

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 27th, 2021 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center
600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 4:30 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, Dep. Chief John Linnertz, and Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw.

Personnel Absent: Amy Franco Village Engineer (Absent), Police Chief William Becker (Absent) and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused).

Business of the Month: The Mayor presented a proclamation and a certificate of recognition, he spoke of the 2 businesses this month that were being honored being family related: we did Mickey's Live Bait and Tackle Shop; now we are honoring "The Bike Loft". He thanked the owners for being a local business and asked them to give a word about their business. Lance Stonecipher introduced himself and his wife, Tracy and shared they have owned the shop for 37 yrs. now. He explained the family connection between the 2 businesses, history and their involvement in the Village. Tracy spoke of them loving the Village and planning on servicing the Village for many years to come.

RESOLUTION # 101-21

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the May 13th, 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 # 102-21

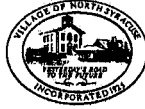
GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #26 in the amount of \$130,672.38 covering vouchers #1498 thru #1583. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 103-21

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated money transfer(s) to cover shortage in the Firehouse Caretaker line item. Dep.



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Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3410.466 Fire Dept. Training in the amount of \$5,156 to increase A3410.100 Firehouse Caretaker for discussion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated just curious it is year-end with the budget, how did you do with your budget. Dep. Chief Linnertz stated almost right on, except we had 2 unscheduled repairs for Eng. 2 and Eng. 6 that put us a little bit over, if that had not occurred we would have been right on budget. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

REMINDER: TRASH AS OF 6/01/21-ADDITIONAL TOTES

The Mayor stated next item on the agenda is as of 6/01/21, the trash will be in effect for the add'l totes. He continued one more letter will going out and we will be making the arrangements for a pickup for the extra totes. Trustee Wilmer inquired as to where they are storing the totes that are being picked up. CEO Johnstone stated they are going to go back to Syr. Haulers.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE COLDEN
ENTERPRISES AGREEMENT FOR A NEW PUMPER
PENDING FINANCING IS IN PLACE**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda was to authorize Colden Enterprises Agreement for a new pumper; we are going to table that until the financing is in place. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated the financing is up in the air now. She continued explained the bond payment variables depending on length of time taken, whether money was put down, the bonding process and legalities of it as well as the estoppel notice period of 20 days. The Mayor spoke of having money in a "Capital Reserve Account" and he thought they would want to put money down, but that is standard procedure anytime we bond, we go through this process. Village Clerk-Treasure Kufel spoke of having bonds on the books right now for: the Fire Truck Apparatus and the Streetscape Project, plus whatever installment debt that we also have. She continued saying we can have more conversation on it allowing the Board to consider the annual payment and the impact to future budgets. Discussion took place back and forth regarding the location and need for a local vendor and time being of the essence.

RESOLUTION # 104-21

REVIEW/APPROVE TEAMSTERS 1149 AGREEMENT

The Mayor stated next item on the agenda, the Teamsters 1149 Agreement which came up recently.



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He spoke of a preliminary meeting he had with our assigned legal counsel who had the document with her and stated it would be nice if this could be approved, so we could settle this thing as it was headed down the path to arbitration. He continued he thought afterwards that we did not have a chance to approve or not approve their proposal; the Board has received copies of the proposal sent to them. He continued the particular grievance was only for the benefits. He thought if we approve it, because they never gave us a chance to respond to that, and then they filed the grievance. He added his thought was for us to approve it, let us throw it back at them, to make the decisions; because basically we thought it was fair. He stated after back and forth, back and forth with the agreement they sent to us, he thought it would make sense for us to approve it, send it back to them, and then the ball will be in their court. Trustee Wilmer stated he would like to go into Executive Session to discuss it. The Mayor stated that he checked with counsel and we do not need to, we can talk about it right here, we do not have to go into details; you have the copy of it, it is just a matter of saying yes or no, so if we agreed and send it back to them, then it is on them. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to vote on the Teamsters 1149 Agreement. Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion for discussion. Trustee St. Germain stated was not what we were going to do anyway. Much discussion went back and forth regarding confusion of whether it was January or June, 4 days additional and questions for counsel who was not at the meeting. The motion was denied: Butterfield and Gustafson, voting in favor of the same. Trustees: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, all voting opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 105-21

AUTHORIZE OFFICER FLORIAN TO ATTEND 2021 CHILD PASS. SFTY. CONFERENCE 9/08-9/10/21

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize Officer Florian to attend 2021 Child Pass. Sfty. Conference 9/08 - 9/10/21. 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 #106-21

REVIEW/APPROVE THE SUMMER LIFEGUARDS/ POOL STAFF EFFECTIVE 6/01/2021

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the list below of Summer Lifeguards/Pool Staff with their rates of pay for the effective 6/01/2021:

Anna Myers	Lifeguard	\$ 12.50/hr.
John Harbaugh	Lifeguard	\$ 12.57/hr.
Connor Burke	Lifeguard	\$ 13.67/hr.
Anthony Garbrielli	Lifeguard	\$ 12.50/hr.



