

## **VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE**

### **BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.  
North Syracuse Community Center  
600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Mayor Diane Browning called the Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. by inviting those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Diane Browning, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson, Trustee Fred Ferguson, Trustee Gary Butterfield and Trustee Chuck Henry were present.

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Village Clerk Christine Pollock, Village Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Heather Cole, Village Engineer James Trasher, Police Lt. Gary Barlow, Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks & Recreation Director Teresa Roth. No one was present from the Fire Department.

#### **RESOLUTION 049-11**

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

Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson moved to approve the amended minutes from the February 24, 2011 board meeting and the March 10, 2011 board meeting. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 050-11**

#### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT #22:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$81,492.33 covering vouchers #1200 to #1251; Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

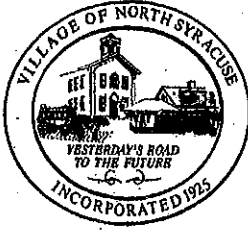
#### **RESOLUTION 051-11**

#### **SEWER FUND ABSTRACT #22:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$55 for voucher #25. Trustee Chuck Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

The following budget transfers were unanimously approved as noted.



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**RESOLUTION 052-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #1:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve transfer #1, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 053-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #2:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve transfer #2. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 054-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #3:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve transfer #3, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 055-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #4:**

Trustee Chuck Henry made a motion to approve transfer #4, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 056-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #5:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve transfer #5, seconded by Trustee Gary Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 057-11**

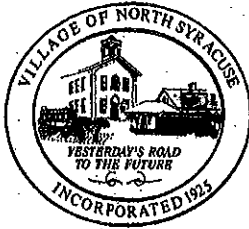
**BUDGET TRANSFER #6:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve transfer #6, seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 058-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #7:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve transfer #7, seconded by Trustee Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.



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**RESOLUTION 059-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #8:**

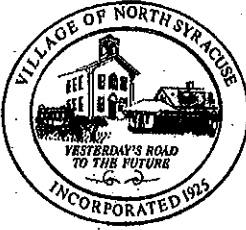
Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve transfer #8, seconded by Trustee Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously

**RESOLUTION 060-11**

**BUDGET TRANSFER #9:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve transfer #9, seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

#1	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>ACCT NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>TRANSFER DATE:</b>	<b>FROM:</b>	A1620.210 Bldg. Computer Equip.	\$ 358.52
3/15/2011		A1620.413 Bldg. Copy Paper	\$ 700.00
<b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b>			
\$1,058.52	<b>TO:</b>	A1620.411 Bldg. Ofc. Supplies	\$ 126.40
		A1620.444 Bldg. HVAC Repairs	\$ 335.54
		A1620.450 Bldg. Software Work	\$ 596.58
Transfer monies from within Buildings expense accounts to cover shortages in other Building accounts			
<b>#2</b>			
<b>TRANSFER DATE:</b>	<b>FROM:</b>	A3389C Trffc Sfty Child Pass (Rev)	\$ 2,998.00
3/15/2011	<b>TO:</b>	A3120.27 Police Child Car Seats	\$ 2,998.00
<b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b>			
\$2,998.00	Amend Budget - Unbudgeted Revenue came in to cover unbudgeted child safety seat expenditures		



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<p><b>#3</b> <b>TRANSFER DATE:</b> 3/16/2011 \$2,000.00</p>	<p><b>FROM:</b> A230      Police Drug Forfeiture      \$      2,000.00 <b>TO:</b> A3120.476      Vehicle Maintenance      \$      2,000.00</p>	<p>Transfer money from drug forfeiture account to cover vehicle maintenance costs until June 2011.</p>
<p><b>#4</b> <b>TRANSFER DATE:</b> 3/16/2011 <b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b> \$754.95</p>	<p><b>FROM:</b> A7180.12      Life Guard/Pool Payroll      \$      754.95 <b>TO:</b> A7020.15      Rec. Admin-unused vacation      \$      754.95</p>	<p>To cover unused vacation pay owed to JoAnne Baker with unused payroll money from pool account.</p>
<p><b>#5</b> <b>TRANSFER DATE:</b> 3/18/2011 <b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b> \$1,705.00</p>	<p><b>FROM:</b> A1990.4      Contingency Account      \$      1,705.00 <b>TO:</b> A1620.450      Bldg. Software Maint.      \$      1,705.00</p>	<p>Transfer monies from contingency account to Building Software Maintenance to cover software support of the Williamson system for payroll, accounting, budget, and codes.</p>
<p><b>#6</b> <b>TRANSFER DATE:</b> 3/21/2011 <b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b> \$2,835.00</p>	<p><b>FROM:</b> A9060.8      Group Health Ins.      \$      2,835.00 <b>TO:</b> A9050.8      Unemployment Ins.      \$      2,835.00</p>	<p>Transfer money from Group Health Ins. To cover unanticipated unemployment insurance costs.</p>
<p><b>#7</b> <b>TRANSFER DATE:</b> 3/21/2011 <b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b> \$4,734.00</p>	<p><b>FROM:</b> A9060.8      Group Health Ins.      \$      4,734.00 <b>TO:</b> A9010.8      NYS Retirement      \$      4,734.00</p>	<p>Transfer money from Group Health Ins. To NYS Retirement to cover shortfall due to employee buying back time.</p>



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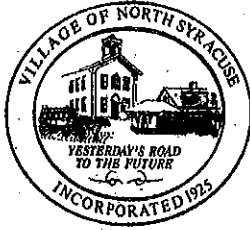
<b>#8</b>					
<b>TRANSFER DATE:</b>	<b>FROM:</b>	A231P	Police DWI Reserve	\$	9,597.15
3/21/2011			General Fund Money		
	<b>TO:</b>	A201	Market	\$	9,597.15
<b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b>	Move monies from the Police DWI reserve acct. to the FG Money Market to cover costs associated with the DWI overtime shifts. So as to have "no" impact on the costs coming directly from the Reserve Acct.				
\$9,597.15					
<b>#9</b>					
<b>TRANSFER DATE:</b>	<b>FROM:</b>	A9060.8	Group Health Ins.	\$	6,000.00
3/21/2011					
	<b>TO:</b>	A1620.27	Bldgs - Village Hall Improv.	\$	6,000.00
<b>TRANSFER TOTAL:</b>	Transfer monies from Group Health Insurance to Village Hall Improvements - Workplace Safety - Vestibule area.				
\$6,000.00					
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER</b>					
\$31,682.62					

**CITIZEN'S VOICE:** Mayor Browning invited the public to speak during the Citizen's Voice portion of the meeting.

Paul Linnertz of Helen Street came to the microphone. He stated that he "was pleased to see so many people at the last meeting, and they were obviously here for a specific purpose, but it was disheartening that at some point you [Mayor Browning] told someone that this would be the last one [to speak]." He stated he didn't understand why when people finally come to a public meeting they are cut off. Mayor Browning responded that "having been a former board member, he should realize that eventually comments become redundant. I apologize if that upset anyone but at some point you have to bring the hearing to an end." She stated that she did ask if anyone had anything else they would like to say and there was no response. That's when the meeting was called to a close.

Mr. Linnertz continued that he was also given a letter from Chief Brennan addressed to the Board that he was asked to read aloud. Mr. Linnertz read the letter. (see attachment #1).

Mayor Browning thanked Mr. Linnertz, and asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one responded; the Mayor asked a second and third time with no response. The Citizen's Voice portion of the meeting was then closed.



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**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 061-11**

**DPW NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION:**

Supt. Gary Wilmer said the job classification of "Public Works Maintenance Worker" falls in line with the County Personnel Department's description of the work performed. He stated there would be no impact on current employees. Village Attorney Heather Cole stated the only union impact would be discussion of salary.

Trustee Gary Butterfield made the motion to authorize the new job classification of Public Works Maintenance Worker, Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 062-11**

**LOSAP SERVICE AWARD AUDIT:**

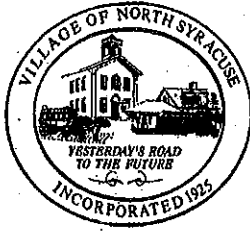
Treasurer Dianne Kufel reported that the Village has not had an official audited opinion of its LOSAP Service Award Program for 2008, 2009 & 2010 fiscal years. The cost associated for these audits could be upwards to \$20,000. She spoke of her conversation with the Comptroller's office and felt comfortable with their understanding of the current fiscal constraints; and with due diligence, it appeared accepting of 2010 forward. It will cost approximately \$7,000 to audit 2010. Ms. Kufel requested that the Board make a resolution tonight to that effect. She added that at some point in the future the Village may be required to pursue audits of 2008 and 2009, however after recent communications with the Comptroller's office she did not foresee this happening.

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to authorize an audit of the 2010 LOSAP Service Award Program and move forward from here. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 063-11**

**Budget Meetings Minutes 02/23/11 & 03/09/11:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the budget meetings of 02/23/11 and 03/09/11. Trustee Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (see attachments #2 & #3)



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 064-11**

**APPROVE SIGNING 2011 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT:**

Trustee Chuck Henry made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Onondaga County Community Development which provides \$50,000 in funding in 2011 to be spent by December 2012, for the North Main Street improvement project. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 065-11**

**WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK CONTRACTS:**

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to renew the three annual contracts with Williamson Law Book which provides software support for Village Payroll, Accounting and Codes, from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 066-11**

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR BUDGET:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to schedule a public hearing to present the proposed Village Budget for 2011-2012 on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:25 p.m. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 067-11**

**APPROVE 2011 BRUSH & HEAVY TRASH:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the 2011 heavy brush and heavy trash pickup as provided to the Board by Superintendent Wilmer. Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

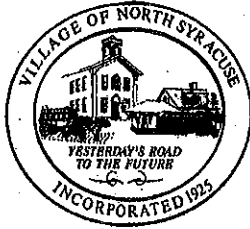
**2011 HEAVY TRASH PICK UP:**

September 12<sup>th</sup> on the *West Side* of the Village & September 19<sup>th</sup> on the *East Side* of the Village  
The complete list of heavy brush pick up dates as well as how to properly put your brush and grass clippings to the curb will be shown on the website. (see attachment #4)

**RESOLUTION 068-11**

**LOCAL 1149 MOA – AUTHORIZE  
MAYORS SIGNATURE:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement with Local 1149 pertaining to NYS Retirement tiers traveling with the employee.



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Attorney Heather Cole explained that this MOA does not change anything; it merely modifies the wording to coincide with that of the NYS Retirement System for clarification purposes. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**MODIFICATION OF SINGLETON AVENUE:**

Mayor Browning asked Village Engineer James Trasher to speak on the modifications to Singleton Avenue that he provided to the Board for review. NYS D.O.T has approved Singleton Avenue as a full access roadway. He explained that these modifications also address the connection to Chestnut Street, which would become a pedestrian access path instead of a roadway. Mr. Trasher said he reviewed the plans with DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer in light of the fact that he was concerned about being able to properly maintain that "connection" as it was previously shown as a road. Deputy Mayor Atkinson asked if this "included the turn around?" Mr. Trasher said "no, these are site plans." He explained that "this board can only vote on areas that will be dedicated back to the village." Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean said there was an issue about a pole that may have to be moved. Mayor Browning stated that since the connection to Chestnut Street is now going to be a walkway, she was of the understanding that the pole would not have to be moved. She asked Supt. Wilmer if she was correct, he answered in the affirmative. Further discussion ensued. . The board agreed to table the matter until the next meeting.

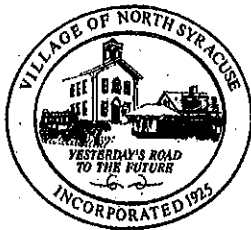
**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Heather Cole announced to everyone that this is her last village meeting, as she has accepted a position with Jefferson County BOCES. She said that attorney Jennifer Granzow will take her place. The Board will recall Jennifer as the attorney who filled in for her while she was on maternity leave. Mayor Browning told Heather she will be missed. Ms. Cole said she had a few matter to discuss in Executive Session; employment, collective bargaining, and litigation matters.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** James Trasher had nothing to report.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Dianne Kufel had nothing to report.

**CODES ENFORCEMENT:** Codes Officer Wayne Dean had nothing to report.



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**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Teresa Roth said the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 16<sup>th</sup>, for village residents 11 years and under. Bunny Breakfast is on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the VFW on Maxwell Ave., from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Earth Day is Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are always needed. **To register for any of the events, please call the Parks and Rec. office.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No one was present.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Superintendent Gary Wilmer had nothing to report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Lt. Gary Barlow had nothing to report.

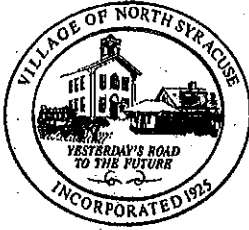
**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT**

**Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson** reported that he and Supt. Wilmer attended a NYMIR sponsored electrical safety training for about half the day, they had a lot of good information there, and it didn't cost us anything to go due to our participation with NYMIR. There is an employee safety meeting scheduled for next week. We have several guests coming in to look at our program, which should go well. "On a different note, with regard to development in the Village of North Syracuse, last week I, Dianne Kufel, and Clough Harbor representative Mary Burgoon had a conference call with NY State Grant Funding to talk about different ways to help our businesses in the Village of North. Under the direction of the Mayor we will continue to act as a conduit between these businesses and the grant opportunities available. I am also working with the Fire Chief to work on some cost saving initiatives. There are two or three areas where we can save some money, we're specifically talking about the budget we are working on now for next year. We've agreed in theory on some things, we just have to hammer out some details so it is productive for us as well."

**Trustee Fred Fergerson** told Heather that he too would miss her. He stated that he has just completed his first year as Trustee and during that time has lost 65 pounds. He wanted everyone to know that he has not just worked to trim physically but also fiscally. He stated that everyone has worked very hard on this budget to save the taxpayers as much as possible without losing their services. He stated he still is not happy with the fact that there will be a tax increase.

**Trustee Chuck Henry** had nothing to report but wished Heather well.

**Trustee Gary Butterfield** told Heather she will be missed.



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Mr. Trasher asked Mayor Browning if he could speak to the Board to revisit the Toll Road issue. Mayor Browning agreed to allow him to address the Board. Mr. Trasher said he wanted to clarify what the modification approval from D.O.T. actually impacts. Right now they have two

plans; one for construction of a roadway out to Chestnut Street with a limited access driveway to Main Street. The second being the modification before the board tonight, which has New York State D.O.T approval, for construction of a full access roadway to Main Street and a pedestrian walkway to Chestnut Street. He said the issue of the road being 22 feet or 26 feet is a matter of having a sidewalk or not, although he believes the 22 foot roadway complies with code.

