

**Village of North Syracuse**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 4:30 P.M.  
North Syracuse Community Center  
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

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Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Police Chief Tom Connelly, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Attorney Scott Chatfield.

**RESOLUTION # 006-12**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2012 Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION # 007-12**

**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 17 in the amount of \$67,476.28 covering voucher # 888 to voucher #948; the motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #008-12**

**SEWER ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Abstract #17 in the amount of \$63.00. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #009-12**

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$240.00 from A230 (Police/Drug Forfeitures) to A3120.211 (Camera/Scale). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #010-12**

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Trustee Fred Fergerson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2,057.82 from A5110.476 (Vehicle Maintenance) to A5110.22 (DPW Pick up Truck). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #011-12**

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Trustee Fred Fergerson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$3,782.95 from several accounts; \$500.00 from A6772.411 (Sr. Brochure), \$250.00 from A7110.22 (Equip./tools), \$500.00 from A7110.401 (Goettel Park), \$500.00 from A7110.417 (Landscaping), \$700.00 from A7110.447 (Building Maint.), \$1000.00 from A9060.8 (Hosp. & Med. Ins.), \$332.95 from A7110.402 (Park Repairs/Supplies) to account A7180.21 for new Pool regulations. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #012-12**

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Trustee Fred Fergerson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1000.00 from A9060.8 (Hospital/Medical Ins.) to A5110.17 (Insurance Buy Back DPW). The motion was seconded by Trustee Gary Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS VOICE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Nothing of terrible consequence, just a FYI, we received a letter from an Attorney on behalf of a resident on Tallwood Court. They are trying to sell their house along with the addition they illegally place on the house 10 years ago. This is problematic because it sits in the Village easement. They have communicated back and forth and it is up to the Village Board. The Engineer needs to take a look into the function of the easement to make certain his addition does not impair the Villages ability to use that easement for its intended purpose. Assuming that is doable – he will then have to make an application, or request to the Village Board to ask them to release that portion of the easement for his benefit. Attorney Chatfield indicated to him that he would be 100% responsible all cost associated with that process. Mayor asked Gary Wilmer if he was familiar with that property. They will have to look into it.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

**Amy Franco** said the County is extending the deadline for a grant application. Mayor Mark Atkinson explained they have some projects on the shelf ready to go that would plug in nicely to that. Amy Franco, confirmed.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department:** Chief Connelly spoke that the County will be giving them a plate reader at no cost to us – other than the installation. The County will give them two. They are a great tool.

**DPW:** Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke of the weather being in our favor; therefore they have been working in the parks and cutting down dead trees and brush.

**Parks and Recreation:** Parks director Teresa Roth said they have thought of summer and started booking the summer concert series. They will have nine concerts at Lonergan on Wednesday evenings. She has 6 or 7 confirmed at this point. A bus trip, open to the public, is scheduled for March 16. It will be going to The Dinner Theater at the beaches, if anyone is interested.

**Codes Department:** Pam DiCarlo spoke of the new complaint form. It is now on the website. All forms are also on the website.

**Clerk Treasurer:** Dianne Kufel said she passed out all the budget worksheets, hopefully by the next board meeting she will be able to report specifics on what the financial impact looks like.

#### **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

**Trustee Linnertz** spoke of the planning commission that met last Thursday to consider the application regarding the addition to the Dentist office at 501 South Main Street right by M & T Bank. The addition is 10 foot wide on the Pleasant Ave side. Questions came up to the planning commission in reference to sidewalks. They are looking for input by the board as to what direction they should take in what the applicants install sidewalks. The question is do they require a sidewalk on Pleasant Ave for that stretch of his property? He is looking for input to take back to the planning commission as to what the boards intention is to the sidewalks. The Mayor said he would speak to this first, he went down there and looked if they put a sidewalk in, it would go down two to three houses – it would go part way down that street - and would end. It is basically a sidewalk going nowhere. In his mind it does not make sense to put a sidewalk there. Of course if it was on Route 11 it would be different – he would put one on Route 11. Gary Butterfield suggested a sidewalk between South Bay and Route 11 maybe looking into the future. Maybe they could do it in one of the Community Development projects. The Mayor explained that the five year plan would be going out to all and you could consider something like that. Trustee Linnertz is also looking into combining security – sonitrol – Chubb and with all the departments to save cost.

**Trustee Ferguson** spoke of a meeting the mayor and he attended last Saturday. The supervisors association and the County Legislators were there. He had a chance to talk to Jim Corl about the internet connections – fios verses Verizon. Corl did not save much money. There are some committees they are getting involved into as far as DPW and police department. He reminded everyone of the next Public Safety Meeting to be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM – North Syracuse Fire Dept. – Station 1.

**Trustee Butterfield** mentioned the implementation of the committee to look at our sign ordinance.

**Deputy Mayor Henry** said while reading in the minutes meeting with all the department heads he saw in there Cindy Goodman Court Clerk attended a class using credit card machine or clearing house to pay fines and forfeitures. Deputy Mayor Henry asked about that being a state mandate or something the court is looking into doing? The Mayor explained more and more Municipalities starting to use it in different areas and Dianne might have more information on it. He just knows it was made available for the Court Clerks. A lot of it was given free to Court Clerks and they can pay online.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mark Atkinson spoke of a few things quickly. We have been talking about the police manning issue and what we are going to have here for the next year. Information is coming in – once he receives all information and shares with the board. It has come down to some risk to save money, but possibly accepting some additional risk while saving the money. Will look at the risk and if there is a benefit for taking that risk.

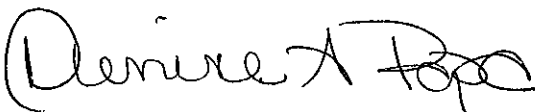
The mayor mentioned how he really appreciates the effort Trustee Linnertz and Trustee Butterfield are taking on these committees and taking a look at these things. It is really helping out a lot. He has also put together the steering group committee for the Village Center plan – the people are getting back to him in the next month.

Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to move into Executive Session at 4:52 PM – may provide litigation for them in the future. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously; The Mayor does not expect to make any decision when they return.

The board returned to regular session at 5:25 PM.

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to adjourn at 5:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Papa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Papa  
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer