRIL 1, 2020-MURALS, BLUEBERRY HILL/SLEETH/MEALS ON WHEELS/SIGNAGE

The Mayor stated the Board has decided that we will attempt to get a grant for our plan to connect all the parks, to improve signage, a map; we can go Park to Park. He continued also to improve the Parks that is over by Sleeth Park that has trails in the woods and not a lot of people know about it, so we are hoping with this grant, they will have better information and access. Trustee St. Germain made a motion authorizing the submittal for a grant for this Blueberry/Sleeth Trail. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

UPDATE ON THE NYSESDA GRANTS: CLEAN COMMUNITY/ENERGY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Mayor stated NYSESDA stands for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the last thing that we did was purchase an electric vehicle, so we are now a Clean Energy
Community. He continued that we will retry to recoup some monies towards the new electric codes vehicle. He added we have had it about month and it is all lettered up, so you will see it around the Village; this was just by way of information.

UPDATE ON THE REMOVAL OF DUPLICATE POLES ON CHESTNUT STREET

The Mayor stated last year National Grid put new poles in, moved all their wiring on to the new poles; now what is left is the communications wiring on the old poles. He continued we are going to be repaving Chestnut St. /Church St.; we have made contact with the people that are responsible to move the poles and hopefully it happens in a timely fashion. He added we have told them we are going to be in a hurry, because construction will be starting this summer on the work and they need to get them out of the way. He stated the DPW Sup’t. and he have been in contact with the right people; they tell us it is going to happen.

RESOLUTION # 052-20
UPDATE ON THE CHESTNUT ST./CHURCH ST. PROJECT

The Mayor stated after 2½ yrs. we are ready to bid the project out and if everything works we will bid the project out on Wednesday, April 15th at 11 AM, it will be a month prior to that when we start to advertise the bids. He continued we are hoping after the review, the Board can award to the lowest bidder at their April 23rd, Board Meeting. Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorizing the specifications to go out to bid with a bid opening date of Wednesday, April 15th at 11 AM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

DISCUSS ENGINE 6: REHAB APPROVED
FD224/PAINTING FD 225

The Mayor stated the Engine 6 Rehab for the Fire Dept. has been approved by the Board. He continued the painting of FD225 has not been approved, and await additional quotes.

NEW BUSINESS:

GIRL SCOUT TROOP RECOGNITION: PLANTER BOXES AT THE COMM. CTR.

The Mayor stated Girl Scout Troop #10155 is here and they are going to explain to us what they are going to do for the Village. Co-leader Lindsey Caniso and several of the Girls Scouts from Girl Scout
Troop #10155 shared they have been involved in the following: Memorial Day Parades, had given paper flowers to the Veterans, supported their community by participating in the Earth Day Cleanup, planting flowers at Sleeth, a smaller park and the Comm. Ctr. over the years. Ms. Caniso stated they are proposing to replace the flower boxes in the front of the Comm. Ctr. and plant flowers in them. The Mayor thanked them.

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE TREE REMOVAL WORK ON CHURCH ST. AND GROVE ST.**

The Mayor stated the Board is aware in order to continue on with our project we need to have trees cut down prior to the Chestnut/Church St. project; and because of the fairly new law, we cannot cut any trees after April 1st. He continued this was supposed to be part of the project, but the project will not start before then, so we want to make sure we get the trees cut down; before the cutoff date. He added they have gotten 3 prices, but there is one glitch in that we did not get prevailing rate pricing. He asked DPW Sup’t. Ware if he had gotten those prices yet. DPW Sup’t. Ware stated he has gotten 1 and should have the other 2 by Monday morning. He stated that is informational.

**RESOLUTION # 053-20 DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE /AWARD THE CLEANING BID TO IMMACULATE COMMERCIAL CLEANING**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorizing the Mayor to accept and sign the bid that is for $1,000 monthly for the Comm. Ctr. and $550 monthly for the Village Hall/Police Area to be review each year and can be approved each year for up to 5 years consecutive years. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

**ANNOUNCEMENT: DOT OPEN HOUSE MEETING 03/18/2020-PAVING PROJECT RT. 11 IN VILLAGE**

The Mayor announced on Wednesday, 03/18/2020 the DOT is holding an Open House from 4 PM - 6 PM at the Comm. Ctr. downstairs. He stated in the year 2021, Rt. 11 is going to be repaved. He continued any questions or concerns he would encourage anyone who wants to give their input to show up.

**ANNOUNCEMENT: ARBOR DAY REPRESENTING NOPL AS THE LOCATION-APRIL 24TH, 2020**

The Mayor the next item on the agenda is the Arbor Day recognition. He continued for those of you
that do not know we are a Tree City; we are a Tree Village and have been for 30 years. Pat Fergerson stated we have been since the first Arbor Day Celebration in 1988, 1989 we were recognized and every year since then. She continued so Arbor Day is on Friday, April 24th, 2020 at 12:30 PM across the street at the Library. She added they have a stretch of plantings with no plantings, the DPW will be planting a tree, and the NOPL Director will be part of the program; she invited everyone to attend. Mrs. Fergerson thanked Parks Director Roth for doing the plaque, DPW Sup't. Ware for planting the tree, and the Mayor for doing the proclamation, and everybody else who participates.

ANNOUNCEMENT: NORTH SYRACUSE MAIN ST. SCHOOL MEETING: PLAYGROUND INSTALL SUMMER 2020

The Mayor stated we have another announcement: up the street a way there is Main Street School and the playground is 29 years old. He continued there is a teacher named Cheri Rotelli who wants a new playground installed before she retires, so she has taken it upon herself to get some plans, pricing; do some fundraising and she has come to the Village to ask for our support in her effort. He added Main Street School has 300 Pre-K students and some are special needs, so the playground is going to be fully Handi-cap accessible. He stated they have gotten some grants and they are looking for the Community to help finish Project Help. He continued he it is kind of exciting, he has seen the plans, and Parks Director Roth has been in on the meeting with us. Parks Director Roth add it is really nice, with all the porous surface material, and it is definitely going to be a bonus for a lot of the physically challenged kids, to be able to play on it like every other child. The Mayor added it is during the day, school hours; it is for the school and after that for the general public.

RESOLUTION # 054-20

DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE/AWARD PAVING PROJECT AT HERITAGE

The Mayor stated the plans and the specifications have gone out, the bids have come in, and most were higher than anticipated. He continued Parks Director Roth has reached out to the low bidder and asked them to value engineer the project, so they did and came back with a lower number. He added they came up with a budget with a total cost for the project. He stated we are putting in a Dog Park, the fencing is done, the paving; and there are some other amenities. He continued the reduced cost for the paving is $114,503 and we have $104,000 in our Budget. Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Salt City Paving for $114,503 knowing that we will have to transfer monies of $10,000 from somewhere else to cover the shortfall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Parks Director Roth stated there is $104,000 left in the Budget, and yes that will be put toward the paving, but she wanted the Board to be aware there are still a couple of other items that are a part of the project that it still will not cover. She continued at the end of the Budget year, whether we take from the Fund Balance, she is putting some things into next year’s Budget hoping
that we can still finish. She added for example: the playground equipment has been totally taken out, we have not decided whether we are going to change the sidewalk at all, the $104,000 and the additional $10,000 will cover the paving; there is still more money that is going to be needed to completely finish it. She stated some signage and stuff like that, but otherwise she has found money in her Budget to cover, so that the main items are done. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 055-20**

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DASNY POLICE GRANT $125,000**

The Mayor stated we received the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) Police Grant for $125,000 and he asked the Police Chief to explain. Police Chief Becker stated this is for the interactive camera system that is currently still with the Syracuse Police Dept. and the Village of Solvay. He continued basically it is $125,000 each year and the funding looks good for all three years. He added it will set a corridor of camera systems throughout Rt.11, South Bay Rd., Church St. and Chestnut St. for a certain distance. He explained the cameras also have audio capability, so they can detect fireworks and gun fire and tell the difference between the two, they can granulate and tell you exactly where it is coming from; they can tell you when glass is breaking, alarms going off, car alarms, house alarms, they record 24 hours a day. He stated they are not speed cameras or to detect cars running intersections or anything of that nature, they are just for crime prevention and public safety. He continued we are looking at starting year 1 with a 10-camera system, and then it will expand by 10 cameras each year for a total of 30. Trustee Strong made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign any documents relating to this grant. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 056-20**

**DISCUSS/ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2- TO OVERRIDE THE TAX CAP**

The Mayor stated we had the Public Hearing earlier and we had no input. Trustee Wilmer made a motion adopting Local Law #2 the ability to override the 1.78% Tax Cap if we need to. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved with Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Strong, and Trustee Wilmer, all voting favor of the same.

