



Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
April 26, 2012 at 4:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 PM with Mayor Atkinson inviting everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

RESOLUTION # 065-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2012 Board Meeting. Trustee Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 066-12

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$94,361.20 covering Voucher #1225 to Voucher #1280; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #067-12

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$233.27 covering Voucher #19 and #20. Trustee Linnertz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 068-12

BUDGET TRANSFER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$3,800 from Account A231P (DWI Reserve/Police Dept.) to A3120.143 (Police Overtime/DWI Shifts). The motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No one responded.

OLD BUSINESS:



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RESOLUTION # 069-12 **RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Mayor Atkinson explained the need to rescind the motion of February 9, 2012 that appointed D. Vinch as a part-time officer; whereas he will not be filling the part-time position. Trustee Butterfield made a motion to rescind this previous appointment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 070-12 **APPOINT FIREHOUSE CARETAKER**

Mayor spoke of the Firechief going through a process interviewing several people, and recommends to appoint Kyle Wilmer as the Firehouse Caretaker; and the Mayor concurs with that. Deputy Mayor Henry inquired and wanted to be reassured that the proper process was followed with interviews; and continued to speak on the awards that Kyle had received. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to appoint Kyle Wilmer to the position as the Firehouse Caretaker as an annual salary of \$22,000, as per the CSEA agreement, beginning Monday, April 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Mayor Atkinson spoke of wanting to talk about background checks; whereas recently the county pulled out of doing background checks. He continued to say that we do them for employees, peddlers, solicitors, tree licenses, and firefighters. The Mayor said it is turning into a complicated matter. He continued to say that we are looking into different options to continue to provide background checks for certain organizations. (The Mayor wanted to have some dialogue about this publicly and how the board feels about background checks.) The Mayor continued to speak on how it will cost the village money to pay for this service. Teresa has compared notes with the Towns and what they are providing and paying. The Mayor spoke of paying a reasonable fee for a background check. Mayor continued to speak on how the Village is looking and seeing a charge on an individual but the conviction part is the difficult part to see or receive a report on. Chief Connelly spoke of the CHAIRS system on how it shows an arrest but not the conviction. Mayor spoke of still using the CHAIRS system as a screening tool; and if it shows a clean record there is no reason to go forward. However, if it has an arrest on it we could ask the individual to provide the documentation on how it was resolved. Trustee Linnertz spoke on how it would be incumbent upon them to provide us on how it was resolved and provide the certificate of disposition. Mayor spoke of no action being taken on this now, we are just researching the options at this point. Talks continued whereas the CHAIRS system only looks at this County. Teresa suggested a cost effective way of doing a national search. A statewide search thru OCA can be performed for a \$65 fee. Mayor spoke of determining a process to encompass all of this information and let legal counsel review this before we move forward with this. Mayor Atkinson mentioned his concern of protecting the residents of this Village.



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RESOLUTION # 071-12

REINSTATE (2) CAMP DIRECTORS
D. LUCKENBAUGH
C. KRUGER

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to reinstate/rehire (2) camp directors that are returning from last year to begin employment back with the Village on or about May 1st, 2012. Mayor Atkinson spoke of the return of Danielle Luckenbaugh returning with a 3% increase or \$10.70/hour and Courtney Kruger returning with a 3% increase or \$9.55/hour. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 072-12

KRAFTPOWER 2012 AGREEMENT COMM. CTR/FIRE DEPT.

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2012 annual agreement to maintain the generator at the Community Center for \$270 which includes a load test, and the 2012 annual agreement for the Fire Dept. Station 1 and Station 2 for a total of \$290 (\$145 each) without a load test. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #073-12

ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE DATE AND TIME

Mayor Atkinson spoke of the Village's annual event to set the date and time for Arbor Day which will be on Friday, April 27th at 11:00 AM. He spoke of the observance and planting a tree. This year we will be planting a tree in memory of Joe Leva, he lived in the Village of North Syracuse for over 50 years, he was a World War II Veteran, was a sheet metal worker/supervisor for many years and was very active with the St. Rose of Lima Church as the "key keeper" for many years. The Mayor proceeded to read the following proclamation that he will also read tomorrow at the ceremony:

Arbor Day -2012

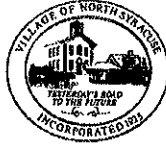
WHEREAS: In 1872 a day was set aside for the planting of trees and in the words of J. Sterling Morton, the Founder of Arbor Day, "The cultivation of flowers and trees is the cultivation of the good, the beautiful, and the ennobility in man and for one, I wish to see this culture become universal." and

WHEREAS: Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS: Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS: Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Atkinson, Mayor of the Village of North Syracuse do hereby proclaim April 27 as ***ARBOR DAY***



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In the Village of North Syracuse, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

DATED this 27th day of April in the year 2012.

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to set the observance of Arbor Day in the Village of North Syracuse as Friday, April 27th at 11:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #074-12 CREATE ADD'L ROSTER POSITION P/T ANIM. CTRL - RELIEF

Mayor Atkinson explained the need for this additional position that would cover the vacancy if our regular employee is sick or is on vacation. Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the additional roster position for Part-Time Animal Control (Relief). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report

ENGINEERING REPORT: Brian Bouchard spoke of the 2011 Comm. Development project pertaining to the sidewalks whereas they are waiting for the surveyor to complete his work. He is hopeful that the surveyor will have completed his work and is looking to have the plans and specifications prepared for the next meeting with a bid date to be towards the end of June.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: No Report

Highway Department: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth thanked all those that had helped out on Earth Day; and stated that .44 tons of garbage and litter was collected from the parks and Village streets. There were approximately 75 – 80 people that assisted with this effort. Teresa reminded all of the Family Festival that will be held on Saturday, May 26th from 11 AM until 5 PM.; as well as the Memorial Day Parade on Monday morning at 9 AM which starts at Lonergan Park and marching up to Veterans Memorial Park. Teresa spoke of the Summer Flyer being drafted and will appear in the Sunday Paper on May 13th.

Codes Department: Codes Enf. Officer Pam DiCarlo spoke of the progress of Gianelli Sausage on their recent addition – the pouring of the footings.



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Clerk-Treasurer: Dianne Kufel spoke of copier proposals that will be forthcoming in the next week or so with an exchange and upgrade to the Village Hall copier and the Police Dept. copier, as well. Overall, this upgrade will save the Village approximately \$30,000. Dianne also spoke of her obtaining a few competitive quotes for the General Liability, Auto, Public Officials and Police Professionals Insurances and is optimistic that there will be a savings to be had with these as well. She also made mention of two new interns that will be starting very soon at Village Hall – to prepare for a few unfamiliar faces. We welcome these interns as they are learning valuable skills to acquaint them with a government office and provides the Village with a multitude of assistance in many different departments.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Linnertz: No report

Trustee Fergerson - thanked the Fire Dept. for the dinner banquet – specifying they had 1038 total calls this last year whereas 572 were fire and 466 were rescue calls – an average of 2.8 calls per day/annually. He spoke of the open house of the Canteen this past Sunday, April 22 and the nice facility. He thanked Teresa for her efforts on Earth Day and the Bike giveaway – nice job. He continued to mention a proclamation for the Scottish Rite Organization on Saturday, April 28th. December 2nd, 2012 is the date scheduled for the Holiday Parade. Public Safety Meeting on Monday Dec. 3rd.

Trustee Butterfield – spoke of the most recent “Sign Committee” meeting that was held on Monday, April 23rd. The committee continues to review the Code to simplify/modify the sign ordinance and put some restrictions on the sign ordinance as well as redefine.

Deputy Mayor Henry: No report

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Atkinson stated that he wanted to add to the agenda the authorization/approval to move forward with a 3 year agreement with Hometown Heating to provide a 3 year agreement for annual cleaning and checking of furnaces and air conditioning units at the Community Center and Village Hall.

RESOLUTION # 074 -12

HVAC 3 YEAR AGREEMENT/HOMETOWN HEATING

Trustee Linnertz made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a 3 year agreement for \$69/yr. or \$276 for 3 years for cleaning and checking of furnaces and air conditioning units at the Community Center, and the same service for \$69/yr. or \$276 for 3 years for cleaning and checking of furnaces and air -



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conditioning at Village Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Atkinson made mention of upcoming events in the Village. The Meals on Wheels garage sale will be held at the Community Center on Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th. The VFW Post will hold a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 6th beginning at 11 AM until they are sold out. The Mayor spoke of his throwing out the 1st pitch at the Little League Baseball game on Saturday, April 28th. He spoke of the recent surplus of equipment that the DPW requested to be sent to the auction, whereas so far the action has sold these items for just about \$6,000. The Mayor applauded the efforts of the Canteen and mentioned his attendance at their open house – a tremendous turnout. Mayor Atkinson thanks Teresa for her efforts involved with the Earth Day cleanup. He noted that the Village has currently collected approx. \$1,000 for the Hanging Flower baskets that beautify the Village – same amount as last year.

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding current litigation at 5:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:18 PM. Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 5:19 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer