

# **VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, October 28, 2010

4:30 P.M. – Community Center

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board meeting was held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at the North Syracuse Community Center located at 700 South Bay Road.

The meeting began with Mayor Diane Browning inviting the attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:30 p.m.

**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 Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Heather Cole, Engineer Amy Franco, Chief Tom Connelly, Deputy Fire Chief Tim Ellis, Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan and DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer.

### **RESOLUTION 243-10**

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2010 Board Meeting, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION 244-10**

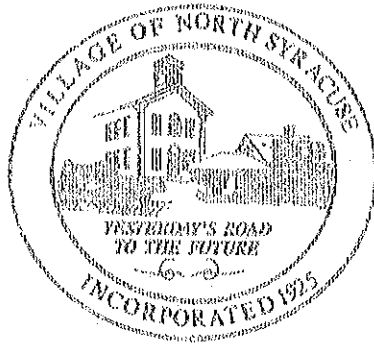
### **APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT #11:**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$115,545.98 covering vouchers #595 to #654; Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION 245-10**

### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ABSTRACT #11 :**

Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson made a motion to approve the Community Development Abstract #11 covering voucher #16 in the amount of \$1,144.76; seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.



**RESOLUTION 246-10**

**APPROVAL OF SEWER  
ABSTRACT #11:**

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve Sewer Abstract #11 in the amount of \$1,777.07 covering vouchers #12 and #13; seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 247-10**

**APPROVAL OF  
BUDGET TRANSFER:**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the following Budget Transfers totaling, \$40,000; the motion was seconded by Trustee Chuck Henry and carried unanimously.

**\$40,000** FROM: Account A909 (General Fund – Fund Balance)  
TO: Account A885F (Fire Dept. “Reserve”)

**CITIZENS’ VOICE:** No one wished to speak.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 248-10**

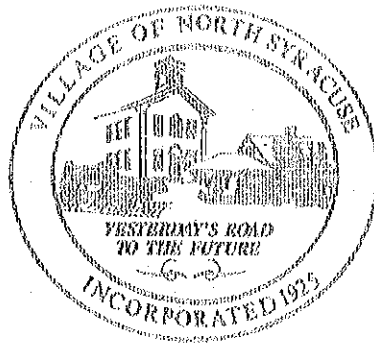
**CASH RECEIPT’S POLICY:**

Mayor Browning deferred to Treasurer Dianne Kufel, who explained that the Cash Receipts Policy required modification due to the unusual circumstances of the collection of monies during some Parks and Recreation events, such as residents paying at the pool. No receipts are written, however there is a log sheet that must reconcile with the total money handed in from the pool at the end of each day. Trustee Ferguson made a motion to accept the revised cash receipts policy; seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson.

**RESOLUTION 249-10**

**RISK FRAUD POLICY CHANGE:**

Mayor Browning asked Village Attorney Heather Cole to explain the changes made to the Risk Fraud Policy. Ms. Cole stated that rather than The Village requiring each employee



sign the Fraud Awareness Policy annually, the revision is such that the Policy need only be signed by the employee once during the course of their employment; with the understanding that it is the employees continuing obligation to abide by its' content.

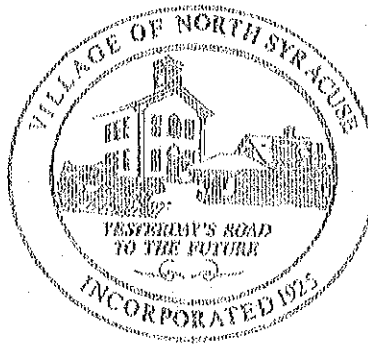
### **RESOLUTION 250-10**

### **MONEY FROM SALE OF TOLL ROAD PARK:**

Mayor Browning stated that since the proposal to purchase Lion's Club Park was rejected, the remaining money must be used toward Park improvements. Treasurer Kufel explained that some of that money has been earmarked to supplement additional expenses for the Community Center improvements (as it falls into the Parks category). Trustee Butterfield said that he understood that some of that money was already designated, and asked the treasurer exactly how much money is left? She stated that she did not have the exact figures; however she would put them together for the next meeting. Trustee Butterfield then questioned Parks Director Roth, as to "what is on your wish list?" Ms. Roth said her number one project on her wish list would be to replace the elevator in the Community Center, however she said she knows it would cost far more than is currently available. She added that removal of wallpaper in the upstairs bathroom, a new dancing deck at Lonergan Park, and there are many more things I can think of. There was further discussion as to what is left to finish on the Community Center Project, such as hydro seeding and minor landscaping, which Superintendent Wilmer felt would be approximately \$3,200. Trustee Ferguson suggested that Ms. Roth develop a priority list to work from. Trustee Butterfield said the offer made to the Lions was fair, and he is now comfortable to move on, and made a motion to use the remaining money from the sale of Toll Road Park for Park improvements, the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson, the motion was carried unanimously.

### **FIRE DEPT. RULES & REGULATIONS**

Mayor Browning asked Fire Chief Brennan if there had been any progress coordinating a meeting or phone consultation with Village Attorney Heather Cole regarding the Fire Department Rules & Regulations changes. He replied there had not, which was confirmed by Attorney Cole. The matter was tabled for a later date.