**RESOLUTION 069-11**

**MODIFICATION OF SINGLETON AVENUE:**

Trustee Gary Butterfield said he was very pleased to see that NYS DOT approved a full access road to Main Street and having the connection to Chestnut Street become a pedestrian access way. Trustee Butterfield made a motion to accept the modifications presented, contingent on it being in full compliance with the proper officials. Trustee Ferguson also wanted to make sure the area he pointed out earlier on the last page be landscaped so there is no access point there. Mr. Trasher said it will be taken care of. Trustee Ferguson then seconded the motion. Trustee Henry, Deputy Mayor Atkinson, and Mayor Browning also voted in favor of same. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Mayor Browning** said she just has a little bit about the budget. Before that I wanted to say we took all the money out of the budget for flowers. Everyone loves the flowers so we sent a letter out to all of the businesses in the Village asking if they would like to contribute toward the flowers. We have had some money come in, maybe enough to decorate Centerville Court, so if anyone would like to make a donation, we would gratefully accept it. We will acknowledge all contributors in the flyers for the Festival and on the Flyers for the Festival. We want our village to look nice, and we have had to take away so many things out of the budget this year. We'll probably have to take some money out of the fund balance. Right now as we sit here, we are not done with the budget yet, there is good news and bad news. The good news is the County is lowering village resident's taxes by 7 something percent. We will probably have to raise taxes about 12%, but it will be a net of 5 something but we're still working very hard on the budget. Our Village is not alone. She stated she has been to several meetings and all the Towns and Villages are going through the same thing. If anyone has any suggestions, please come to the public hearing. We really are down to bare bones. Everyone has worked extremely hard and made some very tough decisions to get it down this far, but we are open to suggestions.



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Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Browning adjourned to Executive Session at 5:12 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session, at which time Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pollock  
Village Clerk

Attachments:

- #1 – Chief Brennan’s letter to the Board.
- #2 – Special Budget Meeting Minutes from 02/23/11
- #3 - Special Budget Meeting Minutes from 03/09/11 (3 pgs)
- #4 – 2011 Heavy Brush & Heavy Trash Pick Up



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## North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department

March 24, 2011

Mayor Diane Browning  
Village of North Syracuse  
600 South Bay Road  
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RE: Toll Road project

Mayor Browning,

On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, you and many other Village officials met with Sue Kimmel of Two plus Four Construction. The meeting was called to discuss the issues raised by DPW Superintendent Wilmer. The specific issue is insufficient "Right-of-Way" for the road leading from the property to Chestnut Street. Unfortunately, I was not asked to attend this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson raised the Fire Department's issue of adequate fire apparatus turn around. Sue Kimmel stated, the Dept. of State's Codes Division was not fully informed of the soil conditions on the site and did not speak to the CEO before they rendered their opinion. To clarify the DOS did speak with Mr. Dean via telephone and Mr. Dean transmitted a letter to the DOS. It was Mr. Dean's letter that caused the DOS to reaffirm their original opinion. Again, referring to the meeting notes, Ms. Kimmel went on to say, "...the soil conditions are such that the weight of a fire truck could seriously damage the area, or **be swallowed by a sink hole.**"

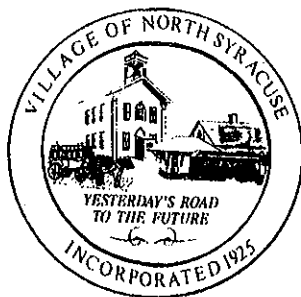
Keeping Ms. Kimmel's expertise as a contractor in mind, her comment is very concerning to me as the Chief of the Fire Department. I believe it should also be of great concern to you, and the members of the Board of Trustees. If the site conditions are so poor that the roadways and parking lots are not suitable to support the weight of fire apparatus this project should be halted. The citizens who are to occupy these apartments are at serious risk if fire apparatus is not able to access the buildings and the project could never achieve code compliance status.

I am asking you as Mayor, to direct the CEO, to issue a "stop work order" until the soil conditions can be verified by the Village Engineer and a full report can be generated.

Yours in service,

Patrick J. Brennan  
Chief of Fire

Received from Mr. Paul Senzette - read aloud 4:35pm 3/24/11



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SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011  
1:30 PM – Village Hall Conference Room

**Attendees:** Mayor Diane Browning, Trustee Fred Ferguson, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Treasurer Dianne Kufel. Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson and Trustee Chuck Henry were absent.

