

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, October 14th, 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 Dep. Mayor Gustafson asking everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee Chris Strong, and Trustee Fred Wilmer.

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

Personnel Absent: Mayor Gary Butterfield (Excused Medical), Trustee LouAnn St. Germain (Excused-Appointment Conflict), and Amy Franco, Village Engineer.

RESOLUTION # 180-21

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2021

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the September 23rd, 2021, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 181-21

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated included in this is the payment of \$171,699.80 to Costello Blacktop Paving, this year's CHIPS paving of roads. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Abstract #10 in the amount of \$269,450.16 covering voucher #622 thru #712. The motion was seconded Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 182-21

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$31.28 covering voucher #5. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE: 115 CHESTNUT STREET-ACQUIRE BY PAYING BACK TAXES



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CEO Johnstone gave an update on 115 Chestnut Street; there was talk about acquiring that property to do an addition on the Fire Department building. He explained they are 2 yrs. back on taxes, so after this yr. if taxes are not paid, it will be at Onon. Cty. Auction next October.

**CONTINUATION ON MARIJUANA LEGISLATION-
SYRACUSE HEMPORIUM TO BE PRESENT/SPEAK**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated next is the continuation on whether or not we agree to Marijuana Legislation. For several meetings this discussion has taken place on the topic of storefronts selling this "product" and separately storefronts opening for socializing. She continued tonight we have Jim Charon from Syracuse Hemporium, and she invited him to speak on this topic. Mr. Charon spoke of the following prospective on the positive side: 1) Cannabis is being sold now, 2) Village is not collecting taxes, 3) the Village is small with limited locations, 4) NYS Law Limits dispensaries locations, 5) having the opportunity to opt to bring in 3% Tax Revenue, 6) It is just going to continue on, we can make money, let us take the opportunity; these people are coming in, 7) You need to realize you are in control, you are making money instead of losing it; and saying it is "OK" to sell illegally; because we do not want legal places? He stated it is giving you opportunities and options. Dep. Mayor Gustafson asked if it would be state controlled. He explained it would be very strict control. He stated possible places where you could have 1 dispensary: Planet Fitness Plaza, Bear Rd. Plaza, but warned you need to be careful as schools are 500' and Mobil gas station is across from Medical Ctr. He added people are concerned about youth consumption, over last 10 yrs. it has not changed, the state has already added regulations that funding is going to education and enforcement. He spoke of the Town of Salina getting the 3% Tax Revenue, his business is in place there, and he sells there. He explained you say no, but he can still deliver to N. Syracuse, and N. Syracuse does not get the revenue; the Town of Salina does. He stated they are selling it illegally, it will continue and there really is no enforcement; nobody knows what is going on, people are doing their own thing.

RESOLUTION # 183-21

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF 118
GROVE ST.-(3) QUOTES**

CEO Johnstone stated the Board has 3 quotes to do demolition at 118 Grove St., he suggested going with the quote from Crisafulli of \$14,435. He continued the description mentions: prevailing wage, how it will take place, and how it is going to be left; while the others do not. He continued there is an add'l fee roughly \$650 for another company to do air monitoring also. Trustee Strong made a motion for discussion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. Much discussion took place back and forth regarding: No plans to fix house, permit application, or contact from the guy in over 2 mos. Atty. Germain concurred with Levy on Village Tax bill, explained the process and time for return of the cost to the Village. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize Crisafulli to demo 118 Grove St. at a



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cost of \$14,435. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #184-21

DISCUSS/RESOLUTION THE SURPLUS OF THE 2016 FORD EXPLORER-SET MINIMUM FOR AUCTION

Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated next is to discuss/resolution for the surplus of the 2016 Ford Explorer-Set Minimum at Auction: This was delayed at the last bd. Mtg. as the Mayor had handed this off to Trustee Wilmer to look into the most beneficial value to obtain from surplusizing this vehicle. She asked Trustee Wilmer to speak on his findings. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the surplus the 2016 Ford Explorer and send to the auction with a minimum bid reserve of \$17,500 and recovered funds should be applied to the Budget line items for the Chief's car additions with the trade in bid. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion went back and forth regarding: the auction, how bid process worked, and if bid secured more than reserve; that it would go to their line item acct. also. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

UPDATE: LISTING OF RENTAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS

Trustee Strong updated on the Listing of Rental Properties within the Village Limits. He shared CEO Johnstone had looked at a couple other municipalities, we have had some initial talks to get it off the ground, but with other projects and correspondence; we have not had an opportunity to layout anything or seek anyone else. He spoke of Community input and suggested a quarterly update.

MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION: RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR (2) TRUSTEES

Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated next is Modification of Resolution: Retirement Credit for (2) of our Trustees and because the lack of voting we will not be able to do this tonight, so we are going to table this for another time.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 185-21

DISCUSS/APPROVE SEALING/STRIPING MUNICIPAL PKG. LOT BEHIND SYRACUSE REALTY

Trustee Strong made a motion to discuss the Sealing/Striping Municipal Lot behind Syracuse Realty. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. Much discussion took place back and forth regarding:



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the sealing and striping, the Procurement Policy req'd number of quotes and easement agreement with the Village. Mr. Crisalli did not have enough quotes to comply with Procurement Policy, his quote from Pinnacle Sealing for \$1,440 was under the threshold. Trustee Wilmer made a motion that the sealing and striping can go ahead at the parking lot behind Syracuse Realty, pending the Atty's. reviewing of the Purchasing Procurement Policy, if not approved; then land owner can go ahead with his share of the property sealing and striping. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. All in Favor. Further update, our DPW was not able to acquire any other quotes as it was too late in the season, thereby – sole source vendor.

