



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 27th, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

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, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Fred Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, and Fire Chief Patrick Brennan.

Personnel Absent: Trustee Chris Strong (Work Conflict), Police Chief William Becker (Absent), Parks Director Teresa Roth (Vacation), CEO Brian Johnstone (Absent), Village Attorney Robert Germain (Absent) and Amy Franco Village Engineer (Absent).

RESOLUTION # 152-20

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13th, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 153-20

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #07 in the amount of \$58,125.89 covering voucher #292 to #355. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 154-20

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #07 in the amount of \$36.61 covering Voucher #2. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 155-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer to help cover the cost of the "Holy Shirts"-Disk Golf. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3389U Walmart Grant Police to increase A3120.479 Police Safety Walmart in the amount of \$250. The motion was seconded by



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Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 156-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer money for additional Cyber Security Coverage. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A9040.8 Workers Comp. to increase A1910.437 Cyber Security Coverage in the amount of \$2,043. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 157-20

VACANCY: ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS-J. KEYES

The Mayor stated we have a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, we have found someone who is interested, Jacklyn Keyes. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made motion to authorize the appointment of Jacklyn Keyes to the Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals with a term effective thru 07/01/2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Wilmer Abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 158-20

CICERO TAX ROLL CORRECTION-TIME WARNER

The Mayor stated the Cicero Tax Roll Correction Timewarner-Spectrum, this has been an ongoing credit we give to Timewarner based on in return we receive approximately \$80,000 in revenues to the Village generated through their service to the Village Residents. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize an exemption to the Village Tax due \$1,413.09. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 159-20

CLAY TAX ROLL CORRECTION-TIME WARNER

The Mayor stated the Clay Tax Roll Correction Timewarner-Spectrum, this has been an ongoing credit we give to Timewarner based on in return we receive approximately \$80,000 in revenues from the Town of Clay to the Village generated by their service to the Village Residents. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize an exemption to the Village Tax due of \$1,558.33. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson,



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all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 160-20

**REVIEW/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN RELEASE
AGREEMENT: 517/519 S. MAIN ST.**

The Mayor stated he needs authorization to sign a release agreement for 517/519 S. Main St., we have agreed to do a little work there and the owner has offered to sign a release, because of the work we will be doing. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a release agreement for 517/519 S. Main St. for work being done. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee Wilmer asked what was going on there. The Mayor explained that was part of the Save the Rain Project a few years ago, and that is the Unfinished Furniture and we took out pavement and put grass in there. He stated and on the right side as you are standing there, after we did it, he stated that you blocked one of my properties; there are 3 different properties and he has a trailer that he parks in the back. The owner stated that he cannot get his trailer out of there, it has been 2 or 3 yrs. ago that we did and he has kept after us and came after us legally and this is the settlement. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

CITIZENS' VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that wished to share concerns or thoughts to address the Board.

Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St. stated tonight she is Chairman of the Board for the Housing Authority the vacancy that has been created by Mrs. Browning resignation has been filled. She continued we are appreciative for Ms. Kufel accepting the position to complete her term as Commissioner.

Vera Desimone of 304 Belmore Dr. she wanted to take the opportunity and thought that Parks Director Roth was going to be here, and she is not. She continued she wanted it on record to thank Parks Director Roth for all she has done for the past 15 yrs., she has been a great asset to the Village and we are certainly going to miss her.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. he spoke of Church St. being finish and asked what those bike things are in the middle of the road. The Mayor explained they are identification and bikes are legal on the road, we did not have enough room for a specific bike lane. Mr. Ryan asked if that meant a bike could ride down the middle of the road at any time. The Mayor continued absolutely, he would be careful if on a bike; we are trying to discourage them from riding on the sidewalks. Mr. Ryan asked if they are going to do the same to Chestnut St. The Mayor added yes. Mr. Ryan asked about the Poles on Chestnut St. and what the delay was with Verizon to do their work. The Mayor stated he cannot

answer that, it was not for a lack of effort on our part, many emails were sent, they did not hold up



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the project. Mr. Ryan asked if we are preparing for leafing season, so we do not have the problems as in past years. DPW Sup't Ware stated they are ready to go with 1 box as a total unit whether we run 1 or 2; we still will get the job done. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Absent

ENGINEER REPORT: Absent

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker): Absent.

Fire Department: (Fire Chief Patrick Brennan) He stated the following:

- Today 9 service calls; he thanked DPW Sup't Ware the support for the maintenance they are doing right now
- 3 Bunk ins at the Station, OCC back in session
- NYS inspections on our Apparatus, there are requisitions for signatures; Engine 4 failed inspection, got 2 quotes and asked yesterday for another option, they are within \$100 of each other, taking it apart potential of saving \$1,200; if cracked when apart, then have to replace it. Will do in house what we can, DPW Sup't Ware is helping us with what we can do, then outside vendor with what we cannot; some is vendor specific, in this case the aerial
- Designation of space to do in house has worked our really well with minimal cost
- Issue with OSHA/PESH on the Rescue was resolved yesterday; swing gate up there meets the protection, he offered pictures of it or invite to stop by, big win for fire dept.

Public Works Department: (DPW Sup't.: Ed Ware) He stated the following:

- Working on storm drains and doing some patch when we have enough manpower
- Equipment maintenance on Police, Fire and our own equipment
- We are busy and we are going to be losing a man very shortly
- We are in decent shape for the upcoming season

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Teresa Roth) No Report. Absent.

Codes Department: (CEO: Brian Johnstone) No Report. Absent.

Clerk-Treasurer: She stated the following:

- Working on closing books and the audit is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8th



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- Few changes with GASBY, there are some different things that we have to do with that.
- Working on processing payments for the TAP Grant for the construction project that is going on here in the Village
- Also working on follow-up of the DASNY Grant for the Police Dept. that started when Steve Rotunno time was here, to get reimbursed for that
- Working on the interview process for the Parks Director
- We have received a couple of surveys in reference to the pandemic, different questions as to how much revenue we have lost, if we are doing any furloughs, when we put a stop on any overtime

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated she had a couple things with what Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated, with what are going to do with people with furloughs with jobs or whatever. She continued we are in this small wonderful Village; we are blessed with a bunch of 1st responders with our own DPW, Fire Dept., and Police Dept. She thought with all that is going on the bad, being upset, the election year, we need to bring ourselves back to just remember that we are lucky. She continued there might be some things that we do not like or think that could be done better, but we are doing what we can do and we are all here and we are all running towards, we are not running away from, so if we just keep that in the forefront we will be O.K.

Trustee Strong: No Report. (Absent).

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated the Chestnut St. they are waiting for sidewalks to be poured, once the sidewalks are poured they may have to rise up a couple of manholes and then they are going to pave. He continued after they pave there is line striping and plant some trees, and then our project will be done. He added it has been a long time coming, but so nice and even with the pavement mill, it is better than what it was and it is noticeably wider. He stated we have another project that is coming on Grove St. from Church St. up to just a little past Kennedy Park. He continued that is going to be new sidewalks, so it is a good thing and it will have a curb and it is going to be wider to meet the new code, so that is another project coming up. He added we also have a crosswalk in the works that Dep. Mayor Gustafson is working on, so we are anxious to see that. He spoke of Election Day being



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November 3rd, and that will be here before you know it. He stated he heard a blurb about the Census on the radio and they are still counting until September 30th, he thought maybe we could put on our Village Signs, make sure you are counted, because an accurate count potentially helps the Village.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

