

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 8th, 2021 @ 6:28 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:28 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

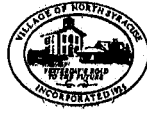
Roll Call: Mayor Gary Butterfield, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong, Trustee Fred Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, and Police Chief William Becker.

Personnel Absent: Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused) and Amy Franco Village Engineer (Excused).

Public Hearing #1: Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 6:28 PM at the North Syracuse Comm. Ctr., 700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, New York to consider the adoption of Local Law #3 adding a new chapter to the Village Code addressing Temporary Storage Containers and the Board will meet at said time and place and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. The Mayor asked if anyone would like to address the Board in favor or against a change in our code, if you do, please come up to the mic and give your name. He again asked if anyone would like to speak to this change to the code regarding the PODS in favor or against. John Coleman of 232 Elm St. stated he would be opposed to having any long time storage on a property vacant or otherwise. He continued if it is being used for moving purposes it should be for "X" number of days, no long term storage. The Mayor asked if there was anyone else in favor or against. He asked again and if anyone was in favor or against that would like to speak as far as the change in the Village Code and with no response closed the Public Hearing #1.

Public Hearing #2: Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees regarding the FY 2021-2022 "Tentative Budget" on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 6:29 PM at the North Syr. Comm. Ctr., 700 South Bay Road North Syracuse, New York and the Board will meet at said time and place and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. The Mayor stated this budget is our 2nd Model, it reflects a 3.9% increase over last year, it has been distributed to the Board, Dept. Heads and he asked Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel to speak on it and for anybody that would like to speak for or against, we will let her give an overview first. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated everybody; the handouts are sitting over there on the chair, it is quite a lengthy Budget. She continued it encompasses all of our different departments: Police Dept., Highway Dept., Fire Dept., General Administration, Trustees, Zoning, Planning, benefits; it is all there. She added as she



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prepared this there really is not anything that is off key from last year; there is really no capital improvements in here any nature, other than cleaning the Basketball Court over at Heritage Pk. and the new Fire Dept. Vehicle. She stated everything else this Model does not include which a little is concerning to her, there is some stuff at the bottom there that she does not know if anyone has taken the time to see if they are do able not to have. She continued this Model presents a 3.9% increase, we would like it to be a 1.56% or below, she leaves it up to the Trustees if they see something if they spot, maybe we could reduce. She spoke of having her own suggestion, but would like comments from the Board. The Mayor opened it up to the Board asking if they would like to speak for or against or anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against or have any questions regarding the Budget. Trustee Strong thanked Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel obviously the person who has the deepest knowledge continuously year after year with our Budget, going from "Model 1" to "Model 2", knowing that there are constraints, taking the time to reach out to all the Dept. Heads and thanked her for the work on this thus far. He continued he will say speaking for himself, and he heard a couple of other Trustees mention that we just rec'd Model 2 on Monday or Tuesday, so they have not really had an opportunity to dive in. He added he sees a lot of things that were a no for the DPW and these are things that we have talked about for a while that we need to continuously support as we support all the Depts., but look at ways that we can continue to outfit them with the equipment that is necessary and needed to perform the job. He stated he is sure that the Village Clerk-Treasurer spoke with the DPW Sup't, and the Dept. Heads, but we have identified in the last couple of years, there were certain things that the DPW needed, so this is something to think about as we have been talking about looking at some of the needs for the DPW for a while now. He recommended himself that the Board table the Budget when it comes up during our actual meeting. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated she agreed with Trustee Strong on this, because she has not had a chance to get together with DPW Sup't Ware which she really wants to do, so she would like it tabled also. The Mayor explained this is for discussion only, there is a part further down in the meeting where we could vote, but we are not ready for it. He stated we wanted to get it out, because we have to have the budget adopted by April 30th, so we have one more meeting after this one. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated obviously the color is green so anything that is in the right hand column that is in green is something that she and the Mayor sat down and reduced to come up with, originally it was a 9.5% she believes, so now it is a 3.9%. She continued again, she thinks the Fund Balance is very healthy, and she is hoping this next closing of the books this year, that there will be a little bit more of a windfall hopefully in there. The Mayor stated typically as we put these Budgets Models together, we ask if any capital expenditures be put separately and if we can include them in the Budget we will and if we cannot, we still do not know what our total revenues are going to be, this is projections. He continued so we understand that the DPW has something that they would like to replace, but we are also under constraints to try and keep our Budget within 2% which is actually 1.5% Tax Cap. He added we have already passed an override, if we have to override it, but there are other possibilities that we can fund those capital expenditures in other ways.



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Again, he asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak in favor or against and with no response he closed the Public Hearing #2.

RESOLUTION # 061-21

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the March 25th, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 062-21

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #23 in the amount of \$183,566.99 covering voucher #1259 thru #1316. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 063-21

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$31.51 covering Voucher #18. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 064-21

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated money transfer(s) for unanticipated repairs for Eng. 6. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3410.100 Firehouse Caretaker in the amount of \$5,000 to increase A3410.476 Fire Dept. Vehicle Maint. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

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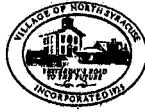
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RESOLUTION # 067-21

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated money transfer(s) for upgrade the Chargepoint Station from 3G to 4G that was unanticipated. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A5110.400 DPW Miscellaneous in the amount of \$265 to increase A5110.27 DPW Charging Station. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

REMINDER: TRASH AS OF 6/01/2021-ADDITIONAL TOTES

The Mayor stated this is a reminder, the information has been sent out regarding the additional trash totes and as of 6/1/2021 that is going to happen.

UPDATE ON FIRE STATION 2 AND 115 CHESTNUT STREET

As an update, on Fire Station 2 and 115 Chestnut Street, the Mayor stated as you recall, we obtained an appraisal of Station 2, and we are working on the property next to Station 1. He continued a letter has gone out to the owners and if we can make that happen then we will go ahead and do something with Station 1. He added we need the proceeds from Station 2 to do Station 1 improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

**DISCUSS/REVIEW LOCAL LAW #3 AS IT PERTAINS
TO TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS**

The Mayor stated discuss/review Local Law #3 as it pertains to temporary storage containers, we just had the Public Hearing, and he is not sure if the Board wants more dialogue or if they are ready to vote, if not we can table it until the next meeting. Much discussion went back and forth regarding more information reaching people about this topic, having more time for the poll question results, speaking with the owner that has the POD to see their what their plans are, the time it is taking banks with closings, types of renovations taking longer, time limits allowed, not wanting used as sheds and not



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obeying setbacks. The Mayor stated we certainly do not have to rush it, we can table it, and so we can table it until the next meeting or a month from now; whatever you feel like doing.

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET
FOR FY 2021/2022**

The Mayor stated the next is the Tentative Budget for FY 2021/2022 and we are going to table that.

RESOLUTION # 068-21

**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK MTC.
AGREEMENT-ACCOUNTING PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Williamson Law Book Mtc. Agreement for Accounting Program Support from April thru March 2022 for \$1,007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 069-21

**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK MTC.
AGREEMENT-PAYROLL PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Williamson Law Book Mtc. Agreement for Payroll Program Support from April thru March 2022 for \$791. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 070-21

SET ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE: FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2021

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is to set Arbor Day Observance for Friday, April 30th, 2021 at 6:00 PM; this sets the date and time for our annual tree planting. He continued it will be on Church St. at this little park we have created, where we will plant a tree in honor of Diane Browning and have a ceremony with a plaque recognizing her for all the years of service with the Village, because we are a Tree City Community. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Arbor Day Observance to be held on Friday, April 30th, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 071-21

**DISCUSSION: VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE:
TYPICALLY IN MAY (LAST YEAR IN JULY)**



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The Mayor stated next on the agenda, we typically have a Village Wide Garage Sale in May; last year we had it in July when things opened up a little more. He continued this waives the permit process, so anybody that wants to have a Garage Sale without a permit in the Village. Much discussion went back and forth about the date, the permitting process and maybe having 2. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adopt July 17th and July 18th to be the dates for the Village Wide Garage Sale. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

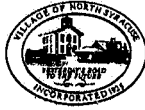
DISCUSS REPLACEMENT OF ENG. 4/ENG. 8

The Mayor stated the next item is a discussion for the replacement of Eng. 4 and Eng. 8 for the Fire Dept. Chief Brennan stated the Fire Dept. has a long range plan to replace vehicles at certain criteria and typically the life expectancy out of a Fire Eng. is 20 yrs. He continued currently have Eng. 4, on loan right now, over 25+ yrs. old. He added next yr. they plan to replace Eng. 8. He spoke of the process of going out for bond for new apparatus, working with various vendors and coming up with specifications and potentially closing Sta. #2, the Fire Dept. is looking to decrease its fleet by 1 Fire Eng. saving about \$600,000. He added by the next Board Meeting we will be prepared to come to the Village Board and ask the Village Board to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract. He explained there is a 365 day build date or a little longer for fire apparatus, we are talking the potential that we will have to go to bond in 2 Budget cycles, possibly 3, depending on how the new vehicle is built when it comes in. He continued this is already built in to our long range plan, for our Budgets and it may be new to some of the Trustees, but this is how the Fire Dept. has done business. He explained they do not go out and put a spike in the system to go spend \$600,000, so this is incorporated into the Budget and also the 2 other municipalities that we contract with that are aware of this. He summarized the good news is they are looking to downsize the fleet, saving some money, basically get rid of 2 vehicles and get 1, so Eng. 4 will certainly be going. He invited anyone that would like to come over and take a look at the specs to stop by the Fire Dept., he only has 2 sets and he can answer any questions that you should have. The Mayor stated for the public out there, in the Budget each year, we add \$25,000 a line item that goes for capital purchase for the Fire Dept. He asked if we knew how much is in there now. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated they have 2 separate reserve accounts, but between the 2 of them there is almost \$100,000. The Mayor clarified one is for maintenance and one is for capital. The Mayor went on to say it is a long process, 1 ½ yrs. out to delivery if we approve it and we have partial money set aside already and more with the sale of Eng. 4, then the monies from Eng. 8 when we surplus that.

RESOLUTION # 072-21

DISCUSS LOSAP: ENTITLEMENT AGE-CURRENTLY 62

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to for the purpose of discussion to change the current LOSAP age from 62 to 60. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. Trustee Wilmer verified that the



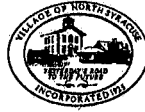
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retirement payment is only good for 10 yrs. maximum. Fire Chief Brennan stated it is guaranteed for 10 yrs., if you should pass it ends. Trustee Wilmer stated he would like to see it go out for referendum. The Mayor stated this vote only allows the Village to send it out for referendum and the Village decides whether or not we change from 62 to 60, so it would be by permissive referendum. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Strong, Recused.

CITIZENS' VOICE: The Mayor invited anyone that would like to share concerns or thoughts via Facebook to address the Board.

Mike Benderski of 231 Elm St. spoke of an issue with the residents at 232 Shaver Ave. trying to turn Elm St. into a personal driveway. He stated for a year, he has been building a giant garage, and it is a pile of rubble at his house has not been graded correctly; nothing has been done. He explained they were not happy with that, did some research, behind that are Federal Wetlands; last 2 wks. he has gone back and forth with the Army Corp. of Engineers. He has been dealing with Aaron Smith, sending emails and pictures back and forth and he just got an email that they have opened an investigation and are in the process of reviewing the impact of raising the grade around there, what it is going to do with the wetlands and drainage with them raising the land and all the fill.

John Coleman of 232 Elm St. stated they do not want Elm St. to turn into a thoroughfare. He continued we do not want a little Shaver Ave., we did not buy a house on Shaver Ave., and we bought a house on a dead end street. He added all the neighbors that are here do not want a thoroughfare through there; they do not want a street all the way through north there. He spoke of once upon a time there were plans to develop that, it never happened; there is a reason for that; they are still digging up the reason and he thinks they are on to it with the wetland situation. He explained obviously we cannot do anything about him filling in his land unless he is beyond a certain grade that is the understanding. He stated however, fill in that land and cause water flow road issues, in excess of the normal rainwater to his property and he will hold those responsible for damages done to his property, because that is not right. He added just remember that and the Village too, to fill in the land where the water is in the back of Elm St., that is a big collection pond, when it rains heavy after several days down in that drainage ditch down in the bottom that water is waist deep; that he knows for a fact. He stated he has watched it for the last 16yrs. Every year unless he goes down there, without clearing out that drainage it will flow up into the yard. He continued if his shed gets damaged or his house starts taking on water, he does not have a sump pump in his house, he does not have a wet basement, but if he starts getting one, the land owners will be held responsible and possibly the Village. He spoke of the "PODS", he understands people coming and moving, 30 and 60 days, Covid fine, if using for long term storage no, and it is just another way to try to get around the regular Zoning rules. He went on about primary accessible by the road and not being able to build sheds unless the primary residence is there. He



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stated which brings him to the end of Elm St. as far as residence and access to the land. He continued we did not tell you to buy the landlocked land, the Village did not tell you to buy the landlocked land, do not expect the Village who is strapped for cash to expect us tax payers to fund a road through the end of Elm St. He added we have a map that shows that a road was originally planned for there; you cannot find it on the other maps, all the other maps show a full road, there is an access that shows a right-of-way, it does. He stated there are a couple of maps that show that the land on the end of Elm St. on the left hand side and the south side is a public park, but all those maps do not show it to be a public park. He continued that brings him to another point that shows on the Village of North Syracuse Website shows decide on which maps you are going to use, so they are all concise, so there is not 2 or 3 different maps showing information; some people are picking and choosing which maps they are going to use. He added this one here shows an address, all the other maps do not show an address and you look at this other map and there is a park over there. He went on to say and this person looks and there is no park there, are you having your cake and eat it too, he does not think so. He stated we have got to figure it out which map you want to use. He spoke of the poll on the website for containers; there have other polls up there for months, just put a time limit on it. He spoke of the Fire Station and Fire Trucks and he is all for safety, great, but one thing he thinks about it is long term, but if you are always shutting down one Fire House, downsize 1 fire truck, we have another fire truck on loan to another district, because we are not using it; maybe it is safety, but here is another thing maybe we get rid of 2 fire trucks we do not need and not even miss them and save \$600,000. Fire Chief Brennan explained there are safety reasons. Mr. Coleman went on just because it is 25 yrs. old, does not necessarily say we need to replace it if we do not need it; he is just asking to think about that, that is all he is asking. He went on to say the biggest thing to him and the neighbors, they are getting set aside, we do not want Elm St. opened up, we did not buy and the land has not been developed for a reason, the 40, 50, 60 yrs. how long it has been since divided up and it has never been developed; there is a reason for it. He added if you mess with that you are going to cause a lot of flooding for a lot of people and that is not right, he does not care who you talk to, it is not right.

Lisa Lioto of 356 Chestnut St. encouraged the Board to consider 2 weekends for the Community Wide Garage Sale, one being in May and one being in July, because many people do spring cleaning. She added she would like to see the widening for the time restrictions for the PODS. She stated she is building a garage and the builder stated it will be 4 to 8 wks. to complete, there are extensions related to new construction and such, so instead of 30 days maybe widened to 90 days. She added it should not be long term, but in life things do happen and we should be communicating directly with the citizens to understand what is going on, they may shut the door on you, but she believes direct communication when there is an issue. She stated she does think that should be happening with the one property specifically.

Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St. stated she wanted to say thank you, she appreciates very much your



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support of Arbor Day and planting the tree. She wished to welcome and invite everyone here especially all the Board members to the ceremony on April 30th at 6:00 PM right over there. The Mayor stated we are celebrating our 32nd yr.; there are not many Villages or Cities that are more than us. Mrs. Ferguson continued in total there are less than 30; Baldwinsville is 25 on their sign. The Mayor stated that is why you see our white flag on our flag post. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report (Excused).

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report (Excused).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker): He stated the following:

- **Police Reform:**
 - 3/26 Onondaga Cty and NSPD Police reform packets with Mayors sign Certification were electronically sent to Albany; confirmation response rec'd same date; this completes our requirements pursuant to Governors order 203
 - 4/5 NSPD Police Committee members started to ride along shifts with officers, rec'd positive feedback to date. He read an email from Chrissy Klaisle about her experience riding with the officers on both the day and night shift, how policing differs, her experience, their educating people, and how much safer she feels at night. She spoke of having a greater respect for the officers and what they do.
- Month of March Totals: 1536 Total Calls for service, 818 Property Checks, 18 Domestic, 20 Motor vehicle crashes, 205 Traffic Stops, 145 Traffic tickets, 20 Criminal Arrests
- So far for April: 335 Total Calls for service, 173 Property Checks, 7 Domestic, 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 39 Traffic Stops, 27 Traffic tickets, 4 Criminal Arrests

Fire Department: (Fire Chief: Patrick Brennan) He stated the following:

- Thanked CEO Johnstone for coming out to minor fire on Lynhurst Ave on weekend; multiple code issues
- Thanked DPW for their assistance with DPW Mechanics, keeping costs down, doing maintenance in house
- Rescue 7: almost 2 yrs., paint issues, under warrantee; keeping on it, came back not acceptable, going out of service Sunday for 3 wks. for service, shifting vehicles around
- Starting Vehicle System Upgrade to remove exhaust out of station, prior approval to remove dual system and install single system



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- Rec submitted for Preventative Maintenance and rec to make modification to an engine

Public Works Department: (DPW Sup't.: Ed Ware) He stated the following:

- Finished 2nd wk. of Bulk Trash, few residents are just bringing stuff out and not calling it in and not paying for mattresses, overall going fairly smooth; people who read flyer have no problem paying for mattresses, been very positive
- Had Asbestos removed out of breakroom and bathroom at shop, demo today finished 99% of, having issued getting quotes for heating and hot water; companies not wanting to deal with prevailing wage
- Getting ready for brush next week
- Looking forward to Earth Day and Arbor Day
- 4/15 starting, paving on Rt. 11 starts – directly through the Village

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Anthony Burkinshaw) He stated the following:

- Had very successful Easter drive thru, team effort, thanked: Dep. Mayor Gustafson, DPW, Police Dept. for their support, Family Fest Committee and Canteen for all they did and bunny
- Totally keyless at Comm. Ctr. now, Dept. Heads, Trustees see him if not gotten number or fob
- Earth Day Event: Saturday, April 24th, 10:00 AM to Noon, meet at Comm. Ctr. still looking for groups and organizations to help, hit all 5 parks, clean up, woodchips are play structures
- Free and Unlimited Shred Event for Village Residents: Saturday, April 24th, 10:00 to Noon-Out front of the Comm. Ctr.; resident verification, helpers available, drive thru

Codes Department: (CEO: Brian Johnstone) He stated the following:

- May 6th at 5:00 PM is the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- May 6th we have a Special Planning Commission Meeting the same night after that at 6:15 PM
- Center Console was installed in the Codes Vehicle and will be back tomorrow, the rear lights were put in, the front lights that came were incorrect; there is a 1 to 2 wks. wait on getting those back, the vendor will pick up the car for that so we won't have to transport for that.

