



Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
February 23, 2012 at 4:29 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Mayor Mark Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4:29 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

Mayor Mark Atkinson opened the Public Hearing stating that this Public Hearing was being held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the 2012 Funding Request for the Community Development Projects in the Village of North Syracuse, and we will hear all persons in support of such matters, or any objections thereto. The Mayor turned this over to Engineer Amy Franco. Amy Franco discussed how the initial (5) year plan was defined to continue with sidewalks, along Main Street; although because of the "Save the Rain Grant" currently available it makes it a good fit to use both the 2012 Comm. Development Application and the "Save the Rain" Application to target Centerville Park, while capturing the rainwater that is captured there. Amy continued to say that both applications will be put towards this Park. Mayor Mark Atkinson discussed the consistent, good job that the Village has put into our sidewalks over the years – establishing new ones and repairing them, and feels with the Save the Rain Grant coupled with this 2012 Comm. Development application, it will enhance the application. Trustee Ferguson had inquired if any estimates had been given yet, and there was not any estimates available as of yet. Trustee Butterfield commented on reviewing the last meeting and the minutes and appreciated his input being given at the last meeting on the sidewalks on Chestnut Street. Trustee Butterfield also commented that he was very well in favor of not replacing sidewalks that don't need to be replaced. The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of this; and again he asked if anyone was in favor of speaking for this. The Mayor then asked if anyone wanted to speak against this; and again asked if anyone wanted to speak against this. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 4:36 PM.

The Mayor opened the Regular Board Meeting at 4:37 PM.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Gary Butterfield and Trustee Fred Ferguson were all present. Trustee Paul Linnertz was absent – out of Town.

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Police Chief Tom Connelly, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.



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RESOLUTION # 026-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2012 Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 027-12

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$54,799.93 covering Voucher # 994 to Voucher # 1031; the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 028-12

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$9,348.10 covering Voucher #13. Trustee Buttefield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 029-12

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$3,545 from Account A3389D (Camera Grant Revenue) to A3120.231 (Police Video Recorder Equipment). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 030-12

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,503.07 from A3389C (Police Dept. – Child Passenger Safety Grant) to A3120.27 (Police Child Car Seats). The motion was seconded by Trustee Buttefield. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 031-12

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$844.00 from A3510.1 (Control of Dogs) to A3510.476 (Animal Control – Vehicle Maintenance). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No one responded.

OLD BUSINESS:



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RESOLUTION # 032-12

2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Mayor Atkinson stated that we just had the public meeting to discuss this funding and at this point the Board needs to provide specific direction to CHA which way to move forward. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize CHA to prepare documentation to utilize the Community Development Funding Application, as well as prepare and submit a Save the Rain Grant application for Centerville Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 033-12

RPTL 485-A MIXED USE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Mayor Atkinson spoke of ongoing dialogue about this exemption. The Mayor spoke of the Board receiving the law at the last meeting. The Village Board and Mayor are always trying to improve the quality of life to residents, and at the same time, maintaining essential services at a minimum. The Mayor continued to say that this is such an opportunity and creates an incentive for private investment in the Village center at no cost to the taxpayer by temporarily postponing some taxation on a specific private investment. The Mayor continued to say that we encourage redevelopment in the Village Center to increase economic activity in the Village and at the same time provide addition housing opportunities for our residents. The Mayor made a motion to move forward with the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2012. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. Trustee Butterfield requested clarification on if the property had to be in the Village Center, and Attorney Chatfield responded that it does not have to be in the center, it only needs to have the appropriate zoning. Attorney Chatfield referenced that most of these eligible properties are within the Village Center. Trustee Ferguson inquired about the Village Assessor. Attorney Chatfield clarified the contracted service that we have with the assessor for the Village, provided by the Town. Attorney Chatfield discussed the exemption base and provided simplistic language for the assessor. Trustee Butterfield inquired about eligible development. Attorney Chatfield spoke of the principle function of RPTL 485-A is to take non-residential property and encourage mixed-use of it. He continued to compare this to the "old brownstones" - apartments on the second and third floors with commercial business(es) on the first. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor introduced Karyn Johnson, Public Health Educator, from Onondaga County Health Dept. regarding "Complete Streets". Karyn began her presentation stating that this "Complete Streets" program is one way to reduce obesity in Onondaga County. She continued to say that "Complete Streets" hopes to provide safe and convenient streets for everyone regardless of age and ability that are easily accessible; not only just for motorists. Karyn spoke of some facts relating to 2010 whereas residents prefer to see more walkable communities with more options available. She stated that one-



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third of our population does not drive, whether a senior citizen, children or people that can't afford to drive. Karyn expresses the need in some communities for bike lanes, sidewalks, etc. She reminded us of one of every third child is obese – people will walk if our communities are more walkable. Karyn also stated that one out of every five people are disabled. She also stated that gas is a huge, rising expense and some homeowners can't afford it – whereas, opting for other alternatives that they don't always have to use their cars. This will reduce traffic on our roadways, less pollution and with less repairs, as well. She mentioned the shoulders on our roadways. Karyn suggested this board adopting a "Complete Streets" Policy. This is something we have in writing that incorporates this when we plan to do a new transportation project – we will consider the needs of all users when we are doing this project – the entire right-of-way. Karyn mentioned the passing of a law that was implemented that "Complete Streets" must be considered for any and all roads that are federal and state funded.

Ultimately, "Complete Streets" would like a network of streets within areas that people can travel from community to community. Karyn mentioned an upcoming Workshop being offered for free at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo on March 6th from 9 AM to 11 AM. Mayor Atkinson thanked Karyn for her presentation, and spoke on behalf of the Village Board that he feels the Village is very conscious of our sidewalks and will review perhaps implementing a policy. Trustee Butterfield complimented this Village for being very cognizant of a walkable community. Karyn also suggested a "Complete Streets" Policy being in place in our community that would favorable assist with any grants that we may apply for relating to "Complete Streets".

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

ENGINEERING REPORT: No Report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No Report

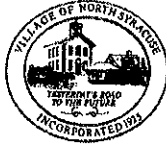
Highway Department: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Park Director Teresa Roth said she is preparing for the summer months.

Codes Department: No Report

Clerk Treasurer: No Report

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS



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Trustee Ferguson reminded everyone of the upcoming Public Safety Meeting to be held on Monday, March 5th at 5:00 PM at the North Syracuse Fire Dept. – Station 1. He also stated that Arbor Day will be held on April 27th, a mid-day event, and wanted any suggestions on who should be memorialized to share with himself or Pat Ferguson. Trustee Ferguson also mentioned the meeting attending by himself and Mayor Atkinson at the County whereas the Mayor has been committed to serve on the Public Safety Committee for the County.

Trustee Butterfield spoke of the initial kickoff meeting for the sign committee had taken place and will provide more as they continue to meet. Trustee Butterfield reported that he will be going on vacation for 2 weeks, as well.


Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry spoke of a recent meeting he had with the Village of Minoa, with Gary Wilmer and the Mayor, on their trash pickup and again referred to “EWaste”. Hopefully, we will be utilizing a service like this with our heavy trash; more to follow on this.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor spoke of the initial meeting with the Sign Committee, and thanked Gary Butterfield for his efforts with this. He mentioned that Trustee Linnertz was not present, but is confident that he is moving forward with his Alarm/Security and consolidation to save monies for the Village. The Mayor stated that the steering committee for the Village Center/Comprehensive Plan also met with good feedback. This presentation tonight will be an added initiative that will become a part thereof of the Village Center Plan. Many good things came out of the meeting and they plan to meet again in another two or three weeks with the Business Owners. The Mayor will report back. The Mayor made mention of the Village website being down for part of the day yesterday; this has been fixed and shouldn’t occur again. He mentioned negotiations to begin soon for two of the Village’s collective bargaining units and is hopeful as he heads up these meetings.

Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer