



Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
July 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began 6:30 PM with Mayor Atkinson inviting everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/ Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, DPW Sup't Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Codes Enforcement Officer Pam DiCarlo, Village Engineer Amy Franco, Police Chief Bill Peverly.

RESOLUTION # 131-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28th, 2012 Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 132-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from July 2nd, 2012 Annual Meeting. Deputy Mayor Henry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION# 133-12

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #3 in the amount of \$77,907.61 covering Voucher # 81 to Voucher # 142; the motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 134-12

SEWER ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Abstract #3 in the amount of \$63.00 covering Voucher #2; the motion was seconded by Trustee Linnertz. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Atkinson introduced Dick Donovan the Mayor from the Village of Minoa and said that he had some topics he would like to share with us. Mayor Donovan said he appreciated being put on the agenda tonight and spoke of his representing the Onondaga County Mayors Association along with NYCOM. Dick continued to say that he is going around the County this summer to the Board Meetings giving updates to what they are doing in the County, as well as with NYCOM. We encourage everyone's participation in our activities and appreciates all that listen to the news and read the papers; the City of Syracuse is forecasting to be bankrupt in the next two years and other governing bodies, especially cities,



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all over the state are failing. We need to stay together as a group, we need activity at our monthly meetings and I encourage all of you whenever you can to please attend. We need to be one voice and we need to keep after our elected officials, to let them know that, first of all, Village Government is important and "grass roots government" is important and we need not lose that. That is my message tonight from the Mayor's Association, from NYCOM, the same message and that strength is in numbers. Dick continued to mention a number of events coming up, a number of conferences. If you have not been to a Clerk Treasurers Conference, you should attend – it's about the financials. The Main Street Conference was just announced, that is something that has not been done in awhile, and that will be right here in Syracuse. He continued to speak of his being on the executive board, and one of the things he tries to get done is to try to make it affordable and most have full time jobs, so they compacted the conferences. Again all this information is on the NYCOM web site. He encourages everyone to get involved. He appreciates everyone's time tonight; he wanted to leave the board with some insight and to keep everyone informed. He appreciates the time to come out tonight. It was something he wanted to do this summer and see what everybody else does - maybe there are some things they can change in Minoa. Mayor Atkinson explained one of the things that surfaced from the NYCOM meetings recently was a joint breakfast with the County Legislators and the Town Supervisors and as a result, the formulation of some sub-committees. The Mayor explained that he happens to be on the Public Safety Committee whereas they have had two meetings already. They have had some issues they have discussed, that are concerning to the municipalities that have their own Village Police Departments; it's not a fair or equal share throughout the County and he will leave it at that for now. Mayor Atkinson asked if anyone had any questions.

CITIZENS' VOICE: No one responded

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 135-12

AWARD 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SIDEWALK BID

Mayor Atkinson explained the sealed bid process and the bid opening that took place this week. He continued to explain that all the base bids came in lower than the money they would receive from Community Development. Mayor Atkinson turned it over to Amy from CHA. Amy explained the difference between the alternates and the base bids. She continued to say that the Village has the money, if you don't use these monies you lose them. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. He explained that Lan-Co Company Inc. came in with \$46,416.00 which includes the base bid as well as all (3) alternates. He reviewed their bid proposal and reviewed the print of the 3 alternates. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to go with Lan-Co Inc. for a total amount of \$46,416.00, which includes all (3) alternates. Trustee Fred Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 136-12

AUTHORIZING CLERK/TREAS. TO CLOSE FY 5/31/12



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The Mayor turned this over to Dianne. Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel explained that this is an annual procedure that allows the Clerk/Treasurer to close out the books and transfer by budget entries all necessary accounting entries to officially close so that the New Budget can be opened and entries can begin to officially start the new year. Mayor Atkinson made a motion to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to make all accounting adjustments to close the books. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION# 137-12 **APPROVE CHA AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Mayor explained that the Board received a copy of the agreement drafted by CHA that details the professional Engineering Services that will be provided to the Village. The rates are specifically detailed by classification of service. Mayor Atkinson explained he thought CHA was the best fit for the Village of North Syracuse whereas he had given them some goals and so far they have done quite well. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement. Trustee Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 138-12 **APPROVE PARKS MODIFICATION OF CAMP STAFFING**

