

Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
January 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Mayor Mark Atkinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Trustee Paul Linnertz and Trustee Fred Ferguson were all present.

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Police Chief Tom Connelly, Fire Chief Pat Brennan, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION # 001-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 22nd, 2011 Board Meeting. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 002-12

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$79,517.95 covering Voucher # 820 to Voucher # 887; the motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE: Darlene Piper 106 ½ Northfield Drive confirmed the monetary value to be spent on the Comprehensive Plan most recently passed by the Board; although she felt more importantly that follow-up should be sought in the graffiti that is on the Village Center clock and the crabgrass that is in the recent improvements to Goettel Park. The Mayor thanked her for her efforts and sincerely welcomes this with the recent manpower shortages, to please continue to make us aware of issues like this. The Mayor stated his intent to look into this the next day and would follow up with her, as he did the last time with a concern she had. Darlene spoke of the Village continuing to repair the roadway on Northfield Dr. whereas she feels the developer did a lousy job and feels it is a shame that the DPW has to continually repair this with Village taxpayers money. Trustee Linnertz asked for confirmation of the location – between Shaver and Twin Elms. Mayor thanked her for her input and will follow up with her.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #003-12

REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – SECTION 485-a

The Mayor spoke of the dialogue from the previous meeting and the purpose of having this on the agenda was to open this up for any further questions and have a motion to schedule a date for a public hearing. Trustee Ferguson had notes that the Town of Clay was approving this as well although



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the Mayor was not so sure there were going to approve it. He is planning to meet with the Supervisor and also meet with the School District to see where they stand with this. The Mayor said we want the Village to get through this process ourselves and follow up with a letter to both of them. Trustee Linnertz clarified that the only benefit at this point would be a savings on the Village tax. Travis Glazier, from the Onon. County Executive's Office, clarified that the County did pass this so the County portion on the Town bill is affected; and continued to say that Town of Cicero passed this, as well. Travis spoke that this law (RPTL 485-a) is predominately structured towards Villages and Cities whereas residential living in a commercial, community environment is exactly what it is intended to focus on. The Mayor made a motion to schedule a public hearing for 6:29 PM on Thursday, February 9th, 2012. Trustee Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #004-12 SURPLUS 2002 CHEVY IMPALA & 1998 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK

The Mayor spoke of two vehicles that were no longer in use and would like to surplus these vehicles in the best interest of the Village, and send them to the auction - the County Auction through Auctions International. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to send the vehicles to the auction. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #005-12

2012 IMA AGREEMENT FOR DPW EMPLOYEES

The Mayor spoke that this is an annual agreement that is signed each year, mentioning the one change of only (1) contact for now due to the sensitivity of this in nature. Trustee Linnertz made the motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

SYRACUSE TIME AND ALARM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The Mayor spoke of this maintenance agreement, and at this week's staff meeting we spoke of the different alarms set up in the different buildings and the different vendors taking care of the different systems. This specific contract is for the maintenance of the alarm system here at the community center. The Mayor, after speaking with Trustee Linnertz, decided that Trustee Linnertz will facilitate organizing and consolidating these different contracts, working with the firehouse, and the administrative office. The Mayor will not renew this contract pending further work to consolidate all of them with the focus on consolidating, perhaps with one company; ultimately the Village can save some money if we do this.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Chatfield requested to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation.



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ENGINEERING REPORT: No Report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief Connelly spoke of an award ceremony he had attended yesterday with the Traffic Safety Advisory Board whereas Jeff Tripp received an award for his all-around traffic efforts.

Fire Department: Chief Brennan spoke of it being a busy year for the Fire Dept., he has just completed running the final numbers for the year, and will follow up with a report to the Board. Chief Brennan said that they do their best to try and lower their numbers although this year the numbers were approx. 100 alarms more than the previous 3 or 4 years. The Mayor said the volunteers do a great job with all of the coverage and attendance in a timely fashion.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth said the Festival will be held on Saturday, May 26th at Lonergan Park. The Bunny Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 1st.

