

Village of North Syracuse  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
November 20th, 2012 at 4:30 PM  
North Syracuse Community Center  
700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

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The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 PM with Mayor Mark Atkinson inviting everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Chuck Henry, Trustee Gary Butterfield, Trustee Fred Ferguson, Trustee Paul Linnertz were present.

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Village Attorney Scott Chatfield, Fire Chief Pat Brennan, DPW Sup't. Gary Wilmer, Parks Director Teresa Roth, Police Chief Michael Crowell.

**RESOLUTION # 191-12**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8th, 2012 Board Meeting. Trustee Butterfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION # 192-12**

**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$382,820.92 covering Vouchers #657 to Voucher #697; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor made reference to \$328,000.00 being paid to the NY State Retirement System which is 85% of the total expenditures; and expounded on the history over the past 10 years whereas the liability was approximately \$20,000 back 10 years ago.

**RESOLUTION # 193-12**

**SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$63.00 covering Voucher #9; the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS' VOICE:** No one responded.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Mayor Atkinson explained that there has been several steps with this process. We have a hiring committee and the committee has reached a consensus. He continued to say that in the next week the notifications will be made to complete that process and anticipates making a motion at the next Village



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Board meeting to appoint a full time Codes Enforcement Officer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 194-12**

**APPROVE AND APPOINT NEW FIREFIGHTERS**

The Board received a request to approve (5) new members to the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department. They are as follows: March Schauer of North Syracuse, Natalie Guinta of Cicero, Heather Gangemi of North Syracuse, Adam Engles of North Syracuse and David Evangelista of Clay. Trustee Linnertz made a motion approving the new members. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Henry. The motion was carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No Report

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department:** No Report

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Pat Brennan spoke of his department preparing for their annual 2013 Refresher Module working with their insurance company McNeil and Company. He continued to suggest venturing out and offering these courses to the Police Dept. and DPW involving basic OSHA courses "on-line" to include blood born pathogens, hazcom, sexual harassment, and workplace violence. He continued to say that these on-line courses are typically 30 minutes or less – and could be an enhancement we can utilize in the Village for our employees. Chief Brennan stated that this is an annual requirement that they have for the Fire Dept. The Mayor spoke of his interest in taking these himself first, and see how they will fit in for the entire Village Hall.

**Highway Department:** No report.

**Parks and Recreation:** Parks Director Teresa Roth reminded all of the Village Parade is on Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>; whereas many groups are calling to sign up. She continued to say the holiday decorations are going up and look nice throughout the Village. Teresa also mentioned the windows at the community center have been repaired upstairs and downstairs and the broken blinds have also been replaced. She spoke of the beginning of the painting of the main room downstairs and they are working around the vacancy of the room to complete the work on it.

**Clerk Treasurer:** No report

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:**



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**Trustee Linnertz:** Encouraged the public to support the small businesses on Saturday for holiday shopping.

**Trustee Ferguson:** Reminded all of the Public Safety Meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 o'clock at the North Syracuse Community Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Trustee Butterfield:** No report

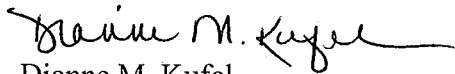
**Deputy Mayor Henry:** No report

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Atkinson notified all that the new 2013 International Dump Truck was to be delivered next week. This was Board approved in the spring, all budgeted, and will be paid over 5 years with a lease purchase agreement. He also reminded everyone of the Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mayor also made mention of his most recent meeting with Senator Schumer whereas he focused on two separate issues. The first being the EEOC lawsuit; and the second issue was to request a sign of support for a grant submitted by the Village's Fire Dept. for self contained breathing apparatus. He was pleased to report, that just today, he received a letter of support from Senator Schumer's office. The Mayor wished everyone a great Thanksgiving and made mention that Village Hall would be closed on Thursday and Friday.

Trustee Butterfield made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianne M. Kufel  
Village Clerk/Treasurer