



## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center  
600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:30 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, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Police Chief William Becker and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

**Personnel Absent:** Amy Franco Village Engineer (Absent).

**Business of the Month:** The Mayor presented a certificate of recognition to "Genesis II." He thanked the owner; Tony Stevens who is here representing Genesis II., for being a local business and asked them to give a word about their business. Mr. Stevens thanked the Village for the award and being recognized. He shared the history in the Village, family partnership, and every person's situation being unique. He explained they offer all types of solutions for hair restoration from non-surgical, to surgical with doctor and full medical staff, Chemo Therapy and medical wigs for adults and kids. He spoke of the Village of North Syracuse being an amazing community.

### **RESOLUTION # 107-21**

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 # 108-21**

### **GENERAL FUND OLD BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve Abstract #27 Old Budget in the amount of \$45,713.21 covering voucher #1584 thru #1633. The motion was seconded Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 109-21**

### **SEWER FUND OLD BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #27 Old Budget in the amount of



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\$31.28 covering Voucher #24. 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.

**RESOLUTION # 110-21**

**GENERAL FUND NEW BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #01 New Budget in the amount of \$191,345.21 covering voucher #01 thru #30. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The Mayor explained the PERMA Premium for Workers Comp is included in this. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADDITIONAL TOTES: PROCESSING/BILLING FOR EXTRA TOTES  
AND THOSE REQUESTING PICKUPS BEING FULFILLED**

The Mayor stated we are now in the Processing/Billing for extra totes and those requested pickups are being handled and pickup is scheduled for Friday, June 11th, 2021 for unwanted/unneeded totes.

**FIRE DEPT. NEW PUMPER: IN PROGRESS/LONG  
TERM FINANCING OPTIONS TO BE REVIEWED**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda Fire Dept. New Pumper: We are in progress gathering options for Long Term Financing; we are still in the process of obtaining financial data, hopefully before our next meeting, we can make a decision on that and the steps that need to be taken.

**RESOLUTION # 111-21**

**REVIEW/APPROVE TEAMSTERS 1149 AGREEMENT  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN**

The Mayor stated next item on the agenda, is to review/approve the Teamsters 1149 Agreement, the Board had the agreement, at the last meeting was put down; partly because counsel was not here, counsel is here now, so if you have questions, now is the time to ask. Trustee Strong explained that they had reached out to Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel to get some questions answered and she expressed that there was some confusion after the last meeting; everybody got their questions answered he believed. He thanked Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel and Atty. Germain. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to move forward with the Mayor signing the Teamsters 1149 Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustees: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**RESOLUTION # 112-21**

**118 GROVE ST.: 4/22/21 MTG. DISCUSSION-CODES OFFICER  
HAS DEEMED REPAIR OR REMOVE THE STRUCTURE**

The Mayor stated the next item is 118 Grove St., we discussed this at the 4/22/21 meeting and our Codes Officer has deemed repair or remove the structure. He continued we did get a letter from an architect stating that it really should come down and he is opening this up for discussion. He asked CEO Johnstone if he found the owner. CEO Johnstone stated he we found the grandson of the owner, the clock is not ticking until he is served with the paperwork or we post the house. Discussion took place back and forth about the Village receiving the letter from the architect, the time starting after the grandson was served or house posted, whether it should be repaired or removed, the process to move that decision along. The length of time it was vacant and condition of house: chimney falling off the back of the house, and roof starting to cave in, if it falls in on itself, we can take immediate action to make it a safe site, or we can push it into the basement; there is a way to do that. If there someone having an interest in the house first, letting him decide what he wants to do. If he is served having 30 days to make decision either to salvage it, having it torn down himself or allowing the Village to tear it down. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to move forward with the letter. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #113-21**

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF N. DAUGARD AS AN  
ACTIVE N. SYR. VOL. FIREFIGHTER EFFECTIVE 6/26/2021**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion approving the appointment of N. Daugard as an active N. Syr. Vol. Firefighter effective 6/26/2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION #114-21**

**DISCUSS DRAINAGE AT DOG DAZE: APPROVE  
A NOT TO EXCEED**

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is to discuss drainage at Dog Daze: it has been an ongoing problem. He continued we have addressed it a few years ago, under the Save the Rain Grant, we have torn up the asphalt, put grass in and that did not stop the problem. He added last we had our engineers do a survey of the property and there is about 10 acres that drain to that 1 catch basin. Much discussion took place back and forth about CHA do a simple design of a swale that would help with storage the Village could bid out and pay toward. After meeting with DPW Sup't Ware, the