The Board has received modifications from Teresa explaining a few changes that she has requested to an existing roster to accommodate a few changes that she needed to make. Teresa explained one of her staff members resigned and took a different position. She needed to replace them. The Mayor spoke of Teresa requesting a resolution to remove Dominic Anthony and add Molly Harrington as a Recreation Aide at \$7.75/hr. – retroactive to July 2nd and Kristine Gauthier had been promoted to lifeguard increasing from \$8.35 to \$8.60 hr. Daniel Eager's hourly rate from \$7.75 to \$8.00/hr. Trustee Linnertz made a motion to approve. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ATTORNEYS REPORT: No report

ENGINEERING REPORT: No report

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT:

Police Department: Chief Peverly explained he was happy to say things have been very successful. They had a bank robbery and an arrest was made on that. They had an incident over at the Bargain Center with thousands of dollars worth of items taken from the premises; and a call from some citizens with suspicious activity, that the police officers recovered some of the goods. He put information on the Village Beat that people were going into peoples cars. He also mentioned an incident at Malta House, a suspicious person and they were able to arrest him. There was also a helicopter the other night looking for three suspects that beat up on two other young kids, sad situation because not much money involved; ultimately ended up catching the suspects and they were charged. They have Officers out talking to the



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Community, they have been out on the crosswalks, educating people to slow down. They have been talking to some business people every week and have some good candidates for the Chief's position and setting up interviews.

Highway Department: DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer explained they would be getting ready to resurface the Village Hall parking lot. He continued to say that with the heat the mowing has been cut back, but people are still cutting weeds so they are still picking up brush.

Parks and Recreation: Parks Director Teresa Roth spoke of next Sunday, July 22nd she will be have the reopening of the Toll Rd School House. It will be held across from the Big Dip and near the new senior apartment complex. They have done some serious renovations with the exterior and interior. Next Sunday is the kick off to the opening. Everyone is invited, it is from 2-4 pm next Sunday. She continued to speak on having 102 children sign up for the first instructional swim lessons. They will have a second session. She continued to say that a 144 children are signed up for summer camp. They also have record numbers coming to the pool.

Codes Department: No report

Clerk-Treasurer: Dianne Kufel said that she had received a phone call from Liverpool in reference to the clock in the center of the Village. It looks like they will be getting a clock for the center of their Village and was interested in the efforts we organized to get the businesses/public interested in this concept.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Linnertz: asked Attorney Scott Chatfield to help with the Germain and Germain letters with getting the Village released in return for payment of the determined amount. Some discussion took place regarding why there was a problem with the release. Attorney Chatfield will follow up and get back to him with a full report. The case seems to be dragging out for different reasons. Mayor Atkinson asked Attorney Chatfield to check into this.

Trustee Ferguson: Spoke of E-waste and the fact that a lot of changes need to be made. Trustee Ferguson ask if the Star News needed a press release for the opening of the school house and Mayor Atkinson answer no.

Trustee Butterfield: Spoke of how happy he was to see the Police Officers out of the vehicles on foot walking the Village streets and talking to the business people. He also mentioned their presence at the crosswalks.



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Deputy Mayor Henry: Spoke of the "Emergency Plan" and is making progress with updating this. The fire department has a copy of it right now. He has spoken to the County on specific criteria; and recently the Village of Minoa has offered their plan as a guide.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Atkinson spoke of the Chief doing a great job with the Village Beat, getting it out to the public with what is going on in North Syracuse. It has been a great way of getting our community involved. Mayor spoke the Village Center Plan, whereas we are seeking a grant. One requirement of the grant is to have the elected officials (dignitaries) from this area submit favorable responses in writing asking for support. We have completed this task. Deputy Mayor came in early this week and followed up with some phone calls. That is going well and it is specifically for the old post office building, for a renovation project. The CSEA negotiations are still continuing, with another meeting scheduled for next week. The crosswalks are being noticed and moving in the right direction. The E-waste/Bulk Trash process is looking good, should be getting feed back around the beginning of August. The Mayor continued to remind all that the Village Hall parking lot will be paved this weekend and anticipates the hiring of a new Police Chief at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn 7:02 PM. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne Kufel
Clerk/Treasurer