**CITIZENS’ VOICE:** The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board. Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Drive asked why Village public services have recently gone down having to do with leaf and brush pickup, stuff being left in the road and spoke of snow issues. Trustee St. Germain stated maybe you are seeing a longer span of time for each season; she means that they are picking up leaves even when the snow is on top of them.
David Sturgis, owner of Dog Daze at 309 S. Main St. stated since the front of his store was switched from black top to grass, his store floods all the time causing him to lose product, has to replace rugs and stuff like that; it is costing him money. He continued the drain does not keep up with it, the drain comes from both sides of the road, it drains into one area into the drain and has to go underneath the road to the other drain. He stated he had spoken with someone who stated they were going to change the drain system out to put a bigger grate in and nothing ever got fixed. The Mayor stated he did not know who told him they were going to put in a different drain, he has been there several times and he knows and understands you have got a problem. He continued the pipe going under the road does not have the capacity when there is a heavy rain. The Mayor explained to him Rt. 11, that is a state road and the Village does not have any control over that. He stated as he spoke about the meeting next week on Wednesday, they would be better able to address the issue. The Mayor continued when it was paved it was still flooded, so it is an ongoing issue. The Mayor added our engineering firm has been there several times and this was part of a Save the Rain Project was kind of under the gun and had to do some of this green infrastructure. Village Engineer Brian Bouchard stated he drove by it the other day, the rain had stopped by the time that he had stop there, so it was not evident exactly where the water was going. He was trying to determine: if it is purely road water that is coming down that small slope or if it is also maybe a combination of the water coming out of the parking lot, if the water just misses the drain when the building floods; it sounds like it is when the drain is actually surcharging. He added it is probably a combination of pipe size, and debris that is in the pipe. Mr. Sturgis stated the sidewalk is a hazard when people are walking, the drain is all busted up and is pushing up everything; they cut the black top and it is all cracking, and now you have no unity. Mr. Bouchard stated reducing the pervious area helps with drainage, any water that is going to fall now will be absorbed better than it would have, but maybe the direction of the water is a little. The Mayor stated we are not totally walking away, but it is beyond our ability to do anything with the pipe and that is his belief that is the main problem is a passing problem, now if the pipe is plugged up or it is plugged up on the other side of the road, and does not drain away fast enough that is an issue; but that is a state road. DPW Sup’t. Ware stated he believed that is part of the project that is coming up for 2021 is doing something with the storm drains; it might be beneficial to come to that meeting and talk to them about the size of the pipe and the issue. Trustee Strong stated he was there just before you got there to see some of the heavier rain collecting and overwhelming the system. He continued it is certainly an opportunity to make improvements as DPW Sup’t. Ware has recommended and as the Mayor pointed out, we could at least look at a temporary things, maybe a barrier that might be able to help divert some of that away from, at least the front door, and what is able to leak through at the front door area to help save some product or at least block some of the carpet, the initial vestibule. He added no one is going to put in top of the line carpet there, because you are going to get some water no matter what, but inside the building proper there is a chance on the outside of the building that you could look at the engineering and maybe there are other places in the Village; there is another opportunity for temporary down the road. He stated at the Department Head meeting this was an agenda item that we discussed probably
25 minutes about yourself and some of the other businesses and a way to potentially look at this and then to open it up to Citizens Voice, the attorney mentioned there was something that the Village Businesses could bring to the 2021 meeting of the DOT is having that may help, if there is a statute that helps. Atty. Chatfield stated there is a statute that places responsibility on municipalities that increase the elevation of highways, if the result of that elevation should change as to redirect flow on to private property, so you may want to make a phone call to your lawyer and see whether those statutes would give you some additional leverage in terms of the injuries that you are incurring. about yourself and some of the other businesses and a way to potentially look at this and then to open it up to Citizens Voice. The Mayor stated he knows that there is a little retaining wall that comes out by your door, but that is on his property and we cannot go on it; we cannot do any work there. Mr. Sturgis continued it comes right up over that. Trustee Wilmer asked if the DPW could run the sewer jet down through there, just to make sure it is open. He continued to say not the first one drain, but the second on where it goes out there by Millen Dr. on the other side of the road, all the way and cross over Rt. 11. to make sure that hole is not isolated. DPW Sup’t. Wilmer agreed with the Boards approval, it is state owned and he worries about getting stuck in there and create more of an issue. The Mayor stated they would discuss it more off line.

Mark DeWolf of 26 Lee Terrace stated you are going to be putting in that Dog Park and more traffic in that park, he suggested looking at the dead trees and things that are in there. He continued the last few wind storms we have had there have been an awful lot of dead limbs have falling in there. He continued a lot of people are going to be using it, you might want to look at that and some of the underbrush needs to be cleaned out too; just for public safety sake. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen’s Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated you are all aware of the notice of claim that was recently filed, but that is sorting its way out. He congratulated the Girl Scouts; he loves to see young people take interest in and perhaps potentially get involved in local government. He continued it is the one area where you can really have a direct and immediate effect on your community. He suggested they think about it and may want to volunteer to sit on one of these Boards when they become adults; we are always looking for people that want to help.

ENGINEER REPORT: He wanted to recognize the Girls Scouts for coming. He explained this is very important, the ladies and gentlemen that sit up here have a lot of work to do, without civic participation none of that would really get done, and the things that you see going on in the Village would not get done either. He added as you all get older, not only you, but the rest of the Village are going to drive by these and be able to see them, so it is really an improvement that betters the entire Village, so he commended them for coming and having that type of participation in the Village is really good; thank you. He continued the list of things Mrs. Franco left with him were previously on the
agenda, the AARP Grant which we decided upon, as well as the bid date for the Chestnut St. project which is moving forward. He stated we picked the 15th at 11 AM in hopes that it would be early enough to award the project on the 23rd, this should be within our realm to turn the documents around quick enough as possible, but it still does need to go to the DOT unfortunately for their final review, so the intent would be to award it at the April meeting as soon as possible, but we are still hanging on to whatever approvals would be needed through the bids results through the DOT as well, so that is the Chestnut St. project. He continued if Mrs. Franco cannot make the DOT meeting at the Comm. Ctr. maybe he can, just mentioning to them the drainage issues potentially that are existing with the businesses, but also some of the improvements that we have done as a Village particularly the Main St. improvements that we have added a lot of green infrastructure and pervious pavers along Rt.11 and Chestnut St. He spoke of the bow retention areas that he would hate to have them repave this and not have those function, the typical detail is to have a 1-inch driveways, so that the DOT themselves is carrying their drainage to their usually in board catch basins. He stated in our case we would want the curb scoffers that you see for allowing the water to come off the road and actually enter those planted areas and infiltrate, we would want to make sure that they pave up to those properly which is higher, if not flush to those curb sites scoffers so; we can put a memo together and send that to the DOT as well, so it is not something that goes unnoticed within the areas we need it too. He went on to say he did have the Dog Daze on his list as well, so we talked about it and if there is any other direction from the Board or meetings that he can attend, he drives by it all the time, so if there is anything else you would like us to do, we can take a look at.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

- March 7th, they had a road rage incident that occurred on Rt. 11 ending up in front of Maines Plaza, where a 54 yr. old victim was stabbed in his vehicle. On March 10th, we identified the suspect from the incident and he has been charged with Assault 2nd, Criminal possession of a weapon 4th which are both felony complaints. He is a 15 yr. old subject who resides in the City of Syracuse and was a passenger in the vehicle in question.

- So far in March: 329 Total Calls for service, 163 Property Checks, 6 Domestics, 1 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 61 Traffic Stops, 19 Traffic tickets, 9 Arrests

**Fire Department:** Absent.

**Public Works Department:** He stated the following:
We have been gearing up for the early spring, getting our equipment ready; we have older equipment that does not work as well as it used to. We are picking up leaves. Last big storm we had some issue with our equipment and the rate of the snowfall that we had; he thinks he is guys are doing a good job. He spoke with Gary Wilmer, he is out of the hospital, but before he went in the hospital he came in his office and stated things were going smoothly.

Parks and Recreation Department: She stated the following:
- Sat., April 4th - Easter Egg Hunt for Village youth 11 yrs. and under, it is free, held at Centerville Pk.; call to sign up to allow us to coordinate gift bags, arrive here at 10 AM
- Sun., April 5th the Bunny Breakfast at VFW from 8 AM to Noon, open to anyone, that is our big fundraiser for the Family Festival
- Sat., April 25th, Earth Day Cleanup Project, looking for residents and volunteers from 9 AM to 11:30 AM, Twin Trees sponsoring pizza, Home Depot sending group and providing supplies, and Girl Scout Troop # 10155. She thanked them for their years of service and help, participating in the parades, it is a please having you host your meeting and hopes that will continue.
- Our office is busy planning the festival
- Sat., May 23rd Family Festival held at The Gathering Place
- We have booked all the summer concert bands and are working on the food vendors
- Summer hiring is on as well, waiting to hear who will be returning over the next week

Codes Department: No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:
- She thanked the Board for approving the emergency purchase of the server, it has been very sluggish and we have not had successful backups for the past couple or three weeks. There were a couple of issues with that the Windows 7, the new Discovery is taking up some space, and then we have had things remaining on our server that we just recently took them off.
- She mentioned the meeting that was held with the Block Builders, they are working on a logo now for that; for those of you that are not aware it is a newly formed organization that the Mayor was very interested in, and we have had 2 meetings now. She explained that they are going to try to get some grant monies to concentrate on the front of a few houses on every street; basically, it is the homeowner who may want to add shutters, paint their stoop or railings or whatever. She stated we will have grant opportunities that would be a 50/50 match for them and that is kind of exciting. She continued Noel has done some art work for the signage and
stuff like that.

