

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.
North Syracuse Community Center

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Following the pledge to the flag, roll was called. All were present: Mayor Diane Browning, Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Trustee Fred Ferguson, and Trustee Chuck Henry.

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Village Clerk Christine Pollock, Village Attorney Heather Cole, Village Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Codes Officer Wayne Dean, Parks Director Teresa Roth, DPW Superintendent Gary Wilmer, Chief of Police Tom Connelly, and Planning Commission Member Pat Gustafson were present. The Fire Department did not have a representative present.

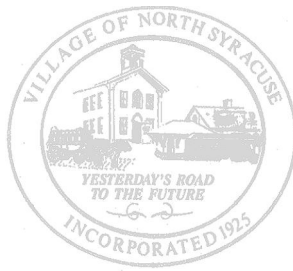
PUBLIC HEARING was held for the purpose of amending Local Law Chapter 210, Article I Taxation, for the purpose of authorizing qualifying senior citizens and persons with disabilities on low income to deduct certain out of pocket medical expenses from their income for the purpose of qualifying for a real property tax exemption on their Village Taxes. This Local Law has been adopted and implemented in both Town of Cicero & Clay.

Mayor Browning opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. The Mayor stated that both the Town of Cicero and Town of Clay have had this law in place for quite awhile, and by amending our local law we would all be on the same page across the board. Mayor Browning asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of amending the local law. Mayor Browning then asked if anyone wished to speak against the amendment. When Mayor Browning asked a third time if someone wished to speak for or against amending the local law, Darlene Piper of 106 ½ Northfield Drive of asked if the village knew how much money it would cost? Village Attorney Heather Cole explained that it does not change the amount of tax revenue the Village would receive, all it does is shift the burden of the State among others.

Mayor Browning asked if anyone else wished to be heard, either for against amending the local law. No one else wished to speak.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:34 pm.

Mayor Browning called the regular meeting of the Village of North Syracuse Board of Trustees to order at 6:35 pm.



RESOLUTION 254-10

MINUTE APPROVAL

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve Minutes from the October 28, 2010, Board Meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson, and so approved with all voting in favor of same.

RESOLUTION 255-10

**GENERAL FUND
ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

The General Fund Abstract #12 covering vouchers #656 to #706, was approved on a motion made by Trustee Butterfield, seconded by Trustee Ferguson, The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 256-10

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the Community Development Abstract #12 covering vouchers #17 to #22, seconded by Trustee Chuck Henry, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 257-10

**VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

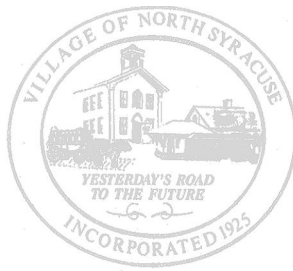
Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to approve the Veterans Memorial Fund Abstract #12 covering voucher #2; seconded by Trustee Ferguson, the motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZEN'S VOICE

Vera Desimone of 304 Belmore began her address to the board by saying, "I don't have a concern, I just want to congratulate the Village of North Syracuse and the DPW on the beautiful job they did in the parking lot out there [Community Center], it's lovely."

Mary McGuire 128 Ford Drive, then addressed the board stating, "I just want to thank you; I have a new road today, and it looks very nice!"

No one else wished to speak. The Mayor thanked everyone for their comments.



OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 258-10

ELECTION DATE

Mayor Browning stated that she would need a resolution to hold a Public Hearing to discuss changing the village election from June 2011 to the general election held in November 2011 to

avoid incurring additional costs as a result of the new voting rules and procedures. Ed Ryan from the Board of Elections was in during the last board meeting and briefly explained the process of the new voting procedure. Residents' input is very important on this issue and by the Public Hearing date, Treasurer Dianne Kufel should be able to provide more specific information on the cost to the village for whichever date the election is held. Trustee Ferguson made a motion to hold the Public Hearing on Tuesday November 23rd at 4:29 pm; the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 259-10

SEWER ABSTRACT

Treasurer Kufel brought it to the Board's attention that Sewer Abstract #12 had been overlooked earlier in the meeting. Deputy Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve Sewer Abstract #12 covering voucher #15 and #16, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion was carried unanimously.

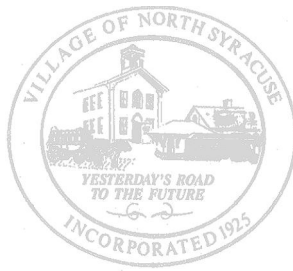
FIBERDYNE – ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD

Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean reported to the Board that he had spoken with Fiberdyne Labs yesterday, and they are withdrawing their offer for the time being. It appears that they were told by the State Attorney General's Office that they cannot place a billboard on public property, for profit. They are now looking for private property they may use, but at this point the project is on hold. Attorney Cole said she looked into the issue once it was brought to her attention and the facts are as Mr. Dean stated.

RESOLUTION 260-10

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN A WORK CHANGE ORDER

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Work



Change Order for the Community Center Parking Lot Project; Deputy Mayor Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPT. RULES & REGULATIONS

Mayor Browning asked Attorney Cole if anyone from the Fire Department had been in touch with her about their Rules & Regulations; she responded that they had not. In light of the fact that no one is here tonight representing the Fire Department, this matter will be tabled for the next meeting.

ONONDAGA COUNTY SHARED SERVICES DISCUSSION

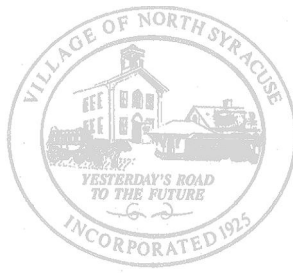
Mayor Browning and Deputy Mayor Atkinson had a meeting with County Executive Joanne Mahoney last week and presented some of their concerns about some of the shared services being proposed by the County, and its effect on the Villages' quality of service and cost to the tax payers. Deputy Atkinson reported that there was a positive story on the news earlier today about revenue sharing in Tompkins County. The buying power is greater and looks to be beneficial. Both Mayor Browning and Deputy Mayor Atkinson said their conversation with County Executive Mahoney was reassuring, and they felt it was time well spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 261-10

CNY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOP. MS-4 COALITION 3 YEAR PLAN

Trustee Chuck Henry made a motion to authorize Mayor Browning to sign the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board's Year 3 (three) MS-4 Coalition Agreement. Trustee Buterfield seconded the motion. After a period of further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously



POST OFFICE CLOSING

Mayor Browning announced that petitions are currently being circulated to keep the Village of North Syracuse Post Office at 201 North Main Street open. It is difficult to find parking at the Main Post Office on Taft Road, and the distance to the front entrance is much too far for some of our Seniors and persons with disabilities. The village has a new senior complex under construction that was chosen, in part, for its proximity to such conveniences as the North Syracuse Post Office. Many people use that facility on a daily basis who do not necessarily live in the village, but may work here or pass through and find it convenient. Anyone can sign these petitions, not just Village residents.

RESOLUTION 262-10

NEW MEMBER OF FIRE DEPT.

Trustee Fred Ferguson made a motion to accept Samuel Stayer as a new member of the North Syracuse Fire Department, seconded by Deputy Mayor Atkinson. The motion was carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Heather Cole had no report, however she stated there is a matter for Executive Session under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

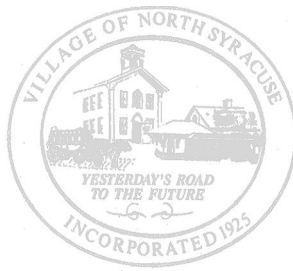
ENGINEER:

Ms. Franco had no report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Connelly had no report.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent Gary Wilmer said everything is great. All paving is done for this year. Leaf season is going strong.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

PARKS & RECREATION

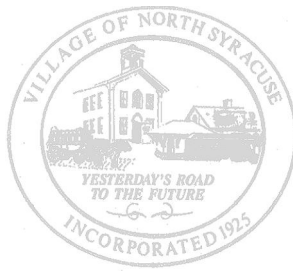
Parks Director, Teresa Roth, reported that this year's Halloween Party at St. Rose School was very successful. She said she has been working on the Holiday Parade for this year, which will be on December 5th. Ms. Roth also wanted to tell the Board that she has received many compliments on the Community Center paving, especially by those who regularly use the facility.

CODES DEPARTMENT:

Codes Officer Wayne Dean said he had just attended a meeting on the CNY Planning & Development Coalition & MS-4 just this afternoon. He said they learned that many of the items previously handled by the DEC are now mandated to the municipalities. Trustee Butterfield interjected, "unfunded mandate". Attorney Cole confirmed that was indeed the case. Mr. Dean continued by saying that by being part of the coalition, many of the services required will be offered at a lower rate (for example: engineering would be approximately \$55/hr as opposed to the current rate of \$110/hr). With regard to elicit discharges, the County will send someone to track down the source, and that individual will be responsible for costs incurred.

Codes Enforcement Officer Wayne Dean wanted to know who determines the "wellness" of a tree, and what actions, or inactions effect the Village; because it is vague in the Codes Book. Attorney Heather Cole said that if a person feels a neighbor or (if on an easement, the Village) has an "unstable" tree that they feel is endangering their property; the individual should write a letter to the owner of the property to put them on notice and afford them an opportunity to remedy the situation. Mr. Dean said he feels the Village Code Book needs to be updated.

Mr. Dean also offered an update on his attempts to inspect the property on Chestnut Street. He had an appointment last Friday but was stood up. He will make another



attempt tomorrow. He further reported that he received a fax from the Dept. of State basically agreeing with the Fire Dept.'s contention that a turnaround is needed at the Toll Road Park Apartments.

TREASURER

Village Treasurer Diane Kufel had no report.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES

Deputy Mayor Atkinson congratulated Teresa Roth and the Parks & Rec. Dept. for a successful Halloween Party. He reported that the Employee Safety meeting held yesterday went well.

Trustee Fred Ferguson also wanted to commend Teresa Roth for another successful Halloween Party. He also noted that the next Public Safety Meeting will be held on Monday, December 6th at the Community Center in the small room downstairs.

Trustee Butterfield agreed with Codes Officer Dean, that the house on Chestnut Street needs to be brought up to Code and wanted to thank Wayne Dean for pursuing it.

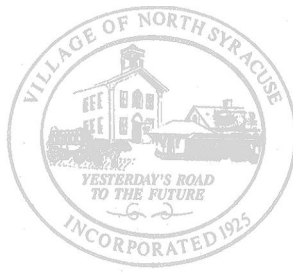
Trustee Chuck Henry had nothing to report.

MAYOR BROWNING

Mayor Browning stated that she is very happy with the renovation of the front entrance at the Village Hall. "Not only is it warm and inviting, it is much safer for our staff." Once again, thank you to our amazing DPW, Trustee Butterfield, and Codes Officer Pam DiCarlo.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Atkinson, all voting in favor of same.

Mayor Browning adjourned to Executive Session at 7:02 pm.



Mayor Browning and the Board of Trustees returned to regular session at 7:10 pm. At which time Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Browning officially closed the regular Board Meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pollock
Village Clerk