

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 23rd, 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 Dep. Mayor Gustafson asking everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, and Trustee Chris Strong.

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 Neil Germain.

Personnel Absent: Mayor Gary Butterfield (Excused), Trustee Fred Wilmer (Excused), and Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel (Excused).

RESOLUTION # 174-21

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2021

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the September 9th, 2021, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 175-21

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated included in this amount is the Syracuse Haulers payment of \$44,000 and the New Fire Chief's vehicle of \$42,000. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$122,295.26 covering voucher #547 thru #621. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 176-21

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Dep. Mayor stated money transfer(s) is in conjunction with Letter B., new business; this will fund the new machine to clean/buff the floors at the Comm. Ctr. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A1990.4 Contingency Fund in the amount of \$3,500 to increase A7181.25 Comm. Ctr. Floor Machine. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE MOBIL GAS STATION: NORTH MAIN STREET



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CEO Johnstone reported update regarding Mobil Gas Station on North Main Street; a closure letter had been rec'd from DEC, brown field no longer showing, so they can market it. He is going to give contact information to both the doctor's office and Morales Collision to reach out to Blount Energy.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 177-21

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NORTH SYRACUSE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Trustee St. Germain made a motion approving the appointment of David Brooks as an active No. Syr. Vol. Firefighter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #178-21

DISCUSS/APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR CLEANER/SCRUBBER MACHINE

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve purchase of Floor Cleaner/Scrubber Machine. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Much discussion took place regarding professional cleaning costs vs purchasing machine and condition of floor not holding up; areas in need of repair. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS/RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS THE 2016 FORD EXPLORER FOR THE BEST MARKET VALUE

Discussion took place to Surplus 2016 Ford Explorer for best market value: selling outright vs. the auction. The Mayor tasked Trustee Wilmer to look into value and to get the best market value. Dep. Mayor Gustafson tabled until more Board members were here.

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

Pat Ferguson of 215 South Main St. thanked the Village for being open, available; functional and trapping skunks, that are now out of her yard.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. spoke of grinding streets first, then tar; flooded areas on Mary St., Palmer Dr., and Tolbert Rd. The Dep. Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.



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ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco): No Report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

- So far for September: 770 Total Calls for service, 374 Property Checks, 10 Domestic, 16 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 121 Traffic Stops, 79 Traffic tickets, 11 Criminal Arrests

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

- Safer Grant running out, wanted authorization for Mayor to sign Lamar Advertising contract; discussion took place: This was presented after the agenda was distributed – may lose an opportunity for 2 billboard signs if delayed

RESOLUTION #179-21

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN LAMAR ADVERTISING
CONTRACT FOR \$22,181 FOR FIRE DEPT.**

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with Lamar Advertising for \$22,181 for the Fire Dept. subject to his review/approval of the underlying contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

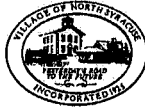
Public Works Department: (DPW Sup't.: Ed Ware) He stated the following:

- Rt. 11 project is moving along, doing more sidewalk repairs in the Village, then starting to pave driveways for businesses; then residents
- Village roads are paved, transitions from 1 road to another came out very well
- DPW crew doing safety, snow and ice training for upcoming winter
- DPW Sup't Ware attending Cornell University and rec'd his Road Master II
- Trash: done 89 tons this yr., 137 mattresses, 399 tons of brush
- Rec'd email from Lyons Club, wanting to put sign up to increase awareness/recruit membership, looking at Rt.11 going north by Applebees

Much Discussion went back and forth about Right-of-way placement/location for signs, affixing to Village sign, setting precedent; possible new policies while encourage support for civic organizations.

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

- Wrapping up summer, thanked DPW for putting cover on pool
- Family Fest: need new membership, date set, moving forward on location and talks for next yr.
- Sunday, 12/5/21 Holiday Parade, after Parade will be Tree lighting



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

- Reported 3 quotes rec'd and turned in for 118 Grove St., 2 wks. to review, then Board can make decision and move forward with tearing house down

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

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Although left for house fire; Movie night was a wonderful idea, popcorn was a hit
- Renters Registry still on the agenda, he and CEO Johnstone will get on that more aggressively

Trustee Wilmer: Excused

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Rt. 11 project coming along very well, looking good and nearing completion
- Happy to announce, Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel is back working 9:00 AM-1:30 PM, until able to remove neck brace and drive, and she will be at next Board meeting
- Thanked Parks Dir. Burkinshaw for the movie, her family enjoyed it, well attended-50 people; nice tradition to start
- She wished the Mayor a very speedy recovery, so he can get back here too

MAYOR'S REPORT: Excused

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 5:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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PLEASE SIGN IN

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