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Mayor, and the state engineers; who have an ongoing project, they agreed to do some work on that piece in front of Dog Daze. They would put in a catch basin, lower the rim of the catch basin, and put in a different top and then a pipe to help the water get to it. They talked about going northward, toward Fergerson Funeral Home which is not part of this project they are doing now, we have to pay for some of it; they will take care of the rest of it. Basically from Dog Daze to Fergerson Funeral Home where the sidewalks all head toward the catch basin; but the grassy area is humped up 8 to 10 inches, if we turned it into a swale it would create storage. Trustee Wilmer continued he thought the swale part might help, but still thinks we have to look farther down the line where the problem may be. We have got plenty of money that is supposed to be coming to us, it has been postponed, the stimulus money and could possibly be used it for that. They have to do some work to determine where the utilities are; he is pretty confident that the lines are deep enough. He added it filled up; it did not start that way. He spoke of 8" to 12" for a swale. They are going to have to remove 4 trees in that area. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize with a not to exceed amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION #115-21**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE J. PEAT INCREASE-CLERK/  
PART-TIME MEDIA SPECIALIST-SAFER GRANT**

The Mayor stated next is to increase J. Peat who is a Media Specialist for the Safer Grant through the end of the cycle in October. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the raise effective 6/14/21 for J. Peat to \$25/hr. through the end of the Safer Grant which is to be reimbursed. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Dep. Mayor Gustafson thanked the Chief for the explanation that he sent. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION #116-21**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE M. MCCUE INCREASE-TIME  
SPENT ON SAFER GRANT/RECRUITMENT**

The Mayor stated this is the same for M. McCue, according to the memo from the Chief he would be working on the Safer Grant on recruitment. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the raise effective 6/14/21 for M. McCue to \$25/hr. for time spent on Safer Grant which is to be reimbursed. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

**CITIZENS' VOICE:** The Mayor invited anyone that would like to share concerns or thoughts via Facebook to address the Board.



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**Doug Hummel of 128 Herbert St.** spoke of water growing fungus and turning green after 1 day for the dogs wanting to know who contacts OCWA. The Mayor explained it is OCWA and we have no jurisdiction over that, but that would be the place to reach out.

**Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St.** stated if you can fix the flood, however, you can manage it; go for it. She spoke of a pond and in the winter it is a skating rink out there at the end of the driveway.

**Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr.** spoke of flooding every time it rains on Herman Dr., its better after 2 dummy drains were installed; suggested adding 2 more. He referred to the law about parking trucks in the street with commercial plates on them, not enforced, should remove from books. The Mayor stated we could look at it. Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No Report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** No Report (Absent).

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker):** He stated the following:

- Month of May Totals: 1370 Total Calls for service, 607 Property Checks, 20 Domestic, 22 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 231 Traffic Stops, 246 Traffic tickets, 22 Criminal Arrests
- So far for June: 386 Total Calls for service, 163 Property Checks, 1 Domestic, 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 80 Traffic Stops, 42 Traffic tickets, 2 Criminal Arrests

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

- Nathan Daugard attending Jr. Firefighter Program in high school, now graduated, moving to full-fledged firefighter; the program is working as intended, helping with recruiting
- Busy, a lot of upcoming activities, working with Cicero Parks & Recs after school Friday afternoons with the kids over there; out in community as much as we can
- Fundraiser on Rt. 11 tomorrow in front of Real Estate Co. by Rt. 11 and Shaver Ave.
- Been talking to neighbors/friends encouraging to vote in Village election next Tuesday for referendum for Fire Dept. LOSAP Program

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

- Just finished June Bulk trash pick up
- Helping other depts. out with their vehicle maintenance when we can
- Getting things up to speed for the summer



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- Will be working on our breakroom, still having problems getting materials, supplies; COVID has a big back log
- He thanked the Board for giving those 2 seasonal employees, 1 is working 4 days a week mowing, and other is working 4 hrs. a day watering the flowers; new tree and plants at Comm. Ctr. as well as watering flowers on weekend that is very helpful

**Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Anthony Burkinshaw)** He stated the following:

- Memorial Day Weekend Scavenger Hunt was very successful, plan to meet to discuss continuing for future years, thanked Pat and Family Fest. for putting on and getting prizes; gave out 10 prizes to residents, local businesses, and supported local area
- Thanked DPW Sup't Ware and DPW Crew, a lot of close work with them the last 2 wks. getting water back on at Dog Pk., to opening pool, driving around putting signs up to vote June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Thanked Troop #117 for the Eagle Scout Project at Heritage Pk. a gaga pit for summer project for the summer camp program, great addition; will be there for years for no charge to us
- Notice on Facebook/Social Media to pick up pool passes next week; pool opens June 26<sup>th</sup>, open to all; one days passes available for drop ins as well

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

- 5/17 Plan. Comm. Mtg.-2 projects on St. Rose site, 1 is the convent, other for church addition
- Found 2 more vacant houses banks not maintaining, so part-time mowers will be quite busy this yr., already have 4-5 on list for next wk., have to rent special machinery to get the backyards to take care of some of the overgrowth
- The Zoning Board of Appeals Mtgs. and Plan. Comm. Mtgs. are now open to public

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

- Year end is here, she appreciates the cooperation of all the depts. and with very minimal expenditures left for the Old Budget which is really what we like to see
- Again getting the revenues in for May 31<sup>st</sup>, just a few more straggling bills, 1 more Old Abstract and then we will wrap things up
- Next Payroll: we have Old Budget, New Budget, Old rates, New rates, Old Insurance deductions and New insurance deductions; everything falling into place

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee St. Germain:** She stated the following:

She reminded of the election on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the importance of voting, and encouraged people to get out and vote. She stated we are a small Village, but have people who are really interested in serving.



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She spoke of seeing the signs, but shared if wanted to see write up for candidates check out EagleNews.com.

**Trustee Strong:** He stated the following:

- Thanked members of the community, the citizens on Police Reform Committee for their nice comments. He spoke of Village of North Syracuse having complied, meeting all the regulations and being a Model used in other municipalities in and out of the county. He continued how nice it was to hear all the comments being looked upon, looking at logo and all the pride.
- Residents of Oakley Dr. and Wells Ave E., a mow order was issued for next wk. He spoke of some illegal dumping, DPW out there cleaning it up and asked people to please keep an eye and let law enforcement know who is doing the dumping
- Tomorrow night, in Howard Hanna's Pkg. Lot, to benefit the Children of Golisano Hospital; they are doing like a food truck rodeo with Fire Dept. and other agencies at Shaver and Main St.
- He thanked Trustee St. Germain for comments; very important to get out next Tuesday

**Trustee Wilmer:** No Report.

**Dep. Mayor Gustafson:** She stated the follow:

- Very important to get out and vote

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor stated the elections, repeating what everyone else has stated and he made a decision, because of the apathy; recent voter turnout is tumbling down. He continued we have 5 signs, Welcome to the Village that have temporary signs to please vote. He added the election is always in June, so we can use them election after election to change the date. He hoped that would encourage people, to get some more voters out there, because it is sad you put in the work; we do a lot of work and not many people vote. He stated the Memorial Day Parade was nice and we had a nice turn out. He thanked the DPW, Police; and Fire Dept. for their participation, and we were fortunate to have the Cty. Executive there. He continued the 5 signs we have "Welcome to the Village," there are 2 other locations that do not have them that are kind of entrances to the Village. He added there is no room for a big sign, so he has asked Parks Director Burkinshaw to look into a smaller sign 18" wide by this, there are two spots; one coming in Chestnut St., and coming in by the Jr. High School into the Village. He explained there is a steel sign with some regulations and if we can put a sign Welcome to the Village, he thinks that is a good thing. He shared Parks Director Burkinshaw is working with some vendors to give us prices. He spoke the 2 state senators having come and tomorrow, and he is meeting with the Cty. Legislators the Town of Clay and Town of Cicero, since we are split. He continued to speak about



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giving them a tour of the whole Village. He added he is going to show them some of the things that we could use: the façade of Village Hall and DPW are in need of some work. He stated we are trying with the SAM Grant to get a new roof, and some other improvements, but some of the internal things that they are doing; we did not have enough money. He continued he is going to pitch some projects to the Cty. Legislators, to see if they can come up with some money for us. He added they stated that they could, he is not sure that they will, but at least he is going to give them a tour. He spoke of when the senators were here they appreciated it, because they did not know who they were representing in the Village. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. 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