



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, July 28th, 2022 @ 4:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

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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 Chris Strong, Trustee Fred Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

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 Engineer Amy Franco.

Personnel Absent: Trustee LouAnn St. Germain (Excused) and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Absent).

EAGLE SCOUT CLAYTON LUKOWSKI/TROOP 157-HONORING

The Mayor stated he is moving an item from the bottom of the agenda to the top: We had a presentation for an Eagle Scout Project, those of you that have not seen it, it is a gaga pit. He continued he saw 1 for the 1st time last yr., and asked what is it, but the kids love them. He invited Clayton Lukowski from Troop 157 to come forward. He added Clayton took it upon himself to build a gaga pit, and we have a plaque that we are going to mount on the gaga pit, and it is popular already from what he understands; a lot of kids are using it. He asked Clayton if he would like to say anything about your gaga pit. Eagle Scout Clayton Lukowski stated it was very fun to build and he thanked Parks Dir. Burkinshaw for helping them out a lot. The Mayor thanked him.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-JUNE 23RD, 2022

The Mayor stated we go to minute approval, there is none, Pearl is coming back on Monday; so, she will have a couple of minutes to do, she is the minute person at this point and time.

RESOLUTION # 165-22

GENERAL FUND NEW BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund New Budget Abstract #05 in the amount of \$148,525.84 covering voucher #177 thru #262. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 166-22

SEWER FUND NEW BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL



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Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund New Budget Abstract #05 in the amount of \$897.50 covering voucher #3 thru #4. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 167-22 UPDATE: VILLAGE HALL/GARAGE ROOF SPECIFICATIONS-BID OPENING 7/22

The Mayor stated the next item the Village Hall/Garage Roof Specifications, we waited for the bid opening on 7/22, and no one bid the project; so, we are going to rebid. He continued it was out there and there were at least 2 contractors that came and picked up plans and looked at it, some said they were too busy to bid it at this time. Trustee Strong made a motion to set a rebid opening for Village Hall/Garage Roof Specifications for 8/23/22 at 2:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

UPDATE: DPW IMPROVEMENTS/ROOF SPECIFICATIONS-BID OPENING 7/27

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda, Update: DPW Improvements/Roof Specifications, we had the Bid Opening on 7/27, we had 2 bidders for this project; Titan Roofing was the low bidder. He added we sent it to QPK, the architect for the project, they were going to review it; and make a recommendation. Mrs. Franco stated they have not, looking at it ourselves, everything looks to be in order for the most part. She explained until you do a preconstruction mtg., and get into it, to know the schedule; just keep that in mind what that might be. The Mayor stated he knew too, prior to bidding, we were told that the insulation is hard to come by; it might not be done for a yr., the way construction is going right now. He continued it is not a rush, so he thinks to wait until the next meeting, let us wait for them to review and let us know. Mrs. Franco continued they did all the plans and specs for it, so they know what they are looking at.

RESOLUTION # 168-22

**AWARD: COMMUNITY CENTER FLOORING/PILLARS/TRIM-
BID OPENING 7/21**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Award: Community Center Flooring/Pillars/Trim Bid to Drulyk Construction for \$35,308. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. Much discussion went back and forth about the other bid coming in at \$81,500, with 3 or 4 floor prices being the biggest number and were close to Drulyk, so flooring prices were good based on other bidders. They will have to schedule days to work with Parks Dir. Burkinshaw, again it is not going to happen overnight, but at least we got a bid. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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UPDATE: 218 FERGERTON PARK-TREE BOARD RESOLUTION

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is 218 Fergerson Park for the Tree Board to make a decision, are we ready to make a decision. Trustee Wilmer has not had time to get down to the Cty. to look up who owns that property, so he would like to table it still again; it is not going to go anywhere right way. The Mayor continued no it is not. Trustee Wilmer called the county and they stated he would have to research it and he has to go down there personally to do it. The Mayor asked if he would have that information by the next mtg. Trustee Wilmer continued, he will try. The Mayor reiterated the tree is not going anywhere, but we want to make a decision.

