

Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
June 28, 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, DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION # 122-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2012 Board Meeting. Trustee Linnertz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 123-12

GENERAL FUND OLD BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve the General Fund Old Budget Abstract #29 in the amount of \$61,244.00 covering Voucher #1464 to Voucher #1481; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 124-12

GENERAL FUND NEW BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund New Budget Abstract #2 in the amount of \$82,884.38 covering Voucher #28 to Voucher #80. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE: Vera Desimone of 304 Belmore Drive spoke of the nice job Gary Wilmer and Teresa Roth have done assisting with the school house in front of the Toll Road Senior Apartments. Vera also thanked the dedication of Eddie Fagan as he has also assisted with much of this; and they are planning an opening on July 22nd, actually a re-opening. She said that everything should be ready and thanks everyone for all of their hard work. The Mayor thanked Vera as well for all of her time and support of this facility.

Robert Dann 139 Van Mara Drive spoke of a concern of a neighbor on his street. He spoke of addressing his concern with the Codes Enf. Officer at Village Hall. He continued to say and speak of so much traffic in and out of the house for many years. He also spoke of the no left turn on Grove Street and he continues to see people turning there and the police are not ticketing for this. The Mayor said he will pass this information on to the new interim Police Chief as he is very responsive to this type of information; and he thanked him for his input.



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OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #125-12 LOSAP RESOLUTION FOR DETERMINATION OF THE EEOC CLAIM

The Mayor spoke that the Board has received the documentation explaining the resolution that is needed to move forward with the EEOC claim that was received back in 2009. The Mayor continued to explain that at the original inception of the plan, the firefighters would continue to serve the community after the age of 62 and did not receive credit because of the plan documents stated to the age of 62, as required by the State at that time. The Mayor continued to say that since that time, it has been established by the EEOC that the Village does indeed owe certain individuals credits for years served after age 62. The mayor read the following:

“Move the adoption of a resolution authorizing additional funding for the Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”) by the Village for a pro-rata portion of the Village of North Syracuse Fire Department firefighters pursuant to a written determination of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission dated January 9th, 2009 (EEOC Charge Number 525-2008-000043 and 68, et.al.) which established that although the Village of North Syracuse complied with the LOSAP laws as drafted by the State Legislature and adopted in 1991, additional benefits for firefighters who reached age 62 and continued to earn the requisite credits are owed by the Village of North Syracuse to the firefighters. The EEOC has been supplied with a list of eligible firefighters, years and benefits claimed analysis. Accordingly, the Village of North Syracuse intends to pay its pro-rated share of the amount due to the insurance carrier (VFIS) with contribution from Clay and Cicero, until the benefits are fully paid. The overall claim against the Village is approximately \$77,600 plus interest, depending upon how and when payment is finalized and made. The Village share of this claim is approximately \$25,687. The Village has requested a release from the EEOC, but it has not yet been received. This resolution further authorizes the Mayor to execute documents and take any necessary actions to resolve this claim and matter and the Clerk/Treasurer to communicate directly with Clay and Cicero regarding coordination of payment for the claim.” Trustee Ferguson made this motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mark Atkinson. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #126-12 APPROVAL OF RFP FOR THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

Mayor Atkinson spoke of the Board receiving the quotes that were received, referencing that Superior Seal was the lowest bid that included prevailing wage. The Mayor turned this over to DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer for specific questions. Gary spoke that Superior Seal will level the parking lot but will not pack it; but still they will be the best, for the job that needs to be done. Gary explained the mill key-ins is a smooth transition from one grade to the other. Trustee Butterfield spoke of the sidewalk that dips down whereas this needs to be brought up to code, near the handicap ramp. Gary spoke of doing spot checking for low areas prior to the actual paving. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize Superior Seal to pave the



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parking lot at 600 South Bay Rd. for \$30,330 as per quote dated May 18, 2012. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #127-12

RESOLUTION ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR NYS RETIREMENT

The Mayor spoke of the Board receiving the documents regarding the elected officials and their calendar of activities. He continued to explain that this is a requirement of the NYS Retirement System that each term, elected officials need to complete 3 consecutive months of activities. The Mayor made a motion to enter into the minutes the official document required by the NY State Retirement System. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Village of North Syracuse, Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled board meeting held on June 28th, 2012 hereby establishes the following as reportable days worked for the purposes of retirement credit based on review of records submitted by elected officials:

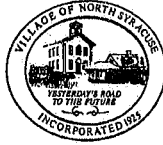
Mayor:	Mayor Atkinson: 4 year term expires 7/2015 – Six Hours per day, 10 days per pay period, 20 days per month.
Trustees:	Chuck Henry: 4 year term expires 7/2015 6.5 days per pay period, 13 days per month
	Fred Ferguson: 4 year term expires 7/2013 3 days per pay period, 6 days per month
	Paul Linnertz: 4 years term expires 7/2015 1 day per pay period, 2 days per month
	Gary Butterfield: 4 year term expires 7/2013 Chose not to participate in retirement system
Justice:	Robert Bertrand: 4 year term expires 7/2013 No record of activities submitted as of this date

The standard work day has been established at five days per week, six hours per day by the Board of Trustees as a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for the purposes of determining the days worked which are reportable to the NYS Retirement System.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE:

Mayor Mark Atkinson	Aye
Trustee Charles Henry	Aye
Trustee Fred Ferguson	Aye
Trustee Paul Linnertz	Aye
Trustee Gary Butterfield	Aye

Village Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION #128-12 AUTHORIZE THE CODES ENF. OFFICER/CELL PHONE STIPEND

The Mayor spoke of the Codes officer being on-call, and in lieu of carrying multiple phones, she would use her personal phone for a stipend of \$35 per month. The Mayor spoke of this also being done for another Department and is well within the Codes Dept. budget. Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion authorizing the Codes Officer to receive \$35 per month for the use of her personal cell phone. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

ENGINEERING REPORT: No report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Highway Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke of his department working and preparing for the municipal parking lot to be paved.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth spoke of updates since the last meeting. The pool has opened since the last meeting; and summer camp still has some openings. She continued to say that swim lessons start on Monday, July 2nd, and the concert series started last night with a very nice turnout. Teresa also mentioned the grand re-opening of the school house will be on Sunday, July 22nd and plans to put out a press release on this; it is open to the public and anyone can attend. Teresa spoke of trying to have some of the original students come that attended the school, they would now be seniors.

Clerk- Treasurer: No report.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Linnertz: No report

Trustee Ferguson: Spoke of how pleased he is with the Village Beat commending Chief Peverly, regarding the neighborhood watch program, and his support of the community policing. Also, made mention on his appreciation of an officer walking around the village center. Trustee Ferguson also referenced the ice cream program that Rob Florian published, a certificate for ice cream and promoting safety.

Trustee Buttefield: Spoke of how pleased he is with the progress of the new interim Police Chief. He referenced the crosswalks being his concern for quite some time and welcomes an initiative here. He is glad to be back.



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Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of the Emergency Operations Plan that is ready to go out to the Department Heads. He continued to explain their involvement with reviewing and modifications and will return to him. He continued to say he will meet with each Department Head, and meet with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and DPW to finish putting this plan together.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Atkinson spoke of the continual union negotiations with the CSEA, it is ongoing. They have it down to just a few items that need negotiating. He also spoke of a flyer that will be releasing very soon regarding the handling of weekly waste, heavy waste, electronic waste, brush waste and fall/leaf pickup. He would like the Board to review this to see if it makes sense and get back to him on it what their thoughts are. The Mayor said that this will discontinue the heavy trash pickup in the fall and the unkept look of the Village that typically lasted for about 2 weeks. He continued to say that once the Trustees respond back, he plans to move forward with this. The residents will have to call and coordinate with the DPW for a bulk item. The Mayor continued to say that more work is being placed on our DPW administrative staff, there is more work here, between this and the MS4 documentation (additional work load) there. We have removed positions and have made some full-time to part-time. The MS4, and the new waste initiative is creating a necessity for increased manpower. The Mayor suggested reviewing the part-time clerk position and perhaps making it full-time and expanding this. The Mayor also made mention of Nesticos adding a new front façade on the building this summer. He also made mention of a meeting with Mary Burgoon (CHA) and Syracuse Realty regarding the old Post Office building renovation. They are getting ready to renovate it. This meeting was to discuss this grant opportunity. They have already done a lot of work to renovate and remove the back portion to provide more parking in the rear of the building. The meeting was to put this package together. The Village's comprehensive plan will be a part of this as well and will compliment the package. The Mayor also spoke of the Village's annual meeting to be held at the Community Center on Monday, July 2nd at 5:00 PM to reappoint members and committees.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer