



Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
October 27, 2011 at 4:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

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

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

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

RESOLUTION # 193-11

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2011 Board Meeting. Trustee Paul Linnertz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, with Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry abstaining from the vote as he was not present at this meeting.

RESOLUTION # 194-11

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$76,799.88 covering Voucher # 551 to Voucher # 591; the motion was seconded by Trustee Gary Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS VOICE:

Cheryl Morgan of 209 Catherine Street stated that she is so pleased to live in a Village with a local Police Dept. and Fire Dept. whereas everyone listens to your voice in this local community. She continued to comment on how nice the roads were maintained as well. The Deputy Mayor thanked her for her nice comments.

RESOLUTION # 195-11

NEW MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPT.

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to approve the appointment of Elijah Thomson to the Fire Department at the request of Fire Chief Pat Brennan, seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 196-11

SURPLUS 2004 FORD EXPEDITION - FIRE DEPT.

Trustee Paul Linnertz made a motion to surplus the 2004 Ford Expedition as the Fire Dept. no longer needs this in their fleet, seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.



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Conversation took place on what will be done with the vehicle after this surplus. The Board discussed putting it in the local newspaper with bids being accepted and a minimum bid as well as the Village keeping the vehicle for use in the Codes Department or perhaps replacing the Animal Control vehicle. The discussion emphasized the repairs and aging fleet of vehicles that have repeatedly been in for service/repairs.

AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF 2004 FORD EXPEDITION

The Board chose to table the decision of the future of this vehicle for the next meeting so that they could discuss and study the current vehicle maintenance expenditures.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Chatfield stated that he received an inquiry from a company (in business of leasing cell towers) interested in our Cell Tower located at Lonergan Park. He further stated that this will further add to our efforts of the last meeting to see another "value" placed on the worth of this cell tower that can be used to compare with the Crown Castle offer.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Engineer Amy Franco stated that the sidewalks are completed in the areas surrounding Seneca Bank and they are just awaiting the final stamp of approval from the Department of Transportation. Engineer Amy Franco also stated that she met with the contractor over at Toll Road Park discussing the punch-list items as this project has reached completion. She continued to say that some of the items have been completed as discussed, but some remain to be completed. Amy mentioned the walkthroughs performed by herself, the Mayor, Gary Wilmer and Pam DiCarlo.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief: No report.

Department of Public Works: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke of Onondaga County expressing an interest in the Village plowing the County Road in our Village, again hoping to engage in a one year agreement to plow and salt the roads. He spoke of an increase in the monies the Village would receive this upcoming year will be \$6,325/per mile; whereas this is an increase of approximately \$1,000 over last year. Gary also explained that if we accumulate over 151 inches of snow, this amount will increase to approx. \$6,900/per mile. Attorney Chatfield reaffirmed that the new agreement would be at the new price. DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer stated that the County preferred the Village maintain this mainly for the safety factor. Attorney Chatfield explained the minimal risk of authorizing this prior to the contract in hand, unknown of any weather conditions forthcoming. In order to clarify, the Village's obligation is .5/mile or ½ mile, therefore, we will receive half of this amount, which is paid in 2 separate payments to the Village.



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RESOLUTION # 197-11

SNOWPLOW AGREEMENT ONON. COUNTY AND DPW

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the County to plow the portion of Chestnut Street, seconded by Trustee Paul Linnertz. The motion was carried unanimously.

DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer spoke of a call from National Grid requesting to move forward with 2 new street lights on Singleton Ave. Gary agreed with the 1st light although the 2nd light proposed unforeseen costs to run the wire across. Gary suggested holding off on the 2nd light, and moving the 1st light closer to the parking lot. He suggests adding another light later as this cost is approx. \$1,000 for a 2nd light. Discussion took place also regarding solar lighting. Gary confirmed that the schoolhouse power would be installed in the Spring of 2012. Trustee Linnertz inquired as to this being charged back to the developer. Attorney Chatfield spoke that typically the capital installation is covered by the developer and the annual maintenance thereafter would be the Village, although he was not involved in the negotiations with the developer so he could not comment. DPW Sup't. said that the site plans do not show the street lights. Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry inquired if it would project enough light with just one. Gary stated it was 100 watts. Trustee Gary Butterfield confirmed that this light was not on a pole, and will not shed off as much light as if it were on a pole; this is why the design calls for 2 lights. Gary Wilmer referenced the motion made on June 9th, 2011 that the Board approved the annual maintenance of the 2 lights for a cost of \$500.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth wanted to notify all of the Halloween Party on Friday, October 28th at St. Rose of Lima Church from 6 PM to 8:30 PM; free to any Village resident 12 and under. She encouraged any and all to attend. Teresa stated that the Holiday Parade will be on Sunday, December 4th this year, with the parade starting at 5:00 PM, again encouraging groups and organizations to sign up to march in the parade or just to come for the tree lighting and festivities. She commented on the new addition this year of the Syracuse Pipe Band which will be a new attraction for the entertainment.

Codes Department: Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean spoke of discussion he has had with Attorney Chatfield in reference to Gianelli Sausage and their expanding their facility whereas this will require a variance for this expansion.

DEPUTY MAYOR AND TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Ferguson No report

Trustee Linnertz No report



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Trustee Butterfield No report

Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry No report

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 PM, seconded by Trustee Fred Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Clerk-Treasurer