

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 2010

6:30 P.M. – Community Center

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board meeting was held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the North Syracuse Community Center located at 700 South Bay Road.

The meeting was opened by Mayor Browning at 6:34 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Village Clerk Christine Pollock, Village Attorney Heather Cole, Clough & Harbor Engineer Amy Franco, North Syracuse Police Sgt. Roberta Comerford, Codes Officer Pam DiCarlo, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Parks Director Teresa Roth, and DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer. Treasurer Dianne Kufel was excused.

RESOLUTION 226-10

MINUTE APPROVAL ABSTRACT MEETING

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2010 Abstract Board Meeting, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

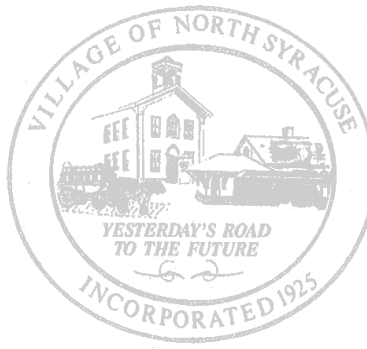
RESOLUTION 227-10

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the following Budget Transfers totaling, \$8,135; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson and carried unanimously.

\$4,160 FROM: Account A2680 (Insurance Recoveries)
TO: Account A5182.2 (Special School Lights)

\$3,975 FROM: Account A1990.4 (Contingency)
TO: Account A1420.456 (Law Police Dept.)



RESOLUTION 228-10

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL
FUND ABSTRACT#10:**

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$83,418.54 covering vouchers #504 to #594; Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 229-10

**APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ABSTRACT #10 :**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Community Development Abstract #10 covering vouchers #10 to #15 in the amount of \$3,942.37; so moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson. The motion was carried as follows:

RESOLUTION 230-10

**APPROVAL OF SEWER
ABSTRACT #10:**

Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve Sewer Abstract #10 in the amount of \$10,299.51, covering vouchers #10 to voucher #12; motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried as follows:

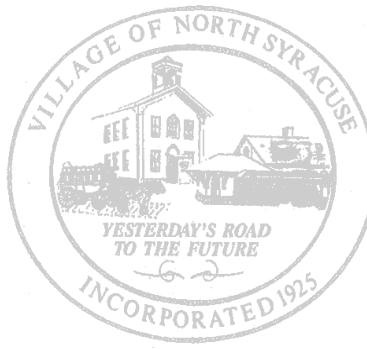
CITIZENS' VOICE: No one wished to speak. However, at the end of the meeting Mr. Linnertz requested a moment to speak due to the fact that he missed the usual time for Citizenø voice due to an emergency rescue call. The Mayor agreed to hear him.

Mr. Paul Linnertz of Helen Street; commented on the approved minutes he read off of the Village web site (09/09/2010). Mr. Linnertz felt the Board members votes should be more clearly recorded in the minutes to avoid any ambiguity or confusion by the reader. Mayor Browning agreed with his statement and thanked Mr. Linnertz for his comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

LION'S CLUB PARK:

Mayor Browning asked Trustee Butterfield to provide the Board with an update on the Lionø Club response to the Villageø purchasing offer for Lionø Club Park next to Meals



on Wheels. Trustee Butterfield stated that he spoke with Gloria Mitton of the Lionø Club, who stated that the Lionø Club rejected the proposal. Trustee Butterfield said the Village will not counter offer.

RESOLUTION 231-10

FIBERDYNE:

For those unfamiliar with Fiberdyne Labs, Mayor Browning offered a brief description of the recent presentation before the Board by Fiberdyne Labs. The electronic billboard, if erected, would be at NO COST to the Village or its residents. It would be fully funded by advertisers, and would be used to post upcoming Community Events, Weather Warnings, Amber Alerts, etc. With regard to utility consumption and payment, a special box would be attached so the electrical usage would also be billed directly to Fiberdyne. Trustee Ferguson asked if the billboard is one or two sided. Deputy Mayor Atkinson said it is one sided at this point. Depending on the number of advertisers, it could be altered.

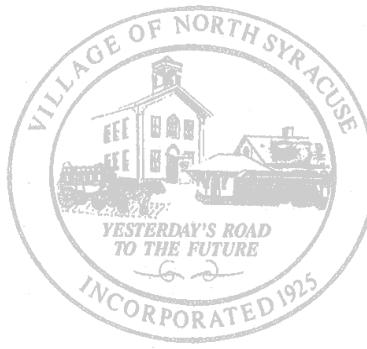
Codes Officer Pam DiCarlo reported that Codes Officer Wayne Dean had looked into various sites in the Village where the electronic billboard would be effective and at the same time not distract drivers. She reported that Mr. Dean felt the best location fitting the criteria is the Northeast corner of South Bay Road and Church Street, commonly referred to as DeFrancisco Park.

