

**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

Dedicated to increasing the safety of the residents, in the Village of North Syracuse

December 8, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.
North Syracuse Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman, Fred Ferguson. Minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Ferguson, Chairman/Trustee
Michael Crowell, Police
Teresa Roth, Parks & Recreation
Pam DiCarlo, Codes
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Tim Ellis, Fire
Brad Hoyer, Citizen
Ray Sharp, Citizen
Dave Robinson, Citizen
Jack Gaiser, Citizen

1. Police

The Chief reported that as of the end of November, his department had responded to 200 calls more this year than last. Most of their day is follow-up work, and with over 3000 calls per year, it's easy to see where they are spending most of their time. They had a home invasion last Saturday night, that he had to turn over to the Sheriff's Department for lack of manpower. Accidents are up and over the winter, this will be the trend.

2. Fire Department

Tim spoke of fire prevention and chimney safety over the winter and through the holiday season. He addressed the department's concerns about code compliance issues in the village, requesting an administrative review of enforcement protocols.

3. Parks & Recreation

Teresa mentioned a substantial grant (possibly \$250,000) has been applied for to make improvements to Lonergan Park, beginning after next year's festival, which is May 23rd 2015. The damage done last fall to the Heritage Park playscape has been cleaned up and is on track for replacement.

4. Codes

Pam reported that she has responded to six 'car into building' incidents this year. Most of these involve senior citizens. Also, she expressed concern about the increasing "glass pipe" sales in the village.

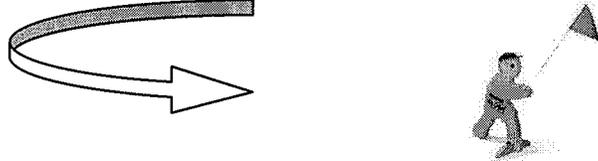
5. DPW

Gary had a busy week with the snow storm. It takes his department four hours to plow out the village. Delays are inevitable when plowing becomes an around-the-clock operation. He is looking into a safety issue with folks using Centerville Park's hill for sliding.

6. Citizen Comment

Brad Hoyer of 304 Shaver Avenue was present and requested a stop sign be placed at Shaver Ave. and Tolbert Drive. A similar request was sent in to the committee by Mark Stockham regarding Lee Terrace near Heritage Park. Al Stirpe's office also requested that we look into this. Fred spoke to Amin Kallahare at Stirpe's and explained the process to change Village Law. The committee must approve the change, it's then brought before the Village Board. If deemed appropriate, then a public hearing is held and the matter is voted on.

The committee weighed in on the above requests and did not move in favor of them. Chief Crowell stated "Statistics prove the stop signs do not result in slowing traffic." He continued, "drivers feel they have lost time when stopped and then speed up to make up time lost". Fred suggested private signage, that looks like this seems to work for slowing traffic.



7. Citizen Comment 2

Ray Sharp requested that the speed trailer be placed on Wadsworth between Shaver Avenue and Chestnut Street. Gary said that would be done in the spring.

8. Citizen Comment 3

Two other requests for signage (not stop signs) are being looked into on Maxwell Avenue and Ivon Drive. Discussion with home owners are proceeding.

8. Trustee's Report

Fred thanked all for attending. The minutes of this meeting will be distributed in village mail boxes and through e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, March 2, 2015 – 4:00 pm – at the Community Center (small room)

**Alfred E. "Fred" Fergerson
Safety Chairman/Trustee**

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Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Fergerson
Trustee Linnertz
Dianne Kufel, Clerk/Treasurer
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