Codes Enforcement: Pam DiCarlo wanted to thank the Fire Dept. with working with the Codes office on Malta House – trying to resolve the fire calls there.

Clerk Treasurer: Dianne Kufel said that she plans to have the budget worksheets out by the end of next week. All the Dept. Heads can begin now, if they have not already, to initiate any RFP's or quotes - of items that will impact their budget. The Mayor will have a slightly different procedure this year, and a memo will follow on the turn-around time and procedure. Dianne also mentioned an intern will be starting on Friday – an accounting major. She will be with the Village for a few months, working on Tuesdays and Fridays. Her name is Kelly Gushlaw.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Linnertz spoke of another possible savings to be had with the internet and cell phone bills. The Mayor spoke of the most recent savings we had incurred with the cell phones a few months back, whereas we turned in 3 phones that were not being used regularly as well as we reduced the plan because we were not utilizing all of the allowed minutes. Trustee Linnertz inquired about the staffing of the Codes Office whereas the Mayor said he would discuss under his report.

Trustee Ferguson spoke of Cicero going out to bid for their internet whereas we may want to contact them. He reminded everyone of the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on March 5th at 5:00 PM – North Syracuse Fire Dept. – Station 1.

Trustee Butterfield as the liaison for the Zoning Board and as suggested from the Zoning Board, regarding the section of the code regarding “signs”, it is rather complicated. Trustee Butterfield made



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mention of a committee to look at our sign ordinances and the ability to enforce what we have. The ideal committee would have someone from Planning and Zoning, a Trustee, and a few business owners and Clough Harbour's input as well.

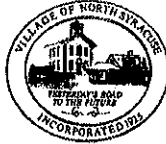
Deputy Mayor Henry commended Teresa's efforts on assisting with the planning of the Festival and looks forward to another wonderful Village family event.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mark Atkinson spoke of the Village Street flowers in the center of the Village. He commended what the previous Mayor initiated, and because it worked so well, he will continue this same path. We will send a letter to all of the business owners requesting in writing, graciously asking, if they would like to contribute to a group effort providing flowers for the Village center, relieving this burden to the taxpayers. The Mayor gave an update on the Main Street Grant Application whereas we requested an exit interview which was facilitated by Mary Burgoon of CHA. Overall, we submitted a very good application; there was a total of 45 million submitted applications, and only 9 million in funds to be distributed. They continued to say that we submitted a good quality application and we actually were above many, although with only 9 million in funds distributed, there was not much to allocate. The Mayor spoke on one of the members of our police dept. was being deployed overseas for up to 1 year. He has been looking at different options on this shortfall, it is not just an officer it is a management, sergeant position. He continued to say that it was presented to him to bring back a former lieutenant, as a supervisor, and put him in a uniform. This wouldn't need additional funding right now, the money is already appropriated. He asked the Board to think about this; he values their opinions on this, as well. The Mayor wants to be sure we don't jeopardize the public safety in the Village and appreciates the Board's opinion; we will discuss this at a future meeting. The Mayor spoke on our Codes Dept. whereas we had an intermunicipal agreement in place with the Town of Cicero. He continued to say that the Town of Cicero has made other arrangements and have eliminated this position up in the Town, whereas we no longer have this service available to us. In lieu of this, the Village intends to increase the hours of Pam DiCarlo over the next 6 or 7 months to cover the department; until the Civil Service test is given and a new list is generated. The Mayor went on to say that once the new list is generated by Civil Service, the Village will hire the best person suited for the job. We will continue to evaluate this over the next few months.

Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 PM to discuss possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously, The Mayor expected a decision to be made when they returned to regular session.

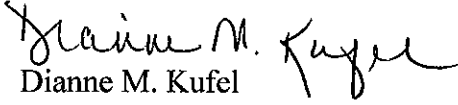
The Board returned to regular session at 7:22 PM. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the side letter of agreement resolving the CSEA member pending grievance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.



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Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer