

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 24th, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 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 Chris Strong, Trustee Fred Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Personnel Absent: Parks Director (Vacant), Police Chief William Becker (Absent), and Amy Franco Village Engineer (Absent).

RESOLUTION # 201-20

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12th, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 202-20

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #13 in the amount of \$381,780.43 covering voucher #673 to #745. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 203-20

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$279.34 covering Vouchers #9 and #10. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 204-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated transfer monies from the not used Workers Comp. Account to the Camera System-Virtual Mtg. at the Comm. Ctr. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A9040.8 Workers Comp to increase A7181.24 Camera System Comm. Ctr. in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain,



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Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 205-20

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated transfer monies received from Insurance Company to the Police, so they can repair damaged vehicle on 10/20/20. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2680 Insurance Recoveries to increase A3120.476 Police Veh. Mtc. in the amount of \$4,234.18. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 206-20

**RESCIND RESOLUTION #181-20 DATED 10/08/2020:
C-3 SELLING BACK TO THE ASSOC. FOR \$1**

The Mayor stated next is to rescind resolutions #181-20, this will make null and void resolution # 181-20 as we surplused this too soon and we need to spend a little money on the vehicle. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to rescind resolution # 181-20. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 207-20

**MOTION NEEDED TO SURPLUS C-3 EFFECTIVE 11/24/20
AND SEND TO FIRE ASSOC. FOR \$1**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to surplus C-3 to the Fire Association effective 11/24/20 for \$1. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Dep. Mayor Gustafson asked if they were sure that the repairs will be done by then. Fire Chief Brennan stated yes, that the vehicle was sold. The Mayor explained the Fire Association purchases C-2 and C-3, and then turns them over to us for \$1; we maintain them for 5, 6 or 7 yrs., and then they get them back. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

FERAL/STRAY CATS: KITTY CORNER

The Mayor stated Feral/Stray Cats: Kitty Corner, the Village has always had some Feral Cats; the Board received some code changes from CEO Johnstone, and asked him to give some more information. CEO Johnstone stated we have had a lot of calls about stray cats; a couple of properties are feeding stray cats. He explained how quickly the problem can multiply, what Kitty Corner does, and Vet fee of \$100 per cat. He added East Syracuse has used them for 3 yrs. Much discussion went



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back and forth and the Board decided they would like Linda from Kitty Corner to come to a Board Meeting and explain the process.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT: He stated he did write that ordinance in East Syracuse involving Kitty Corner. He continued he did know that they are happy with this service.

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report (Absent).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker): No Report (Absent).

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

- We have been very busy as of late; have had very good responses with folks and apparatus
- Engine 6, they are still waiting for some parts, got video today, due in Syracuse on 12/14

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

- We have been picking up leaves, next week we will be putting out the dump truck and loader to help pick up leaves, because they are behind
- Putting up Christmas decorations and getting ready to decorate the tree

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Vacant)

Codes Department: (CEO: Brian Johnstone) He stated the following:

- 444 S. Main St. - project site work has begun, they cleared lot of trees; taking a lot of calls asking what is going on there. Hopefully by mid-summer be done, has not seen plans yet.

The Mayor spoke of asking CEO Johnstone about changing local laws regarding PODS and illegal structure going up, so we do not have to deal with those types of issues. CEO Johnstone stated there is not anything in the code that deals with PODS or Carports; he will have something to the Board.

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel) She stated the following:

- She met with Tony Burkinshaw, our new Parks Director, he seems vibrant and ready to go; he starts Monday, November 30th



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- Today Camera items for the Comm. Ctr. came, one is on back order, not sure who is working to get that installed
- Stand up thermometer and hand sanitizer came in today, need to get a USB to plug that in
- Costello, who did paving project are all done, did not bill \$103,045; good news
- TAP Grant - she wants to talk to Doug Mills at DOT to see if she should apply some of this toward the Engineering that was fairly high too, it sounds good, but wants to finalize things with Doug Mills at DOT.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stays safe.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- With the bordering color of orange, a channel listing North Syracuse, the mailing address in North Bay being North Syracuse; the Governor mentioning Cicero, which the Village is a part of; there is some confusion. He suggested clarifying on social media.
- He suggested moving forward with shred event

Trustee Wilmer: He stated the following:

- Shaver Ave has a catch basin that is 1' too low and 30" out into the street; and asked DPW to do something with that. DPW Ware agreed to look into it.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- She wished everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! She asked everyone wear your masks and wash your hands.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He stated the Board will receive a Zone Change request is coming up for the St. Rose of Lima Convent Building; eventually will go on tax rolls. He continued the work has started clearing trees on the Brolex Properties (apartment building development) at 444 S. Main St. He added the Parks Director starts on November 30th, 2020; he is all excited and has some ideas. He continued we are working on a Virtual Tree Lighting and has asked the new Parks Director to coordinate with the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. about the tree lighting; maybe having Santa show up and will be held Sunday, December 13th, 2020 at 5:00 PM. He stated tomorrow in this building the Health Dept. will be doing asymptomatic Covid testing from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. for people living in the Cicero in the 13039. He asked about Village Police, Fire, DPW, and



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Village employees getting tested; if they say yes, he will have an email sent to everybody.

The Mayor stated he would like to entertain a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** at 4:53 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to return to **Regular Session** at 6:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 208-20

**APPROVE/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MOU WITH
TEAMSTERS 1149: SEPARATE SCHEDULE**

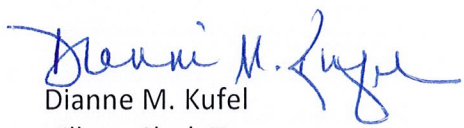
Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU with Teamsters 1149 for Chris Cushman as follows:

- No Longevity, as per contract, starts as of 6/23/20
- (10) Vacation Days as of Jan. 1st, 2021
- The (5) yrs. prev. (2005-2010) are included for the purpose of his NYS Retirement, not for calculation in Retirement for Village-Retirement for Medical
- Seniority starts at 6/23/20

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

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

