

Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM
North Syracuse Fire Dept. – Station 1
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 and Trustee Fred Ferguson is present to observe and participate, although needs to abstain from any votes (audible and visible via IPOD technology). Trustee Paul Linnertz was absent – work conflict.

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

RESOLUTION # 034-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2012 Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 035-12

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #20 in the amount of \$75,908.60 covering Voucher #1032 to Voucher #1087; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #036-12

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #20 in the amount of \$493.23 covering Voucher #14 and #15. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #037-12

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the Vet's Memorial Park Abstract #20 in the amount of \$14.00 covering Voucher #1. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 038-12

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the transfer of \$130 from Account A7110.400 (Parks Misc. – Sleeth/Toll Rd.) to A7110.22 (Parks Equipment Tools). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.



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CITIZENS' VOICE: No one responded.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 039-12

SURPLUS DPW 2002 DODGE PICKUP

The Mayor explained that this vehicle has outlived its useful life at the highway department. Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to surplus this 2002 Dodge Pickup (VIN #: 3B7KF23722M224252) and send it to the auction to obtain fair market value. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 040-12

SURPLUS DPW HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

The Mayor spoke of some equipment that was requested by the DPW to surplus as they no longer have a need for this. Deputy Mayor Henry made a motion to surplus a 2 Ton Chain fall hoist, Highband and 800 MHz Portables and Mobile Radios, Hotzy hot water pressure washer electric, Cold water gas pressure washer, 250 gallon plastic storage tank, electric pipe theader, golf cart, 2 truck jacks, 2001 Ferris IS 4000 Mower. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #041-12

TOWN OF CLAY FIRE CONTRACT

The Mayor explained the need for authorization from the Board to sign the Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Clay; and once he signs he will forward over to the Fire Dept. to the Fire Chief and the President of the Fireman's Association, as well, for their signatures. Trustee Butterfield made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Clay. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #042-12

TOWN OF CICERO FIRE CONTRACT

The Mayor explained the need for the authorization from the Board to sign the Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Cicero; and once he signs he will forward over to the Fire Dept. to the Fire Chief and the President of the Fireman's Association, as well, for their signatures. Trustee Butterfield made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Cicero. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 043-12 PUBLIC HEARING F/ DISCUSSION-OVERRIDE 2% TAX CAP

Mayor Atkinson explained the need for a Public Hearing for dialogue and discussion of passing an override of the 2% Tax Cap. The Mayor explained recent requirement of municipalities that have come down from the Governor. The Mayor continued to perceive that this year the increase will be



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very marginal, between 1 and 2%, although due to the complexity of the formula with PILOTS and other items, would like to take the input and set this public hearing. He continued to say that the interpretation of the formula could be viewed differently and opposed to not passing this, feels this is a good measure. Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Thursday, March 22nd at 4:29PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Absent

ENGINEERING REPORT: Engineer Amy Franco mentioned the hand out last Thursday to the Board members regarding the Community Development application and appreciated any changes, comments or concerns to be communicated to her. This application is due on Friday, March 18th.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No Report

Highway Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke on his budget realizing a savings on the Salt and Sand line items. He also spoke of the residents are already putting some brush at the roadside for pickup and his crew will begin sweeping the Village Streets with the Sweeper.

Fire Department: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Park Director Teresa Roth announced the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st, this is a family event with activities and entertainment (register with the Parks office); and the Bunny Breakfast (in support of the Family Festival) will be Sunday, April 1st (8 – noon) at the VFW. Teresa also announced that Earth Day will be on Saturday, April 21st and they are always looking for volunteers for this event. Teresa spoke of perhaps offering bike dollars for volunteering, this way the unclaimed bikes that the Village currently have in storage can be offered as a reward for much appreciated community volunteering.

Codes Department: No Report

Clerk Treasurer: No Report

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Fergerson spoke of the recent Public Safety Meeting held at the Firehouse – Station 1 and two major concerns were the Village's Disaster Plan, and the need to review it; additionally crosswalks



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Compliance, with Spring approaching us. He also mentioned the Village Beat and the Emails he received correctly, Bill Ferguson also received both notifications, so it looks like the bugs have been worked out. The next Public Safety Committee will meet on June 4th at the North Syracuse Fire Department – Station 1 at 5:00 PM.

Trustee Butterfield had no report.

Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry spoke of the last scheduled Village Board meeting of Thursday, March 8th, that we had and didn't have due to only having (2) members of the Board present. Mr. Ferguson had called one of the members and he had said he could show up at 7:30 PM. I understand whole heartedly that people have other obligations that we have to take of, as well as myself, but as an elected official - when you tell someone that you are going to be here, it is unfair to the other board members, media, and citizens that were waiting here. Again, I understand the situation that he had. Deputy Mayor Henry said he truly hopes this doesn't happen again and he was very displeased with this; he continued to say that this has never happened in the 5 years he has been on the Board, and hopes it will not happen again. Deputy Mayor Henry said it is nice to show common courtesy to the members and the public.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Atkinson spoke of a great job of the Public Safety Committee. The Mayor reiterated that the Disaster Plan does need some work and he is requesting the Deputy Mayor to spearhead this committee; additionally pushing to pull this all together and getting it digitized. The Mayor spoke of speaking with the Police Chief on the crosswalks and doing some educated stops. The Mayor also spoke of the Meals-on-Wheels event behind held on Wednesday, March 21st – they are looking for donations to sponsor a senior for the day. A donation of \$6 includes 2 meals for the day, a hot meal and a cold meal. Chief Brennan inquired regarding if there was a list of specific seniors in need or a specific list. Mayor stated he would find out more and get back to him. The Mayor reported also on the Bunny Breakfast at the VFW on April 1st as he will be cooking eggs and invited all. He also mentioned the grand re-opening of the refurbished Applebees that was held on Wednesday, March 7th – new pictures all over of many Village employees, Fire and Police Depts. Applebees continues to be a good partner with the Village of North Syracuse. The Mayor made mention of the addition on the website of a form for “street light out” that will be sent directly to National Grid. Mayor spoke of the extension of the Save the Rain grant application – extended to March 31st. The Mayor made mention of a recent meeting he attended in Albany whereas the Governor spoke on two items of concern – the Schools and Pension Reform. The Governor made mention of there being many lobbyists for the schools but little or no lobbyists for the students, whereas he will be taking on this role. The Mayor spoke of the highlights of the pension reform with a concern of the increase in pensions costs from 2001 – 2015 – escalating to 2000%. The Governor mentioned a plan for new employees to contribute 4, 5 or 6 % based on income and perhaps if the market is doing good – increase in contribution and if

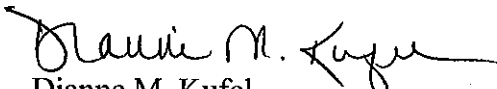


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the market is down – a decreased contribution. Talks further continued regarding an initiative of a defined contribution plan – a 401K style plan – available to all employees. Again, nothing is passed yet, this is all initial discussions; overall certainly offering mandate relief.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer