

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 9th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:30 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: CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Police Chief William Becker, Amy Franco, Village Engineer, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Personnel Absent: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel (Excused).

RESOLUTION # 166-21

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-AUGUST 26TH, 2021

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the August 26th, 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 # 167-21

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #8 in the amount of \$84,900.95 covering voucher #455 thru #546. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 168-21

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$31.28 covering voucher #4. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS MARIJUANA REGULATIONS AND TAXATION ACT

Discussion took place back and forth regarding the Marijuana Regulations and Tax Act, spoke of status when governor took over regarding distribution points not being put down in outline. There



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are limited areas due to proximity of schools, churches or impoverished areas as well as benefits and fire hazards.

DISCUSS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is to discuss American Rescue Plan Funding, he is getting a lot of emails from people putting on Webinars and wanting to sell us something. He is going to stick with NYCOM Webinars; he thinks they will be apprized when they all show up, so we can learn together.

DISCUSS 118 GROVE STREET: UPDATE

CEO Johnstone updated the Board: he had reached out to 2 contractors, heard back from 1 who was going to the property to do estimate, also checked with County Purchasing to see if they had any contractors on list, have not heard back. He has not heard back from grandson who has removed roof and taken some of the rafters off.

MAIN STREET GRANTS WERE APPLIED FOR: 445 SOUTH MAIN ST. /300-304 SOUTH MAIN ST.

The Mayor stated the Main Street Grants; we applied for 2 of them, 1 for 445 South Main St., and 1 for 300-304 South Main St. He continued they acknowledged they went in, now it is a waiting game for all the grants we applied for and we will just see what happens.

SMTC-TAP GRANT: SIDEWALKS DUE SEPTEMBER 17

Discussion took place back and forth about the SMTC-TAP Grant due 9/17/21. Preliminary meeting held and preliminary application done, have not heard anything back. Scheduling another meeting to finalize the grant, sending letters to elected officials and encouraging citizens to send in letters as well; they need to be back by Friday, 9/17/21 to be submitted.

ALCOHOL AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Discussion took place back and forth; Parks Dir. Burkinshaw explained the changes in verbiage to the contract, penalties if alcohol is brought in without certificate of insurance and the 3 basic things the Parks Dept. goes over when taking calls or speaking with someone wanting to rent Comm. Ctr.

NEW BUSINESS:



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DISCUSS NO MARIJUANA SMOKING IN VILLAGE PARKS

Discussion took place back and forth regarding cigarette/vaping/marijuana smoking, as to whether to allow in parks and various municipal properties. Marijuana will not go into effect until next year, still have time.

RESOLUTION # 169-21

DISCUSS SANITARY SEWER REPAIR ON SOUTH MAIN ST. NEAR MILLEN DR.-AWARD TO PRECISION GROUP \$11,753.22 FOR ULTRA VIOLET CURE IN PLACE PIPE

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement to award the Precision Group \$11,753.22 to repair a sewer line on Main St. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Discussion took place back and forth of although it is allowed under the American Recovery; they would like to see the Sewer Fund used to fund this. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #170-21

DISCUSS PARKS LABORER IS CHAD THOMPSON-PARKS LABORER POSITION IS MODIFIED TO INCLUDE 40 HOUR WORK WEEK AT FLEXIBLE HOURS WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY TO WORK FOR DPW AS TIME IS AVAILABLE

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve changes to Parks Laborer, to add flexible time, available to work in DPW and it is Chad Thompson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR CLAY/CICERO

Discussion took place back and forth, with Fire Chief Brennan going over the Budget being presented to the towns of Clay and Cicero, explaining the increases that were projected. Also, costs incurred for volunteer svcs. they cannot bill for and difficulty keeping getting/keeping volunteers.

RESOLUTION #171-21

DISCUSS ROAD PAVING-COSTELLO PAVING LOW BID \$171,699.90 TO PAVE PARTS OF 6 VILLAGE STREETS

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Costello Paving for \$171,699.90 to pave 6 Village Streets. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Discussion took place about left over Chips money. The Town of Clay agreed to do Hier and the other street that boarder the Village next yr. at their cost. DPW Sup't Ware stated they will do some patching of major



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holes on Belmore, Heir and Kenruth and let them pave them next yr. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #172-21

**VILLAGE AGREES TO FUND LOCAL SHARE OF TAP GRANT
IF WE GET IT**

Trustee Strong made a motion approving the Village to agree to fund the local share of the Tap Grant, if we get it. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #173-21

**ACKNOWLEDGE VILLAGE OWNS RIGHT-OF-WAY
FOR SIDEWALKS UNDER DISCUSSION**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion acknowledging the Village owns Right-of-way for sidewalks under discussion. 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.

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

Pat Ferguson of 215 South Main St. stated the Festival Committee needs volunteers; losing the lady who takes care of crafters, the committee fund raising person is looking to step back. She continued if anyone knows of anyone available tell Parks Dir. Burkinshaw to get their email, and come to the meeting Monday, here at 6:30 PM; teens welcome. She added regarding the American Rescue money, if it is like some funds she has seen, and you do not spend it, they take it back; spend it.

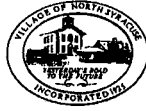
Diane Shepard Ponzio (Virtually commented) of **321 Ferguson Ave.** after the Mayor referenced the Poll as far as the Marijuana, she stated she feels a Poll on your Facebook page is not an accurate view of Village residents. She continued many do not even use Facebook, to get a true opinion Poll; you have to contact each resident by mail.

The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco): No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:



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

- Month of August Totals: 1195 Total Calls for service, 568 Property Checks, 12 Domestic, 19 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 199 Traffic Stops, 124 Traffic tickets, 12 Criminal Arrests
- So far for September: 275 Total Calls for service, 135 Property Checks, 5 Domestic, 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 41 Traffic Stops, 28 Traffic tickets, 6 Criminal Arrests

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

- Grant we have for Personnel, Fire Dept. working to see if we can extend that grant to January
- Thank DPW for assistance with vehicle extraction and air bags
- Fire Dept. instituted Wednesday morning, we are back in COVID protocol, masks required

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

- Currently doing Bulk Trash, 1 more month of Bulk Trash to do
- Doing repairs on leaf machine, getting ready for leaf season
- Gearing up for snow season
- Looked into new generator for Comm. Ctr. with automatic switch for light on S. Bay Rd. , got estimate through source well from Cummings of \$31,700 to install and remove old 1; not sure what giving for old 1 or if we could send to auction to lower cost a little bit

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

- Last Concert of season: DeSantis Orchestra will be Sunday, 9/12/21 at 2:00 PM at Lonergan
- 9/13/21 Family Fest Meeting at 6:30 PM here, looking for new members, new faces and ideas
- 9/17/21 Friday night at 7:00 PM: End of Summer Family Friendly Movie Park at Lonergan, have big screen to show on with Popcorn and Water for sale

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

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel) Excused.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- He has not had an opportunity to speak with CEO Johnstone regarding Rental Registry, will continue to work on that



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- Still no update on Essential Worker Discussion, reminded Board we did agree for all of our employees to discuss that, that is money that can come out of the American Recovery
- VFW doing 9/11 Ceremony on Saturday morning arriving at 9:00 AM, Ceremony at 9:11 AM in remembrance of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 occurring

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated for those of us who are old enough, we all remember where we were 20 yrs. ago, 2 days from now; that was a very difficult time for America. He continued just remember we are still the land of the free and the home of the brave. He added the Pledge of Allegiance which we say all the time, the last phrase of it talks about Liberty and Justice for all. He went on to say he trusts that our country will still be a place of Liberty and Justice for all and we are safe.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 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