- She hopes to have definitive numbers for the Budget next week

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee St. Germain:** She thanked the Girl Scouts for coming, they did a good job and helping with the pledge. She also stated she likes to see Citizens come all the time; it is nice to have a full house to participate. She cannot wait to see what they do with the new planters and if she comes to the parade, she wants someone to through her some candy.

**Trustee Strong:** He stated he is looking forward to seeing how the flower boxes turn out and he cannot wait to work with you. He spoke of working with the CEO Johnstone on the Fire Dept. end, reminding everyone the “burn ban” starts March 16th through May 14th for the Village and any contracted districts the Village works with. He spoke of meeting with Mayor Butterfield earlier today and as we look at our little piece of the world in North Syracuse, as we step back and looking at Onondaga Cty., NYS; and then to go a little further and look outside of NYS, things that are going on in the world and certainly not meant as a piece of panic or to bring up a topic that everyone is monitoring. He continued the overwhelming with social media, but we want to let you know that your local government is aware, educating themselves, further programs and policies are already in place through the Village for the COVID-19 known as the Corona Virus. He added as things ramp up in the United States, as early as this morning the Mayor is getting information from the County, they are doing Facebook live messages which are being monitored not only by the Mayor’s Office; but from the Deputy Chief of the Fire Dept. for any good suggestions or best practices as we see this hitting other hot zones, as they are labeling it through the CDC across the world, we want you to know we are looking at it. He wanted to get out that we do take seriously the continuity of government, not only the Trustees, Clerk-Treasurer, Dept. Heads, but all of our employees and the Mayor. He continued when people are asking what the Village is doing, how are they prepped and prepared. He explained we are looking at what the current plans are, not only the Emergency Operations Plans which a are for tornadoes, flooding; loss of power, but they also have a section in there for pandemic issues. He added these have been seen in the past, you can utilize these plans with tweaks, the preparedness; and resilience of a small community working with its partners. He stated we have the Town of Clay, Town of Cicero, Cty. Government through the Health Dept. putting out their best practices with what people should be doing; canceling large events above 500 people with some exceptions. He continued to elaborate on this COVID 19 locally, nationally and globally. He continued to let you know the Village is part of the Incident Command System; Chief Becker is well in tune with the Command System from the Law Enforcement side of things, the Fire Dept., the DPW is a significant partner as well as the Parks and the Codes. He added Codes has a certain set of teeth for that and the Clerk-Treasurer on the financial part of that, so your Board is aware and taking on an active role in making sure that we have some information here, we do have the EOC at
the Firehouse. He stated he went over and met with past Chief Brennan to look where we were at Operational Readiness for some of the Village facilities. He continued that we need to make sure that we have continuing operations with Syracuse Haulers. He spoke of Loretto Housing being one of the highest per capita in the county for elderly population, they are residents and they are our citizens, we need to be looking out for them as well amongst everyone. He spoke of physical leadership; we are here and will be out there, the Mayor will be making the press statements if anything comes through the Village. He stated we do have a Village Website so monitor that, a Facebook and Instagram account, email and phone tree with the employees, so we can let all your employees know what you are thinking about, should we get to that point, not in a face of panic, but know that we are thinking of these things and being prepared for our most valuable asset which truly is our personnel, every one of our staff as we work for the citizens of the Village.

Trustee Wilmer: He thanked the Girl Scouts for pitching in with the work that they do.
Dep. Mayor Browning: Absent.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor stated every year in the Village we put up flowers, everyone seems to enjoy them and we send out letters to the Businesses of our Village; we have gotten a good response every year. He continued we have almost matched last year’s donations and he thinks that we will probably match them again. DPW Sup’t. Ware stated we ordered the flowers a week and a half ago, he does not know the exact time line we put them out, but it takes at least a month to get them going. The Mayor stated so we are going to have flowers, and for those of you who ask why they are watering flowers when it is raining, they have to because the rain does not give them enough water. DPW Sup’t. Ware continued so we actually have to push the water and get it into the coconut fiber that is holding them together. The Mayor stated the whole Corona Virus issue; we as a Village are here to serve you, so for us it is business as usual and he encouraged the people that were there to wash their hands, wash their hands, wash their hands; that is all you can do, we do not know what is coming next. He thanked the Girl Scouts for their participation and for hanging in there with us through all our discussion. He stated and you have learned a little bit about local government.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. 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
# VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** 3/12/2020

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