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, Dep. Mayor Gustafson, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong, and Trustee Fred Wilmer.

**Personnel Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, and Police Chief William Becker.

**Personnel Absent:** CEO Brian Johnstone (Excused), DPW Superintendent Ed Ware (Excused), Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw (Excused), Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused) and Village Engineer Amy Franco (Excused).

**RESOLUTION # 215-21**  
**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-DECEMBER 9TH, 2021**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the December 9th, 2021, Board Meeting. 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.

**RESOLUTION # 216-21**  
**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Abstract #15 in the amount of $81,483.68 covering voucher #1039 thru #1114. The motion was seconded Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 217-21**  
**SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #15 in the amount of $9,875.00 (JJ Lateral on Oakley) covering voucher #8. The motion was seconded Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 218-21**  
**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer is to cover remaining cost of new LED Lights for Christmas Tree at Community Center. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from
A7140.448 Bus Rentals in the amount of $444.48 to increase A7550.2 Pole Decorations. 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 # 219-21

The Mayor stated the transfer is to cover cost of Pesticide applicator training, exam and licensing for Chad Thompson. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A7140.448 Camp Bus Rentals in the amount of $1,135 to increase A7020.466 Training. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

The Mayor stated he feels that they have something that will work whereas the $500 as discussed for employees including 3 paid firehouse employees; and as appreciation to the volunteers without compromising their volunteer status we could buy a bag with an allotment of clothing not to exceed $500 in value. Much discussion took place back and forth with the details of how this would work for the 3 paid firefighters, they would have a choice check or bag, and the rest of the members would have choices of what went in their bag. There would be a 1 time order from either Jerome Fire Equipment or Lewis Uniform and would belong to the Village for the 1st yr., including the bag. The Mayor stated he thought this could be voted on after the 1st of the yr.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 220-21

DISCUSS/REVIEW BILLBOARD RECRUITMENT SECOND RUN TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE SAFER/FEMA GRANT

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Billboard Recruitment Agreement starting the end of December for $11,486 to run on the billboards on Rt. 81, Rt. 31 and Rt. 481 corridors to be reimbursed by the SAFER grant. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Dep. Mayor Gustafson asked if they had any success with the last Billboard. Fire Chief Brennan stated 2 new members came in, a lot of inquiries, we only accept people within the Village within our Fire District; we did field 8 or 9 to different fire departments around the area. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.
RESOLUTION # 221-21  DISCUSS/REVIEW ZULTY’S CLOUD SERVICES-FIRE DEPT. – MONTHLY SVC., ACH. WIRE-TRANSITION FROM WINDSTREAM-STATION 1 ONLY. STATION 2 REMAINS WITH WINDSTREAM TEMPORARILY

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Zulty’s Cloud Svcs. Agreement for Fire Dept. Monthly Svc. Ach. Wire Transition from Windstream for Sta. 1 Only, which will automatically wire $235.83 plus taxes with 1st month 1 time chg. being more in amt. of $822.50 for setup. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Dep. Mayor Gustafson asked if this is the same phone company we have for the whole Village. The Mayor stated it is going to be. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 222-21  DISCUSS/REVIEW PURCHASE OF THE NEW ZULTY’S PHONE SYSTEM FOR STATION 1- PAY UP FRONT OR AMORTIZE OVER 2, 3, 4, YEARS

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Zulty’s Phone System Agreement for Sta. 1. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion took place back and forth whether to amortize, or pay up front, to use General Fund or American Rescue Plan monies. The Board agreed to pay up front. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DESIGNATION THAT DECEMBER 26TH IS DOROTHY SCHAID-PROCLAMATION PRESENTED WITH HER FAMILY ON JANUARY 13TH, 2022-6:30 PM MEETING

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is Designation That December 26th is Dorothy Schad Day. He shared he received a call from a relative stating that she will turn 108 yrs. old on December26, 2021, and she lives independently in an apartment on the property where her family resides on Chestnut St. He continued he thought it was neat, and on January 13th, 2022 at 6:30 Mtg. he has a Proclamation to present to her and her family will be attending. He spoke with the Parks Dept. about putting something on the sign at Lonergan. Fire Chief Brennan spoke of putting something out there on 12/26/21 as well.

RESOLUTION # 223-21  APPOINT A DISTRICT CHIEF AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 2022 FOR THE FIRE DEPT

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the appointment of Casey Daugard, District Chief as Car 4 effective January 1st, 2022, for the Fire Dept. during the Fire Chief’s absence. The motion was
seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Discussion took place back and forth regarding the position having been used previously in past, already having a car, and has volunteered at least temporary until April. Fire Chief Brennan stated he and Dep. Chief Linnertz are not sure if they will run again, so this is preparation for succession plan to prepare him for proper interface in working with the Board; he was Dep. Chief during prior Administration 2 yrs. ago. He assured the Board he would be in contact daily with the Administration and members. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 224-21

DISCUSS/APPROVE TRAVEL FOR J. PANNELL TO JACKSONVILLE, FL. FOR DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT TRAINING- AT NO COST TO THE VILLAGE

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize and approve Travel for J. Pannell to Jacksonville, FL. for Drug Recognition Expert Training at no cost to the Village. Please note, subsequently, a request for the flight cost of approx. $350. 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.

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

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. clarified who was essential. He stated he was looking forward to timely plowing. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Mayor stated with no one else present to speak, he closed Citizen Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.


DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief: William Becker): He stated the following:
- Merry Christmas, he hopes everyone has a great, safe holiday experience; Happy New Year

Fire Department: (Fire Chief: Patrick Brennan) He stated the following:
- He thanked Board for addressing last minute things; trying to all we can out of FEMA Grant
- He thanked confidence in him with Car 4
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- $500 Stipend, we found a solution; appreciates support and will convey to members

Public Works Department: (DPW Sup’l.: Ed Ware) No Report (Excused).

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Anthony Burkinshaw) No Report (Excused).

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

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel) She stated the following:
- She wished everyone a Merry Christmas

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:
- Happy to be feeling better after Covid; appreciates things and people more
- Merry Christmas, continue to stay safe
- Happy we are going to have a Drug Recognition Expert in area and not have to wait

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:
- Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, he will be around unless he gets called out for work

Trustee Wilmer: He stated the following:
- Asked Police Chief to consider putting heat track, electric heater on to outside wood deck, has to be shoveled and gets icy sometimes
- Happy Holidays everybody

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:
- Merry Christmas to all of you

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He spoke of a conference call today with the Cty. Executive, they are distributing home test kits; 2 in a pack. He expects maybe 300 test kits and double the amount of masks next week, because of the Omicron. He added to be advertised through Onondaga County on social media, Village Hall is where they will be distributed to anybody that wants them, they are free; but probably will run out quickly, but they expect another shipment after. He stated Ashley Casey asked him to put a short blurb together on 2020. He added he
is putting together something short on what he hopes to happen in this coming yr. He explained we do know we have got money for the improvements for: the Village façade, the Comm. Ctr., the DPW; Main St. and we are going to relocate the festival, if things work out well, if we can have a festival, we do not know. The Mayor spoke of the most recent situation with the Teamsters 1149 and the Police with their medical insurance. As most of you know, they are no longer offering them the current insurance that they had for the past several years. They have offered another insurance and some options, although they are not of comparable value. It appears that in order to make this transition smooth and to be sure that they had coverage as of January 1st, they will be moving over to the insurance that is currently offered to the highway department. More to follow. Trustee Wilmer asked about the status on the crosswalk for South Bay Rd. The Mayor added we put that in the SMTC Application; he also reached out to SMTC, explaining it is a Cty. Rd with a complicated intersection with 5 roads; and asked if they could help us. He stated he rec’d an email from Dir. of SMTC, Mike Alexander, stating they will be glad to help, just let us know. He continued we cannot make a mistake with there being 5 roads going into it. He stated we have got enough Rescue Plan money, that is infrastructure, and instead of spending money for CHA; SMTC can come in design it for us and help us.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. 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