



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 26th, 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: CEO Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, 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) and Fire Chief Patrick Brennan.

RESOLUTION # 161-21

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-AUGUST 12TH, 2021

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the August 12th, 2021 Board Meeting. 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 # 162-21

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #7 in the amount of \$67,208.37 covering voucher #375 thru #454. 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 Taxation Act, and which way they wanted to go, making a decision soon. More will follow.

DISCUSS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is to discuss American Rescue Plan Funding that is out of some of the money that we got from the state. He continued there are Webinars to attend to understand and learn what we can and cannot spend it on, so they do not pull back money. He added we have



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the money; we do not want to spend it, and then have to give it back; so we will continue working on that.

DISCUSS 118 GROVE STREET: UPDATE

CEO Johnstone updated the Board that the grandson has removed the roof down to rafters, and doing preparation for permit, but has not submitted it yet. CEO Johnstone will get quotes for demolition by next meeting, so ready if need be.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS WATCHGUARD DOCKING STATION UPGRADE-POLICE

Discussion took place back and forth explaining the emergency with Watchguard Docking Station, the series of problems and how important it is for the Police Dept.; there is a req. at Village Hall to be signed for this.

DISCUSS MAIN STREET GRANT: DUE SEPTEMBER 3

Discussion took place back and forth about the Main Street Grant that is for store fronts on Rt. 11, having to be submitted by 9/3/21 and is worth \$5,000,000; with 2 projects they are working on.

DISCUSS SMTC-TAP GRANT: DUE SEPTEMBER 17

Discussion took place back and forth about the SMTC-TAP Grant Request that is for sidewalks to keep cars off the road to decrease exhaust from cars, and keep people walking or biking. Trustee Strong, Mrs. Franco and the Mayor are working on this and it is due 9/17/21. If they get it they will replace a few of the older sidewalks with code compliant sidewalks and try to get the Crosswalk on South Bay Rd. done.

DISCUSS: NO ALCOHOL AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Discussion took place back and forth, Parks Dir. Burkinshaw explained the changes to the verbiage of the contract for the Comm. Ctr.; copies to be distributed to the Board members and the Atty.

RESOLUTION # 163-21

DISCUSS: NEW POSITION FOR PARKS/DPW

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve with discussion, new Full-time Parks Laborer position with



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flexible work day between departments, total of 40 hrs. /wk. starting at \$16.05 /hr. with benefits effective 9/1/21. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Much discussion took place back and forth regarding flexibility between depts., cost/ transferring contract balance and benefits to Village. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 164-21

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TAMMY RIVERA-
ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to accept the resignation of Tammy Rivera as the Zoning Board Alternate. 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 #165-21

APPOINT JOHN COLEMAN AS ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the appointment of John Coleman, to replace Tammy Rivera as Zoning Board Alternate, for term of 5 yrs. to expire in 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, 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 Fergerson of 215 South Main St. stated she came to thank the Fire Dept., they showed at Lou Fergerson's funeral, a former fire chief; in full bib and tucker, looking marvelous. She shared today is August 26th, Women's Equality Day, when the women got the vote.

Lisa Lioto of 356 Chestnut St. thanked DPW Sup't Ware and his crew for cleaning up that corner of Chestnut St., she really appreciated it, they went above and beyond; did a great job.

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:

- So far for August: 957 Total Calls for service, 458 Property Checks, 13 Domestic, 17 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 150 Traffic Stops, 96 Traffic tickets, 11 Criminal Arrests

Fire Department: (Fire Chief: Patrick Brennan) Absent.

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

- Heat and humidity has been a little tough, did some black top patching, brush; storm drain and road repairs and keeping busy

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

- Sunday, 8/29/21 Pool is closing and everything for the summer, are wrapping up
- Concert series, 2 concerts left, Wednesday, 9/1/21 at 6:00 PM; we moved the DeSantis Orchestra to Sunday, 9/12/21 at 2:00 PM
- Looking into a Summer Movie Park kind of thing, looking into a screen and licensing for a movie, for family night; last hurrah before school starts

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

- Thursday, 9/2/21 in lieu of a Zoning Board Meeting, we are going to have a Special Planning Comm. Meeting for DL Manufacturing warehouse expansion

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

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Nice to see proactive approach replacing a lot of storm drains, great soil in the area, but Fire Dept. was not dealing with a lot of flooding here in the Village
- Normal flooding spots were not worse, so appreciate DPW Sup't Ware and crew getting those early on
- Our hearts and prayers go out to US Marines and Svc. Members, who were affected or killed today, it is unfortunate we are watching a hostage situation play out in front of us
- Any progress on looking at Rental Registry, he offered assistance to aid with that; great idea

CEO Johnstone stated he had read their City code, reported on process, fees and fines; appeared to



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be in place to make money. He spoke of the lengthy work involved, but stated it was up to the Board if they wanted to proceed forward with this. Trustee Strong thought it was a good program and would chat with CEO Johnstone to get more information on what is involved.

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- She thanked Parks Dir. Burkinshaw being so informative on social media, letting us know when the pool was closed, could not be used; what bands were playing, it was good information. She also enjoyed the video about the summer program.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated he would like to say, "Hi," to Dianne, if she is watching. He continued it is truly, the world is seemingly falling apart on us. He added he is so thankful that here in our Village, things are normal shall we say, and it is a good place to live; that is good news for us. He stated another bit of good news, the big rain storm that we had, he thinks Dog Daze did not flood. Trustee Wilmer stated just a little bit got in the door. The Mayor continued that is a step in the right direction, if we do those swales he thinks it would take care of any issue. He added he drove around, looked and nothing was flooded. He stated it did not come down so heavy all at once. He continued normally right out here is a puddle, and down at the end of Elm St., that was a pond for a couple of days; but everything seemed to be good. He spoke of Tully, and Camillus being under water. He stated reached out to Tully, they were under control of the neighboring depts. down there; they took care of each other. He continued with that being said, our little Village is a nice place to live.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:11 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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