**Residents:** Peter Vinch, David Robinson, Austin Bernard

Meeting began at 1:35PM. The Mayor opened the meeting to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Model of the budget. She emphasized how cooperative most of the departments have been and did their best to try to scale back another 10% from expenditures for the upcoming year. The Mayor also referenced the recent moratorium she placed on spending for the current budget year, hoping to alleviate some of the end of year spending.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Model reflected an overall increase of 15.9% over last year. Although, when broken down specific by each town - and allowing for the savings each resident should see in their County/Town tax bill; the net result of an increase will be approximately 7.2% to each homeowner. The Board continued to go through several line items, trying to trim back costs noting the state of the economy; and looking towards the concerns of the residents. The Board suggested a few more cuts and requested another model, hoping to have a comfortable budget model that perhaps could be our tentative budget to present to the public.

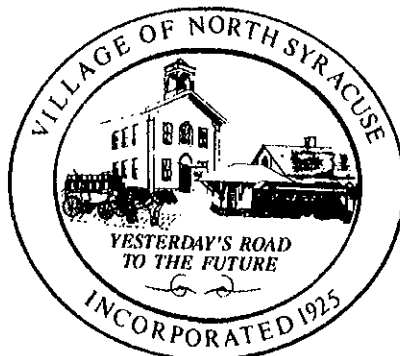
Next meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM – Village Hall Conference Room. The treasurer asked if the last budget meeting could be changed to March 22<sup>nd</sup> - a Tuesday. It was originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> although this conflicts with a training session being offered by the NYSSMFOA dedicated to the changes necessitated for budgeting regarding the sales tax amendments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne M. Kufel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dianne Kufel  
Treasurer



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**Attendees:** Mayor Diane Browning, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson, Trustee Chuck Henry and Treasurer Dianne Kufel. Trustee Gary Butterfield was excused. Trustee Fred Ferguson arrived late at 2:15PM.

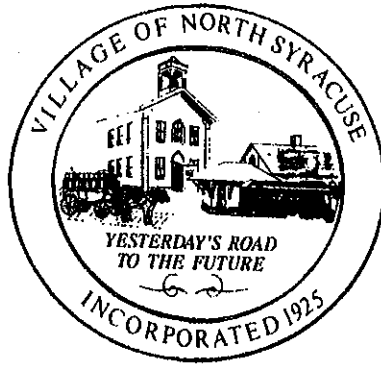
**Resident:** Peter Vinch attended.

Meeting began at 1:35PM. The Mayor opened the meeting to discuss the 3<sup>rd</sup> Model of the budget. She made mention of Channel 9 News doing a clip this morning about our budget and touching on the many obstacles we are facing. She made mention of the cuts the Village has had to endure, as well as the moratorium on spending that she most recently had enacted.

Treasurer Kufel spoke of the recent cuts; and the proposed passing of the 2% tax cap that appears will be enacted for 2012. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Model reflected an overall increase of 13.9% over last year. Although, when broken down specifically by each town - and allowing for the savings each resident should see in their County/Town tax bill; the net result of an increase will be approximately 5.2% to each homeowner.

Specifically, a few line items were scaled back and a few line items were amended to reflect a realized increase that was inevitable. The net impact was not enough to make much of a difference in the percentage of increase. It was then discussed of reducing the amount of monies to be earmarked from the fund balance. The Treasurer will produce (2) new models reflective of the line item changes as well as changing the utilization of the fund balance amounts.

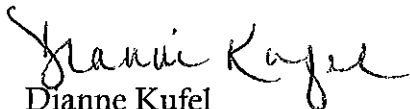
Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30PM – Village Hall Conference Room; although originally it was scheduled to be on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> but due to a conflicting schedule it had been changed.

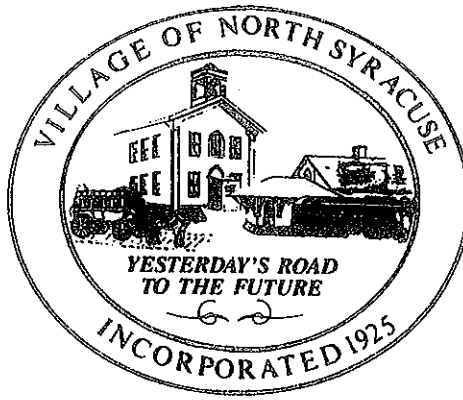


Mayor requested the regular meeting to be adjourned at 2:32PM to go into Executive Session.

Mayor Browning, Dep. Mayor Atkinson, Trustee Henry and Treasurer Kufel returned from executive session at 2:47PM at which time Dep. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Henry and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianne Kufel  
Treasurer



At the Special Budget Meeting held on March 9, 2011, Mayor Diane Browning requested a motion for a resolution to approve the application for the 2011 Community Development project as presented to the Board at the Public Hearing on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2001.

RESOLUTION 45-11

2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDING REQUEST

The Village of North Syracuse Board of Trustees authorizes Clough, Harbour & Associates, LLP to prepare and submit the Community Development Grant application for the 2011 Funding Request of the Onondaga County Community Development Grant Program. The funds will be used to provide a more pleasant and safe place for the residents, businesses and visitors. The Village will use the 2011 funding to install new sidewalks, ornamental lighting, street trees, benches, planters, and green space along the North Main Street corridor from Lynhurst Avenue to Elm Street. The purpose is to provide safe pedestrian mobility with the existing sidewalk for travel between the park, the residences and the Village Center.

Mayor Diane M. Browning is authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative processes related to this project.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village of North Syracuse supports this grant program.

Resolution offered by and seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Trustee Henry.

Vote of Governing Body:

Deputy Mayor Atkinson - aye  
Trustee Chuck Henry-- aye  
Trustee Fred Ferguson - aye  
Trustee Butterfield - absent

SEAL

  
Christine Pollock, Village Clerk

2011 Brush Pickup Schedule

- April - week of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- May - week of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- August - week of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>
- October- Leaf pickup begins
- July- week of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- June- week of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- September - After HeavyTrash is done
- See HEAVY TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE
- Brush piles and paper bags filled with grass clippings are to be placed to the curb on your trash day during the week of your pickup.

Grass clipping not bagged after July 1st 2009 will not be picked up and a letter of violation will be sent.

Residents can and are encouraged to put their small piles of brush and yard waste in paper bags also. This is to facilitate a cleaner and faster pickup.

- Brush is not picked up during the fall heavy trash pickup.
- D.P.W. employees pick up on the average of 274 tons of brush annually.
- Please place your pile next to the road and not in the roadway or under overhead wires. Please put small piles of brush in paper bags for easier pickup.
- Brush and Grass clippings are not to be placed in the roadway at any time

**2011 HEAVY TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** on the West side of the Village

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** on the East side of the Village

Main St. is the dividing line from East to West

Items not picked are to be removed from the curb by the property owner.

- D.P.W. employee's pickup an average of 208 tons of heavy trash annually.
- Heavy Trash is picked up once per year in the fall.
- Heavy Trash should be put out no earlier than the weekend before the scheduled pickup. We ask that residents be sensitive in the timing of putting out debris, for it affects the appearance of our Village.
- Contractors doing work in the Village must remove their own debris as per Village Code.
- Waste motor oil, car batteries, tires, asbestos products, microwave ovens, TV's, paint cans with wet paint in them, Propane or fuel tanks, Construction debris or anything with Freon in them **cannot be accepted**. Homeowners are responsible for the proper disposal of those items.

**Leaf Pickup**

- D.P.W. employees pick up on the average (575 yards) of both loose and bagged leaves annually.
- D.P.W. crews pickup leaves until snow covers the piles or the leaves are gone.
- Please put small piles of leaves in paper bags.
- **(Leaves put out in plastic bags will not be accepted).**