



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

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

Monday, December 5, 2016 – 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 September 12th, 2016 meeting were approved.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Deputy Mayor
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Gary Wilmer, DPW
David Barnhart, Codes
Michael Crowell, Police
Bob Liberatore, Fire
David Robinson, Jack Gaiser, Ray Sharp, Committee

1. Trustee's Report

Fred inquired about the issue brought up at the last meeting regarding the obstructions at the end of the driveway on the 100 block of Edden Lane. Gary said that the woman wouldn't answer the door. He sent her a letter requesting the large rock and cement blocks be removed and gave her until December 16th to do so. The DPW will remove them if she fails to comply.

Fred read 2 letters to the committee: One requested Ferguson Parkway be designated as "No Thru Traffic". The resident complained about cars speeding and trying to avoid the stop light on South Bay Road. Discussion ensued. No action was taken due to enforcement being almost impossible to achieve. The other issue was a complaint about the crosswalk on Rt. 11 near Bear Road at Harbor Freight Plaza. The issue is one of safety with the change from six lanes down to two. Cars heading into the village are jockeying to merge at the crosswalk. It's hard for drivers to see someone in the crosswalk. We will follow-up with the State DOT on this as we can't change signage and marking on a state road.

2. Police

The chief reported that his department was busy with the usual holiday calls though they were down for November. Our two new sergeants are working well together.

3. Fire Department

Bob Liberatore reported on Tim's behalf. The Fire Department has requested that the Village web site post a "Please Shovel Your Hydrant" message along with a reminder of the Move Over law. He reported that the Town of Cicero was looking for a grant to continue the village's initiative to mark fire hydrants. The fire department hopes we would join with them. Fred said he'd contact the Town of Clay's Damian Ulatowski to see if they could join in this effort. Bob encouraged all to self register on Ongov.net for cell phone emergency notifications. The department would like to see a table top Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) drill be held in the near future. Our Village EOP may need contact updates. This is an annual requirement. The department is always recruiting new members. Bob reported that they did have one person sign up at last night's holiday parade.

4. Codes

Dave Barnhart had no report.

5. Parks & Recreation

Teresa said the holiday parade went well, and thanked all who helped. She reported that a lost little girl was safely returned to her mother and grandmother. Also the "Flexipave" coating on the pool deck has been repaired at no cost to the village.

6. DPW

Gary suggested that the contact lists be updated in the EOP as there have been several staff changes. He also reminded everyone that there are still a number of basket ball hoops projecting into the street right of ways and should be moved immediately.

7. Committee

Discussion took place on the enforceability, regulation and placement of handicap parking signs. All contributed.

8. Chairman's Additional Comments

Fred announced that there would be a meeting at CNS High School Tuesday from 6-8 pm regarding the Rt. 81 project proposals. If you can't make the meeting, more information is available at: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/i81opportunities>.

The minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail. Fred thanked all for attending. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday, March 6th – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room, 103).

**Alfred E. "Fred" Ferguson
Safety Chairman/Deputy Mayor**

cc: Mayor Butterfield
Trustee Gustafson
Trustee Browning
Trustee Henry
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
David Barnhart, Codes
Michael Crowell, Police Dept.
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Chief Tim Ellis, Fire Dept.
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