

Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
August 9th , 2012 at 6:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began 6:30 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: Village Clerk/ Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, Village Engineer James Trasher, Police Chief Bill Peverly.

RESOLUTION # 144-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26th, 2012 Board Meeting. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION# 145-12

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$89,942.02 covering Voucher #223 to Voucher #265; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 146-12

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$16.63 covering Voucher #3; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

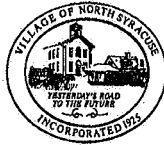
RESOLUTION # 147-12

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Veteran's Memorial Fund in the amount of \$33.99 covering Voucher # 6 and # 7; the motion was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No one responded.

Mayor Atkinson spoke of a thorough process that he facilitated and kept the full Board entirely informed on the hiring of a new Police Chief for the Village. He continued to say that, at this time, he will be initiating two separate resolutions for this new appointment.



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RESOLUTION #148-12

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL CROWELL

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the appointment of Police Chief Michael Crowell. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 149-12

**AUTH. TO SIGN THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT
FOR THE POLICE CHIEF**

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to accept the terms of employment for the Police Chief Michael Crowell; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Atkinson explained that at this time the newly appointed Chief Crowell would perform his Oath of Office and would be sworn in by Judge Bob Bertrand. The Mayor continued to proceed with the pinning in ceremony with his family beside him. The Mayor facilitated a pinning in ceremony whereas his children pinned the stars on both sides of his uniform and his badge. The Mayor thanked them very much and congratulated him. Chief Crowell stood and addressed all those present stating the following:

“Thanked the Mayor and the Village Board and everyone that is here tonight. He first wanted to thank his family, he would not be here if it was not for them. They stood thru thick and thin, good times and bad. Thanked the many mentors that guided him through his career and several are here tonight – Chief Peverly, Chief Carbery, Chief Capria, Chief Marloe, Commissioner Bleyle. He truly appreciated them standing behind him and supporting him throughout these years. For nearly 24 years, he has been preparing for this opportunity. It is with an utmost absolute honor and privilege to lead this police organization. He continued to say that he looks forward to establishing long lasting partnerships with community members and plans to work closely with them to resolve any problems that may exist. In addition to the Oath I just took with the Judge, the citizens of this community have my absolute commitment to the continued fine tradition of community policing. Thanks again.”

Mayor Atkinson thanked Chief Peverly for the great work he performed as the interim Chief and the process that he put together, an outstanding process. He continued to say that many people were involved in the hiring process and the Village is indebted forever for his help in the hiring our Police Chief Michael Crowell.

RESOLUTION # 150-12

MOA FOR MS4/CNY STORMWATER COALITION

Mayor Atkinson explained whereas the Village is a member of the CNY Stormwater Coalition, whereas 25 - 30 communities work together to pool their money and resources together, ultimately saving money for each community. The Mayor made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the



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MOA for the CNY Stormwater Coalition Agreement; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 151-12

UNSAFE STRUCTURE 108 WELLS AVE. EAST

Mayor Atkinson explained the unsafe structure due to the results of a fire at 108 Wells Ave. East. He continued to speak that an unreasonable time had passed and feels the structure should have been taken down by this time. The Mayor explained he would like to pass a resolution that this structure is unsafe and should be demolished; the beginning of a process while trying to get ahead of this and does not want this to carry through the winter. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to declare this unsafe and to be demolished; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Chatfield mentioned a follow up to the outdoor fire issue, whereas he also discussed this at the staff meeting, and plans to have a formal report at the next Board Meeting. Talks also referenced the flow chart distributed that made this process a bit clearer.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

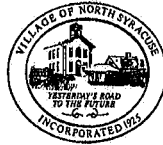
Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth spoke of the pool closing date of August 23rd. She continued to inform that the summer program ends on August 17th. She spoke of the senior trip recently, whereas they went to the Cortland Repertoire Theatre and lunch. Teresa spoke of their next trip to Erie Canal boat ride, museum and lunch trip on Thursday, September 13th. She also mentioned that there are three more concerts for this summer.

Codes Department: Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo spoke of her efforts with the Chestnut Street residence to resolve the ongoing issues of this property and she plans to meet next week to resolve this situation. Mayor Atkinson spoke of this being an item of concern, several issues; and has been talked about quite a bit. The Mayor continued to say that the Village has been as patient as it can and will be, and we are pressing on. Pam continued to speak on a company that has an interest in changing the billboard on Rt. 81 with an electronic board with LED lights with a rotation of different advertisements.

Clerk Treasurer: Dianne Kufel spoke of the completion of the closing of the FY 2011/2012 books that has a favorable impact to the fund balance; an audit will be forthcoming within a few weeks to verify and confirm the final balances. Dianne also referenced the upcoming Fall NYCOM Conference and training that she plans to attend.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: Complimented the Mayor on his leadership with the Police Dept. He continued to



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Chief Connelly was a good man for the job at the time and valued Chief Peverly as the interim Chief with the changes that he made, in just a very short period of time, were remarkable. Again, the Mayor's leadership was greatly appreciated and he feels that the residents of the Village will see the efforts of the Mayor as the Police Dept. continues to improve. Trustee Linnertz said he has been a loud voice against the management of the Police Dept. for years, although Chief Peverly has brought home Community Policing and is confident that Chief Crowell will do the same.

Trustee Ferguson: Referenced the next Public Safety Meeting of September 10th at 5 PM – Fire Station 1. Trustee Ferguson also mentioned that on Saturday morning at 8 AM to 1 PM there will be a Mock Air Crash Disaster at Hancock Airport – with 49 agencies participating, and 250 emergency workers. Therefore, if you see smoke - do not call 911 – this is a planned disaster drill required every 3 years.

Trustee Butterfield: Thrilled with the recent changes in the administration and leadership of the Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of his recent opportunity to speak with the new Chief and is enthused of his upcoming ideas and has been working with the Mayor to move forward with and implement these ideas. Dep. Mayor Henry spoke of some great things and the Village is moving forward. Deputy Mayor Henry also mentioned the Emergency Operations Plan and he is still working on this.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor spoke of the Village Center Plan and the grant recently submitted, RARP, and the support of the local dignitaries. He continues to pursue the RPTL 485a exemption, Town of Clay is still seeking to pass and is hopeful that the NSCSD will also consider. This is very favorable for development in the Village. The Mayor mentioned the Chicken BBQ being held at the North Syracuse Fire Department on Saturday, August 18th. He continued to mention the recent negotiations with the CSEA whereas they have reached a tentative agreement, as soon as he receives back by the membership, we will discuss at an upcoming meeting. The Mayor continued to remind the public of the St. Rose of Lima Annual Harvest Festival to be held on Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th. The Mayor also referenced a recent meeting he attended on MS4, held at the Town of Clay. References were made to the Emerald Ash Bore beetle that will be destroying ash trees, and ultimately the ash trees will stop the clog, stop the water flow in streams, and affecting the stormwater drainage. The Mayor also reminded the Board of the Budget submitted to each Trustee at the last meeting from the Fire Chief for their upcoming 2012/2103 Budget. He asked each of them to review and provide feedback to the Fire Chief. The Mayor provided feedback and is hopeful to discuss publicly at the next meeting and approve. Finally, the Mayor spoke of being contacted by a real estate company on behalf of a couple of owners of the 2 large lots at the end of Gateway Park Dr., the industrial area off of Taft

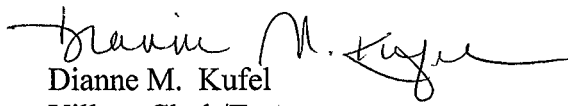


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Road. It is approximately 60 acres, some is wetlands, with a lot of frontage on Rt. 81. Mayor said they are looking to donate to the Village of North Syracuse and asked them to submit a proposal of donation to the Village, with some information on this, to the Board of Trustees. This should be coming our way soon and there should be an opportunity here for the Village.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk/Treasurer