RESOLUTION #186-21

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE CNY STORMWATER COALITION
AGREEMENT: 1/01/22-12/31/22**

Trustee Strong made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the CNY Stormwater Coalition Agreement for 01/01/22-12/31/22 for \$3,600. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #187-21

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE CNY SPCA AGREEMENT:
1/01/22-12/31/22**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorizing the Mayor to sign the CNY SPCA Agreement for 01/01/22 thru 12/31/22 in the amount of \$4,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #188-21

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NORTH
SYRACUSE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Epperson as a No. Syr. Volunteer Firefighter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #189-21

**PURCHASE 2021 CHEVY TAHOE FROM THE N. SYR.
VOL. FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR \$1**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to accept the purchase of 2021 Chevy Tahoe from the N. Syr. Vol. Firemen's Assoc. for \$1. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**DISCUSS NEW SERVER: OLD SERVER SUPPORTS
ONLY UP TO WINDOWS 7**

Chief Becker stated the current server cannot be upgraded to Windows 10 formats to work with the Watchguard System for the Body and Car Cams and having video download issues being lengthy and some being corrupted. He shared features that from Watchguard that the quote from IT would not provide. Much Discussion took place regarding cost of \$11,150 for Watchguard Server, integrating the different servers, integrity and false claims, budget availability and grants not being funded.

RESOLUTION #190-21

**DISCUSS/APPROVE WEB BASED EPCR SYSTEM-
REQUIRED BY THE DEPT. OF HEALTH**

Chief Brennan stated NYS put in place unfunded mandate to have EPCR System online and up by January 1st as req'd by the Dept. of Health. Discussion went back and forth regarding rec. submitted showing longer time frame than partial contract Chief Brennan stated they wanted to enter initially. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated part needs to be in FY 2023 Budget, rec. is to be changed to reflect updated numbers at \$150.75 to go from 11/1/2021 thru 5/31/22 and subsequently 6/01/22 thru 5/31/2023. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement to pay \$150.75 per month from 11/01/21-5/31/22 for Web Based EPCR System. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

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

David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Cir. stated he was thankful for the approval for 118 Grove St.

Doug Hummel of 128 Herbert St. spoke of loud noise during night when unloading trucks at Mr. Seconds. He expressed concerns of possible damage to house/foundation from shaking ground when unloading. Chief Becker stated to call 911; they will check out his complaint and determine what is going on. The Dep. 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 September Totals: 1039 Total Calls for service, 80 Property Checks, 14 Domestic, 19 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 164 Traffic Stops, 128 Traffic tickets, 26 Criminal Arrests
- So far for October: 440 Total Calls for service, 232 Property Checks, 3 Domestic, 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 46 Traffic Stops, 44 Traffic tickets, 14 Criminal Arrests

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

- EPCR Memo reflects 19 mos. totaling \$2864.25, agreement req'd min. 1 yr., will go back to FY in Budget thereafter.
- Thanked DPW Sup't Ware and DPW, saved money, doing work on Rescue 5
- Engine 8 backup incident, in Buffalo getting repaired a factory facility, out of svc. 8 wks.
- Email: Exceeding Purchasing Policy, P.O. questioned-emerg. Purchase: replacement: Rescue 5 tires, F.D. did not exceed. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated they failed to put emerg. purchase on rec.
- Vehicle to auction, there is add'l expense to remove striping, N. Syracuse and strip down to regular vehicle

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

- Took over 150 calls for Bulk Trash last month
- Getting leaf machine ready to go, box is on, doing a slight repair to tailgate to go out Monday
- We have a heavy volume of brush right now
- Working on mowing lawns, having issue with 1 of larger mowers
- He offered assistance to Fire Dept. to help remove stickers and lights if need be done
- Preparing for winter season, prices going up on everything, with the shortages; more difficult to get stuff and costing more to get it

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

- Friday, Oct. 22nd: Halloween Truck or Treat Flashlight Walk at Heritage Pk. 5:00-6:00 PM, must preregister through Park's Office to attend, so far over 65 have registered; anticipating more
- Sunday, 12/5/21 Holiday Parade, after Parade will be Tree lighting at Comm. Ctr.
- Upgrade the speaker system at Comm. Ctr., still making adjustments to make it better

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

- On 10/7/21 Special Plan. Comm. Mtg., they approved an 14,000 sq. ft. addition to DL Manufacturing at the end of Gateway Pk. Dr.
- 10/17/21 Attended Pre-Construction Mtg. and rec'd plans today. A lot of back and forth with DEC due to Wetlands, but went well. Site has been preloaded, cleared want up by spring.



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

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: Excused.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- He thanked Dept. Heads for their continuing to be flexible with programs and ideas they are working on and to pass that on to their staff. He spoke of the add'l efforts being made even when short staffed to make it work and efforts made to come in when needed to help other depts.
- Fire and Police Dept. will be out Halloween looking after the safety of a number of folks
- Tree lighting, adding Craft Fair after, to sell at N. Syracuse Comm. Ctr., bring in more folks
- Welcomed Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel back
- Spoke of DPW guys and gal doing great job over summer, leaves are falling, so good luck

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

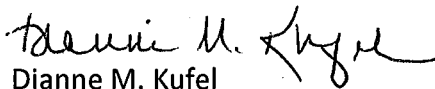
Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Wanted to send a personal message to the Butterfield family, hoping that their health is improving, we are all thinking about them and praying for them
- She welcomed Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel back full-time, she is so happy you are here
- She thanked all the Dept. Heads for their support through this time

MAYOR'S REPORT: Excused.

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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