In a letter to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Codes Officer Dean is requesting Board approval to authorize Fiberdyne to begin investigating this specific location further. Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to allow Fiberdyne to investigate the Northeast corner of South Bay Road and Church Street. Trustee Ferguson so moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 232-10

JOINT CHECK AGREEMENT:

Mayor Browning asked Village Attorney Heather Cole to explain the reason for a Joint Check Agreement to secure materials needed for the Community Center Paving Project. Attorney Cole explained that this Joint Check Agreement offers the Village of North Syracuse an added layer of protection and assurance in the event that there are issues



between the Supplier, Hanson Aggregates New York, LLC, and the contractor James V. Spano in the future. Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Joint Checking Agreement, the motion was seconded by Trustee Chuck Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 233-10

UMBRELLA COVERAGE REDUCTION

Engineer Amy Franco explained that we have been requested to reduce Umbrella Coverage for the paving project by Spano, from \$5 million to \$3 million. Attorney Cole added that this is a common practice once the project is underway. Trustee Ferguson made the motion to reduce the Umbrella Coverage from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000; Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 234.10

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Browning asked for a motion to schedule a Public Hearing to create a local law to allow Senior's Real Property Tax exemptions to include out of pocket medical expenses. The Public Hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:29 p.m. Trustee Chuck Henry made the motion; seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

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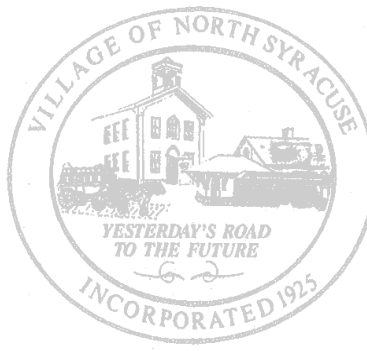
**AUTHORIZE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE
ON SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize Mayor Browning to sign the NYS DOT Shared Services Agreement for salt and sand use during the winter; seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 236-10

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE
ON ANNUAL HIGHWAY INVENTORY**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to authorize Mayor Browning to sign the Annual Highway Inventory (unchanged since last signed); seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.



RESOLUTION 237-10

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE
ON NATIONAL GRID POLE
USE AGREEMENT**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize Mayor Browning to sign the annual National Grid pole usage agreement for displaying holiday lighting; seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 238-10

**DPW HIRE TEMPORARY
PART TIME LABORER**

Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve Superintendent Gary Wilmer's request to hire Jason Raydor as a temporary laborer, for a period of 6 (six) weeks, at a rate of \$10/hr. to help with leaf pick up; Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

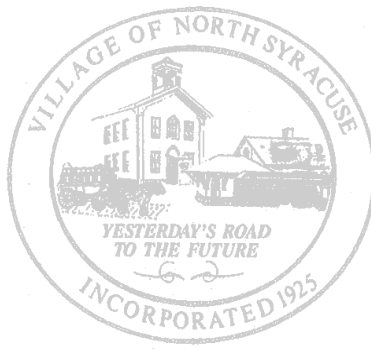
RESOLUTION 239-10

FENCE ON DRAINAGE EASMENT

The Codes Department has presented the Board with a request for authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement with the owners of 413 Pleasant Avenue that would allow them to erect a fence to connect to existing fences over and around a drainage easement. The agreement would allow the Village full physical access, and or removal of fencing if and when necessary. Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Browning and the Board of Trustees tabled any discussion on the proposed Legislation for Onondaga County Shared Purchasing until further information is available.

FIRE DEPT. RULES & REGULATIONS

Fire Chief Brennan asked Mayor Browning & the Board of Trustees to approve the Fire Departments recently revised Rules & Regulations, as submitted. Mayor Browning asked if the Chief had taken any of the legal revisions suggested by Village Attorney Cole into consideration. Chief Brennan reiterated that he is asking the Board to approve the Rules &



Regulations *without revisions* since it has taken over 6 (six) months to get this far; adding that the document only pertains to the governance of the day to day operations of the Fire Department and really has no bearing on the Village. Trustee Butterfield questioned Chief Brennan why he would dismiss advice from the Villagesø Legal Counsel? òHeather may not understand how the process works,ö the Chief stated.

Mayor Browning offered an example of an important point she felt needed to be addressed in the document; that being the presence of a Fire Department representative at each Board Meeting. It does not necessarily have to be the Chief, as long as someone is there who can adequately represent the department. Chief Brennan said his department is made up of all volunteers, most of whom have jobs outside of the department, and unlike the rest of the Village Personnel they are not compensated for attending meetings.

