



Village of North Syracuse

600 South Bay Road

North Syracuse, NY 13212

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 22, 2011 @ 4:30 PM – N. Syr. Comm. Center

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Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Police Chief Tom Connelly, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield.

RESOLUTION #177-11

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2011 Board Meeting. Trustee Gary Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 178-11

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract # 8 in the amount of \$102,831.21, Voucher #: 406 to Voucher #: 465; the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 179-11

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$55.00, Voucher #5; the motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 180-11

BUDGET TRANSFER #1

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to approve the transfer of \$3,536.30 from A2680 (Insurance Recoveries -- a Revenue) to A7181.28 - \$2,111.30 (Community Center Sign) and A7110.21 - \$1,425.00 (Centerville Park Signs). The motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' VOICE:

Pat Gustafson of 137 Maxwell Avenue would like to thank Gary Wilmer for the wonderful job his crew is doing picking up the "bulk pick up" and spoke of it being very successful.



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OLD BUSINESS:

ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PLANS FOR TOLL RD. SENIOR COMMUNITY

Mayor Mark Atkinson spoke of how, as of this date, the Toll Road Senior Community had not received approval for acceptance of the final plans and stated that there were some unfinished items that still needed to be completed. The Mayor opened this up for discussion requesting any questions from the Board although no questions were asked. The Mayor stated that no motion would be made at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

CROWN CASTLE LEASE

Mayor Mark Atkinson explained that Crown Castle has a cell tower lease with the Village and that it is set to expire in 2023. The Mayor further explained that the Village has recently received some correspondence indicating some options the Village can take; although right now we are not ready to make any decision on this and would like to table this and place it under "Old Business" and discuss at a later date.

RESOLUTION #181-11:

MS4/STORMWATER COALITION AGREEMENT

Mayor Mark Atkinson spoke the Village needing authorization to sign the CNY Stormwater Coalition agreement whereas the Village has been a member of this in the past. He spoke of this being an annual requirement with the program running from January 1st to December 31st, 2012. The Mayor explained that last year there were 28 municipalities that participated in this program, which brought the cost down to \$3,571 per entity, and mentioned that perhaps a few more entities will join in and this would further reduce the cost allocated to each. The Mayor further explained that this is an extremely cost effective way to meet the requirements of the MS4 and the water runoffs. Trustee Fred Ferguson made the motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the necessary document relating to this group coalition effort; seconded by Trustee Gary Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.



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ENGINEERING REPORT: Amy Franco spoke of the latest determination regarding the Community Development Sidewalk Project and specifically at the corner of Rt. 11 and Chestnut Street, relating to the detectable warning strip. Amy further explained that they after meeting with LanCo and the DOT, it is not acceptable and they will need to reinstall. Amy said she will follow up on this progress at our next Board Meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: Police Chief Connelly spoke that their new digital recording system is being installed currently. Police Chief Connelly explained how this would record statements that they take in; and it was totally funded through a Byrne grant that was filtered through from the District Attorney's Office.

Department of Public Works: DPW Sup't Gary Wilmer stated that they have completed the Fall heavy trash pickup. He further stated that they picked up 212 tons of material from the streets. Gary spoke highly of his employees and that they did all of this in record time, actually completing all heavy trash pickups by Wednesday, September 21st. Gary estimated the total cost to be approximately \$15,000.00, which is a slight increase from the last year's heavy trash pickup. He quoted last year's pickup to be at 177 tons.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth spoke of the elevator enhancement that was approved, and how Reider Elevator began working on this yesterday. Teresa also spoke of the delivery of the new chairs for the first floor meeting room and commented that the seniors really appreciate them. Teresa continued to share that she had recently ordered some replacement playground equipment for Lonergan Park.

Codes Department: No report.

Clerk-Treasurer: Dianne Kufel spoke of the new projections for retirement for next year. She spoke of the "new" percentages that have been established for 2012, paid by the Village in December of 2012. The percentage for Employees Retirement System is 18.6%, whereas last year was 15.8%; and Police and Fire is 20.9% whereas last year is 16.2%. Dianne spoke of the savings the Village has absorbed basically due to the full-time positions to part-time, and a few layoffs have helped the Village with their liability to the NY State Retirement System. Dianne affirmed that the Auditors would be in to begin their audit of the books and will work in conjunction with Michael Benn CPA's. Dianne further mentioned that she is currently working on a few items that will save the Village approximately \$5,000 per year in reduced expenditures.



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Mayor Atkinson commented on the NYS Retirement System and explained that approx. (8) years ago the Village's NYS Retirement Liability was \$20,000 and how it had risen to \$200,000 in (8) years; he further stated that those are the things they are fighting right now and it's hard.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz spoke of how the Planning Board met on September 15th to discuss the Toll Road Park; how they approved the preliminary plan at that time. Trustee Linnertz wanted to thank Attorney Chatfield as the members of the Planning Board had expressed their gratitude on how Mr. Chatfield took the time to explain to them the process that they were going through; apparently they had not received this kind of formal education and appreciated your efforts. Trustee Linnertz was speaking out loud and stated that as he understands it to be that the preliminary plan is approved by the Planning Commission and then a building permit is issued. Trustee Linnertz continued to say "So on Sept. 15th the Planning Commission did their job but on April 4th, 2010 the Village issued a building permit?" So, as he continued, the cart was a mile in front of the horse and he doesn't understand why, no one has an answer. Trustee Linnertz continued to reiterate that a certificate of occupancy had been issued again before the site plan was approved. Wayne Dean from the Codes office explained that it was a done deal by the planning commission. More conversation took place although the tape has much static. The tape is not clear.

Trustee Ferguson spoke of the Public Safety Meeting that was held on Monday, September 12th and suggested, to save time, that the minutes are published on the Village website (www.northsyracuse.ny.org). Trustee Ferguson reminded everyone of the next meeting to be held on December 5th at 5 PM at the North Syracuse Fire Department on Chestnut Street. Trustee Ferguson also announced that Saturday, September 24th is International Ataxia Awareness Day and noted that he along with Pat Gustafson will officiate at a luncheon meeting to be held at the North Syracuse Community Center. Trustee Ferguson spoke of how they will present a proclamation from Mayor Atkinson to the CNY Ataxia Support Group.

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 PM; seconded by Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne Kufel
Village Clerk Treasurer