



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

Dedicated to increasing the safety of the residents, in the Village of North Syracuse

June 2, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman, Fred Ferguson. Minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Trustee
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Michael Crowell, Police Chief
Chuck Henry, Deputy Mayor
Jack Gaiser, Citizen

1. Police

Chief Crowell reported that the cross walk education and enforcement program has seen more compliance after his department issued approximately ten tickets per hour. The press coverage of this initiative was unprecedented. Teresa said Liverpool piggybacked on it and that village has seen improvements as well. The Chief said that there seems to be a recent spike in the cases of emotionally disturbed persons handled. This will be reflected in a report to be issued to this committee and to the Village Board members. The Village's web poll indicates a growing concern by community residents in two areas: illegal drug use and traffic. Along the lines of traffic, we had a lengthy discussion as to what to do with street parking. In the village, in general, and specifically for events at the North Syracuse Baptist Church (at Wells, Coolidge and Sandra), the North Syracuse Education Association Building (at Palmer and South Main) and Twin Trees Restaurant (North Main St). Congestion often precludes fire and other emergency vehicle access. Odd/even parking was offered as a suggestion. We need input from Fire, Codes, DPW and Police. We will take our findings to the Village Board. On personnel issues; one officer, who has been out on medical leave, will return on June 18th and a second officer is transferring to another department and will no longer be employed by NSPD.

The radar speed zone sign, trailered around the village streets, has a faulty antenna. The antenna may have to be sent to California for recalibration.

2. Fire Department

No one from the NSFD was present. Fred reported that they have a new Facebook site. He suggested all sign in to subscribe to it as it's very informative.

3. Parks & Recreation

Teresa reported that Centerville Park is getting a lot of use. Lonergan Park has had speed bumps re-installed now that little league is back in session. The pool will open June 13th. This upcoming week it will be used for staff training. We had five applications for three life guard positions. The two extras were referred to other pools. The festival was a success and "lost parents" were re-united with their children with little delay.

4. Codes

Pam's husband recently passed away and was excused from this meeting. There are no known issues to be discussed.

5. DPW

Gary is at a training program and excused from this meeting. Fred made note of the deaths of Bill Kinney's father and Chris DeSimone's mother, both long time DPW workers, this past weekend.

6. Citizen Comment

David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Circle commented via email that he liked seeing the radar speed sign placed at South Bay and Bear Roads.

7. Deputy Mayor

Chuck Henry commented that the Village Emergency Operations Plan was just about complete. We still need input from NAVAC before we can publish it. He also mentioned that our Emergency Operations Center at NSFD Station 1 was completed one day before it was needed. It was used as the base for all the responding agencies searching for a missing male adult. It is now the only facility of its kind in Onondaga County outside the City of Syracuse.

8. Trustee's Report

Fred brought in and discussed the plans for the repaving of South Bay Road that will begin spring and run through fall of 2015. He and Deputy Mayor, Chuck Henry have completed Public Safety Critical Incident Management (at the OCC Public Safety Training Center) and NYS Emergency Preparedness courses. Both have had additional training in procedures needed to declare emergencies.

Fred thanked all for attending. These minutes will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, September 8, 2014 – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room)

**Alfred E. "Fred" Fergerson
Safety Chairman/Trustee**

cc: Mayor Atkinson
Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Fergerson
Trustee Linnertz
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Michael Crowell, Police Dept.
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Chief Brennan, Fire Dept.
Deputy Chief Tim Ellis, Fire Dept.
Capt. Joe DiFabio, Fire Dept.
Charlotte LaPorte
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