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel) No Report.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:

- Thanked CEO Johnstone for immediate help, resident with trash on Melrose Dr.; very happy
- Thanked CEO Johnstone & DPW Sup't Ware with bulk trash issue; taken care of immediately



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- Thanked residents of Elm St. for coming, hard to help make decisions, input helps to make right decisions for everybody; thanked for work done, information given, and we heard you

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Looking forward to Shred Event, get word out, residents have commented on; should be well attend
- Thanked Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel getting things out, being more transparent, Poll Questions and getting more feedback; doing live stream, positive seeing more people at meetings
- Police Reform Committee Members: will send out email out for availability for setting up next meeting, looking for ideas and define your role in the committee

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Thanked residents for coming, your information is important and we do hear you

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated starting soon Rt. 11 will be paved through the Village, south and go north past, so we will have some nice paving on Rt. 11. He spoke of we were supposed to have our recognition for the 2nd Business of the Month tonight, but there was a cancellation, so we will try to have it at our next meeting. We are going to try to recognize a business every month. He continued as you may or may not know there is the legalization of Cannabis has happened; signed on March 31st. He added NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) is having a webinar next week hosted by the attorneys; he is planning on listening to that. He stated also, we could put that on as a Poll Question, because as a Village if we wanted to we could opt out of the whole process and that is something he feels the Village should have some input on. He continued he has his own personal opinions on how we should handle this, but the actual sale is not going to happen until probably late 2021 or 2022. He added we have until December 31st, 2021 to make a decision whether we participate or opt out; it is going to happen, if we do not want it in the Village, the towns will have it and it is going to be a money maker. He spoke of a lot of issues, someone calling yesterday stating there are a lot of questions to ask and a lot to be answered before we make these decisions. He stated he sent letters out, because of Covid and the American Rescue Plan that was passed by the federal government, money is going to be coming to towns and Villages. He explained because part of our Village is in the Town of Cicero and part is in the Town of Clay, the money does not come directly to the Village, the towns will send money to us. He stated this may go along was toward the Budget shortfall that we have and potentially some Capital

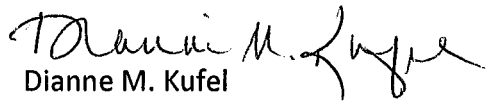


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needs. He continued he is scheduled to meet with the Supervisor in Clay on Monday, to discuss how the distribution is going to happen. He spoke of receiving an email from NYCOM, the Budget has passed NYCOM which is our lobbying agent which has some strong opinions on what should and should not be included in the Budget. He stated every year we get what is called AIM Funding from the Budget, and we get CHIPS, and CHIPS is how we pave and AIM is Aide to Municipalities per Capita; so we get 2 sources. He added they withheld 5% of AIM Funding from the Budget, they are not going to release it and we are not sure when they are going to release it. He spoke of NYS not increasing the CHIPS money for 8 yrs. which is the money we get to pave, this year they are increasing it 23%, so that is a good thing. He added the extreme winter recovery was restored, there was \$65,000,000 and are increasing it to \$80,000,000 that is a good thing; if there is an extreme winter with a lot of overtime and salt, etc. we can get compensated for that by the state. He stated this is what is happening; the Budget is passed, but still not signed, negotiating details. He continued the most that we can increase our Budget is 1.56%, we would like 0%, it is difficult with the increased costs that happen every year, we do not want to increase it above the Tax Cap level; but made a motion if we have to increase it beyond the 1.56% we can, if we did not pass the motion and exceeded the 1.56%, then we are penalized. He added he sent letters to our state legislators asking for money, because they got money as well as towns and Villages from the federal government. He stated at the last meeting he was optimistic and we did get some of the money that they stated they were going to give us; the monies that are coming to us could be a real boost for our Village.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: 4/8/2021

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