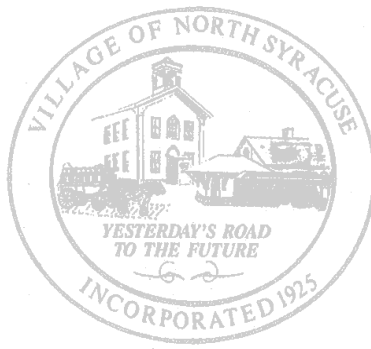
The Mayor informed the Chief that none of the Village Personnel are compensated for Board Meeting attendance. Trustee Ferguson noted that the last time the Rules and Regulations were revised was in 1996. The Chief agreed offering CPR qualification was annual, and is now bi-annual. Chief Brennan said if the Board gives their approval tonight, he will take the Rules & Regs back to the Fire Counsel and run the legal revisions by them. He will then come back before the Board with any Counsel approved revisions in a month or so. Trustee Butterfield asked the Chief to take the suggestions back to the Fire Counsel and discuss it now, rather than later to eliminate a need to keep going back and forth? The Mayor suggested that Chief Brennan and Attorney Cole set up a time to confer with each other about the legal recommendations. Trustee Ferguson noted that in the revised Rules & Regulations, as presented for approval, the Boardø authority to suspend or expel a member is absent, which concerned Trustee Ferguson since Board approval is required to become a member. After further discussion, Trustee Ferguson made a motion to table this agenda item to a future Board meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion to table the matter was unanimously carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Village Attorney Heather Cole has a number of items for Executive Session regarding labor negotiations, and personnel matters.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Amy Franco of Clough& Harbour had nothing to report.



DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: There is no report

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Pat Brennan reported that Safety Day last weekend was very successful. They had a good turnout and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Chief Brennan further stated that he felt communication has improved over the past six (6) months between the Village Board and the Fire Dept. since Deputy Mayor Atkinson came on board, however he is very disappointed with the Board's handling of the Rules and Regulations issue tonight.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Director Teresa Roth said the Halloween Party will be held at St. Rose of Lima in the Gym and cafeteria on Friday, October 29th from 6-8:30pm for village youth ages 12 and under. Mr. Roth also mentioned that she was very much looking forward to the completion of the Community Center Parking lot.

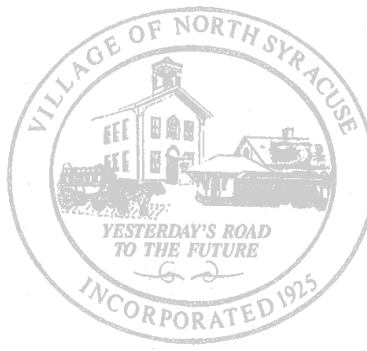
CODES ENFORCEMENT: There is no report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Superintendent Gary Wilmer reported that during the weeks of September 13th & September 20th - the DPW picked up a little under 200 tons of Heavy Trash. The Community Center Parking Lot Project will require material for a 120 x 80 section at an additional cost of \$3,136 for asphalt. Amy Franco said Clough Harbor will prepare & process the Change

Order. He also reported that the renovations at Village Hall are progressing nicely, and the lights and switches and the counters should be in by next week.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer was absent.



DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT

Deputy Mayor Atkinson had no report.

Trustee Fred Ferguson reported that residents on Josephine and Belmore Streets requested a traffic study for the purpose of erecting new signs and patterns. He and Gary Wilmer will be looking into the matter in the next few weeks. The next Public Safety Meeting will be held Monday, December 6th at 4:30 pm downstairs in the small room of the Community Center. He and the Mayor attended the Fire Safety Days and complimented the Fire Chief on a job well done.

Trustee Gary Butterfield said he intended to attend the Safety Days this past weekend; however he was unexpectedly called out of town for a family matter. He was pleased to hear it had been successful.

Trustee Chuck Henry reported that although he was unable to attend this year's Safety Days at the Fire Department, he was impressed with the Chief and members of the Fire Department for their part in keeping Air 1 alive.

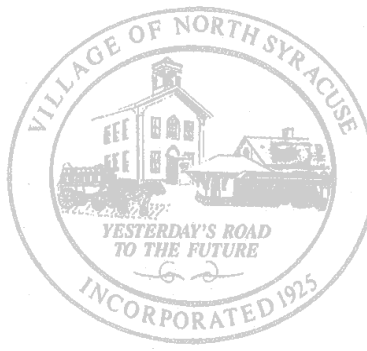
Mayors Report

Mayor Browning praised Chief Brennan for a great job with Fire Safety Days. She and Trustee Ferguson attended the event and were delighted to see how much the kids enjoyed themselves. The Mayor also expressed how pleased she was with the Community Center Paving Project and how it will enhance the Village's appearance.

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Browning and the Board of Trustees returned to regular session at 7:47 pm.



RESOLUTION 240-10
AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPOINTMENT OF MARY RENNA:

Trustee Chuck Henry made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Renna to the North Syracuse Police Department with a start date of October 18, 2010. Ms. Renna was employed by the Village Fire Department with an annual salary of \$25,461.60. As a member of Teamsters 317 she will continue to receive Health Insurance Benefits per their contract, and her salary will be adjusted contingent upon the outcome of the pending negotiations between 317 and the Village of North Syracuse. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion, the motion was carried unanimously. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 241-10
AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

LT. BARLOW 211 WAIVER

Gary Butterfield made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the New York State 211 Waiver for Lt. Gary Barlow. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 242-10
AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTION OF NEW
PERSONELL POLICY

Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to adopt the new Personnel Policy effective June 1, 2011 and to be reviewed annually, seconded by Gary Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pollock
Village Clerk