## **COUNTY SHARE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

Mayor Browning said she wanted to inform everyone that she has an appointment to meet with County Executive Joanne Mahoney, at which time she will discuss the concerns over the impact this policy, and others, would have on our Village.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION 251-10**

#### **TEAMSTERS LOCAL 1149 RENEGOTIATIONS**

Mayor Browning said she received a draft of renegotiated terms of the Teamsters Local 1149 as a product of their current meeting with Steve Richmond. Trustee Butterfield said if our legal counsel and the representatives' of the Union are satisfied, he is willing to accept the document. Deputy Mayor Atkinson, Mayor Browning and Trustee Ferguson expressed their appreciation for the cooperation shown by the Local 1149's willingness to come to the table to renegotiate portions of their contract at a time when they were not obligated to do so. Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding; seconded by Trustee Butterfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 252-10**

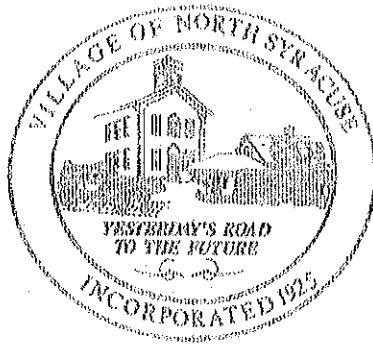
#### **GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY WITH THE MASONIC TEMPLE**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize Mayor Browning to sign a Grant of Right of Way Agreement with the Masonic Temple; the motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 253-10**

#### **FIRE DEPT. HIRE TEMPORARY PART TIME CLERK\TYPIST**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to hire Paul Linnertz at \$15/hr., with a maximum work week being no more than 19 hours. Trustee Butterfield noted that this is a on a temporary basis, contingent upon Civil Service procedure to fill the position. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson; and was carried unanimously.



**ATTORNEY REPORT** Village Attorney Heather Cole had nothing to report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Amy Franco of Clough & Harbour reported the 2010 Community Development Green Grant with EFC is out and she will keep the Village updated.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief of Police Tom Connelly reported that as the result of a joint investigation, the North Syracuse Police Dept. & New York State Police secured a Search Warrant of a 47 year old male who was charged with 15 counts of child pornography.

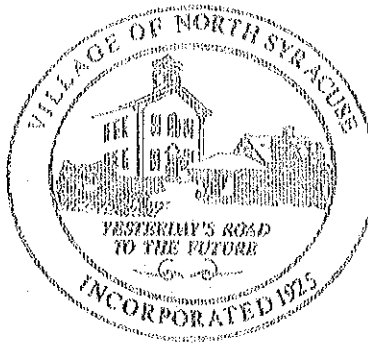
**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Pat Brennan reported that the fire resulting from a van crashing into the Baptist Church on Church Street was extremely intense, and required the assistance of Moyers Corners, East Syracuse, & Mattydale Fire Departments. He also stated that the North Syracuse Fire Dept. is preparing for annual apparatus on the streets to hand out candy and have a presence in the community.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Director Teresa Roth said the Halloween Party will be held tomorrow night at St. Rose of Lima in the Gym and cafeteria from 6:00 pm to 8:30pm – for Village youth ages 12 and under. She also stated that she is thrilled with the Community Center parking lot! Ms. Roth announced the annual Holiday Parade will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CODES ENFORCEMENT:** Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean said he is currently working with Fiberdyne with the site for the electronic billboard. They are scheduled to meet and go over the Village Code and variances that will need to be addressed for this project.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Superintendent Gary Wilmer had nothing to report.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer had nothing to report.



## **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT**

**Deputy Mayor Atkinson** said that the way that Labor and Management have come together with the future of the Village in mind is a great sign. He also wanted to congratulate Chief Connelly on the arrest of the alleged child pornographer.

**Trustee Fred Ferguson** wanted to remind everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be out of town from 11/4 to 11/8. The next Public Safety Meeting will be held on December 6, 2010 at 4:30 pm in the small room downstairs.

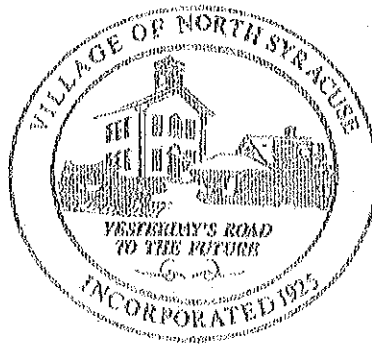
**Trustee Gary Butterfield** said he was very pleased with the parking lot at the Community Center, and the enhancement at the Village Hall not only look good, but also makes the work environment more secure for the Staff.

**Trustee Chuck Henry** had nothing to report.

**Mayor Browning** offered her condolences to Chief Brennan on the sudden loss of his brother. These sentiments were echoed by each of the Board Members.

The Mayor also wanted to commend Supt. Gary Wilmer and our DPW for the wonderful job they're doing at the Village Hall, and for the outstanding work they did for the Community Center Parking lot. The Mayor also recognized that both of these projects were going on while the DPW was picking up heavy trash, and starting the fall leaf pick up. She also stated that one of the trails for the "Walking Village Trails" project will be installed this fall by the DPW and Parks & Recreation Dept.

**ED RYAN** from the Board of Elections came to address the Board on the new voting system mandated by Albany. The changes require more time and space at polling sites; printed ballots must be prepared for each election, new (ballot reading) voting machines must be rented, with County employee's onsite for their operation, as well as inspectors trained for the new machines. The cost to villages that choose to retain their own election schedules, separate from the National Elections, will have to pay more than they do now. Mr. Ryan said the process is SO new, that he cannot give exact figures as to how much more.



Mr. Ryan explained that in order to avoid the additional costs, Villages are holding Public Hearings on changing their elections from June 2011 to November 2011.

Mayor Browning thanked Mr. Ryan for taking time from his very busy schedule to speak to the Board on the new voting procedures.

Trustee Gary Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pollock  
Village Clerk