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The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

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

Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St. spoke of the Festival, the Scavenger Hunt being this weekend and is up and running. She stated there are already submittals, it is fun, and it is in the Star News with all sorts of neat things. She encouraged people to round up their families and go, there are prizes, you get to eat at a lot of local restaurants, and go to the Bunny Breakfast next year. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report (Absent).

ENGINEER REPORT: No Report (Absent).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker): No Report (Absent).

Fire Department: (Dep. Chief: John Linnertz) No Report (Left for fire call).

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

- Having trouble getting supplies and materials with Covid and significant delays
- Working on parks, have them all open except for Kennedy, we will be working on pump
- Doing regular route maintenance on the streets, Brush and Bulk

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

- Scavenger Hunt started today, ends Memorial Day at Midnight, already have 2 submittals. It is nice to see people get involved and excited; thank you to the Festival Committee for thinking of this. He thanked local businesses that donated gift cards, prizes and things like that.
- Memorial Day Parade 9:30 AM, going down Melrose Dr., up S. Bay Rd.; left on Centerville Pl. to Memorial, line up is at 9:00 AM at Lonergan Pk.

Codes Department: (CEO: Brian Johnstone) No Report.

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel) She stated the following:



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- Judy, gal at front desk, so cheerful, pleasant - so happy with her and her skillset; she has to do 400 hrs. with Stafkings, before we can make an offer to her and bring her on board
- It is May 27th, yr. end is May 31st, getting ready to close out the old Budget and start new Budget; all Budgets out and distributed to departments
- Flowers look so pretty

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Thanked businesses for enduring pain with Rt. 11 paving, it is going to be very nice when done, he thanked businesses that reached out and got their questions answered
- Spoke of Dept. Heads working early/late, helping other departments when needed, Police Chief speaking of Cadet Program, and getting Police Reform with citizens, CEO Johnstone stepping up and having conversations - things went much better at the last Planning Commission Meeting, KUDDOS for that; DPW in the Parks working hand-in-hand where needed with the Parks Dept.; Parks Dept. – Tony, Parks Director – kudos for trying to facilitate a pickle ball at Heritage; and as we just saw with the sirens, the Fire Dept. has not stopped – and of course, Dianne close monitoring of the year-end; thanking all departments and their staff, the actual boots on the ground getting much done and so quickly
- He to see a lot of folks at the Memorial Day Parade and remember those that gave their all

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the follow:

- Looking forward to the parade
- Notice our signs are up and wants to encourage everyone to get out and vote

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated Rt. 11 project is moving along and are replacing more sidewalk than we thought they were going to, possibly you will see curbs and sidewalk. He continued he received a call two days ago from a member of the state DOT, wanting to talk to him about Dog Daze. He added they spoke of limited money available in the budget, the Mayor told him he understands and DOT representative stated the only time we would do something with that pipe under the road is if we do a major rebuild of Rt. 11. The Mayor explained the Right-of-ways are narrow in the Village of North



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Syracuse, you are just paving it, it is going to be 25 yrs. and you still are not going to do a major rebuild; so what better time to try to address it than now. The DOT member stated well O.K., but it has to be mapped. The Mayor stated we did it and he thought maybe it went to the DOT, and the DOT member stated he had not seen it. The Mayor continued he spoke at 7:00 AM, CHA sent it to them, so he plans to call on Monday. He added he will meet with them wherever they want to meet, so they can figure this thing out, if we can. He shared that there is stimulus money that we are going to get; that we can use it for infrastructure, so maybe we could work with DOT to get that pipe under the road to increase the size now. The DOT member stated he did not want to spend money and not have a result; it would take a long study to determine if it is going to work. The Mayor continued he gets it, but at least we would have the pipe under the road, and at a later time we could extend that pipe and create more storage; because it does not take long there for the water to go away. He added the other issue that he spoke to him about, but there are 3 islands between Dog Daze and Ferguson's Funeral Home; that are all humped like this. He suggested if we turned them into a little depression, where they could hold water that may help as well, so it is all about storing it so it can get out there. He stated it is moving along, there is probably going to be night time work that is probably where they are going to be doing milling and paving. He continued we are thankful for it, not everyone will be happy, but it will be much better to ride bikes without the bumps. He added he is glad we are having the Memorial Day Parade. He spoke of the Scavenger Hunt being a great thing and encouraging his son and family to try it. He stated the Poll Question regarding Cannabis; there were more people in favor of both the questions than not in favor, so we will see what happens. He spoke of the Police Chief stating at the last meeting, it being very difficult to locate a space within the Village limits; because of the distance from schools. He added it is his understanding that we are going to have another convenience store going into Lucien's Plaza. He shared he was asked by a resident if there was a limit to the number of convenience stores you can have in the Village. He stated no, if they meet code, they can open; we have no idea what they are going to sell, as long as they sell a few chips and soda, he thinks they are classified as a convenience store. He continued it is unfortunate and we will try to Police to the best of our ability as to what is going on. He added there is not much we can do about it. He wished everyone a great holiday.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:06 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

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