



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE  
Public Safety Committee**

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

September 9, 2013 – 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 June 3rd 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Trustee  
Michael Crowell, NSPD  
Gary Wilmer, DPW  
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation  
Pam DiCarlo, Codes  
Joe DiFabio, Captain, NSFD  
Charlotte LaPorte, Citizen  
Jack Gaiser, Citizen  
Ray Sharp, Citizen  
Dave Robinson, Citizen

1. David Robinson, of 163 Slindes Wood Circle, restated his concern about speeding conditions on South Bay Road at the crossroads of Grove Street, Van Mara Drive, Watson Road and Maxwell Ave. In his view, the police response to his complaint was a "minimal effort". Chief Crowell explained his department was doing the best it could considering the resources it has. The Chief would also look into getting the portable speed sign working again to place in the area. Mr. Robinson thanked Gary for addressing the placement of the speed sign.
2. Police  
The Chief reported that domestic violence calls are still keeping his department busy. He encourages residents to look at and respond to the sex offender survey on the Village website. The question is: ***"Do you think the Village of North Syracuse should enact a local law concerning residency restrictions for registered sex offenders?"*** He reported that his officers are ticketing school zone speed violators.
3. Fire Department  
Joe DeFabio reported that the Fire Department will be holding a "Safety Day" at Station One on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm. Flyers are being developed for distribution. Several agencies will be participating.
4. Parks & Recreation  
Teresa announced that the summer parks program went well this year. We passed all inspections, had very few minor injuries and all activities were well attended. She reported on the Centerville Park project as partially funded Community Development effort with the Village. Save The Rain initiatives were a big factor in getting this program going. She'd like to be able to get bathroom facilities incorporated in the future to make the park more available for more groups. The DPW is constructing a pavilion that will be placed there following the site work.

5. Codes

Pam reported that she attended the recent Codes Enforcement Conference where new procedures and forms were introduced. She reported that several village properties were going up for sale on the next tax auction. She fielded several questions and comments on those properties and reported on the progress of ongoing projects in the village. Basil Leaf will be moving into the former Fresno's location (at Taft and Main) and a new restaurant called "The Grotto" will take over their old location on the corner of Church and Main.

6. DPW

Gary commented on the crosswalk placement near the Big Dip (too far to the south). The one at Fergerson Ave. was supposed to be removed by the State DPW and it will be in the future.

7. Trustee's Report

Fergerson reported on the gas leak at Barbier's property at South Main and Palmer shortly before the meeting. National Grid was there all afternoon looking for a gas leak. At one point the Fire and Police Departments responded and closed down the block from Main Street, down Palmer to Millen. National Grid brought in several trucks and a backhoe to address the issue. A new pipe was installed, and the lawn and road were repaired. National Grid was on site for 7 hours.

Fred thanked all for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, December 2nd, 2013– 4:00 pm – at the Community Center.

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**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.  
Charlotte LaPorte  
Jack Gaiser  
Ray Sharp