UPDATE: NEW GRANT SUBMITTAL FROM SENATOR MANNION'S OFFICE

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is just an Update, we rec'd a letter from Senator Mannion stating when monies become available, what kind of projects do you have. He continued cannot be less than \$50,000, \$200,000 is the sweet spot for a project, but other numbers above that would be considered. He added he reached out to dept. heads asking for ideas, and Parks Dir. Burkinshaw from stated the pool is in need of quite a bit of work to bring it up to code. He explained with everything going on with the issues with male/female we have got some work to do, because it does not meet a lot of those requirements. He shared we had the architect come over and do a little drawing, we met with Parks Dir. Burkinshaw and the Pool Head Lifeguard who has been there for 15 yrs., and came up with a scenario. He clarified this is only an application for the money, but he thinks we have a good application, and he has a copy here; it is due tomorrow. Trustee Strong asked what was the amount projected. The Mayor continued we do not have that, we have to put a Budget together, but he wants to keep it right around \$200,000. The Mayor continued yes, it is basically pictures that he has showed, the only cover for the Lifeguard is a tent, and they go through a couple of them a yr., so we are going to do a free-standing structure, the doors are rotting out; there are lots of issues. He added there is no unisex bathroom and anybody that comes into the pool, because of the changes now; has to come thru the back door of the toilet area which is where the changing rooms are, toilets and shower. He stated so he thinks we have a good shot at the grant, because of the condition that we have.

BOARD RESOLUTION: CHARGING STATION FEES TO BE CHARGED

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda, is Charging station fees will be charged: We discussed this before; he asked CEO Johnstone to look into fees. CEO Johnstone shared: Across street, they are charging \$.25/KWH., Town of Dewitt are charging \$.35/KWH and \$.75 to park there, Town of Clay is charging \$.16/KWH and \$.75 to park, City of Syracuse at City Hall and the Oncenter is \$.49/KWH and



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\$1.00 to park, the Thruway at Warners Rest Stop is \$.30/KWH and Skaneateles Village Hall is not charging per KWH, they are charging \$2.50 per hr. to park your car. He stated he thinks the \$.25, just the same as across the street. He added he thought it would be \$.13 to \$.15 is what we are using for electricity, the other \$.10 after we do this for 1 yr., we could see how much we could put toward the maintenance agreement and the licensing fee on that extra \$.10 over the power usage. The Mayor continued this is not free for the Village, it costs us money per KWH and we have an \$1,800 agreement. CEO Johnstone stated with the licensing fee. The Mayor and CEO Johnstone discussed a Webinar CEO Johnstone took. CEO Johnstone continued he thought it was going to be talking about NYSEDA Grants, it was put on by Chargepoint, but stated to get money you have to own machines, you cannot lease the machines; they are just promoting electrical vehicles. The Mayor stated we thought about another location with 2 more and use the same company, but the licensing agreement would be, anyway; he guessed not, we will stay with 2. He asked if we are in agreement that \$.25, he thought we approved it, we just needed an amount to charge. Trustee Wilmer asked if the machine is all set up to this already. CEO Johnstone stated we just go on the Website and add the fee. Conversation took place regarding noticing/notifying the public of this change; it will be on the "app" but signage could be at the chargepoint.

RESOLUTION # 169-22

**DISCUSS/APPROVE FIRE CHIEF TRAVEL TO MONITOR THE
PROGRESS OF THE NEW PUMPER**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the travel for the Fire Chief, and 2 others, Asst. and Dep. Chief to go to South Dakota to view the Pumper; the new build. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of same.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #170-22

PURCHASE OF BACKHOE: 2018/2019 NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Purchase of Backhoe: 2018 John Deer Backhoe with Not to Exceed \$72,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong for discussion. Much Discussion went back and forth regarding: Buy used, new, availability of both or renting, various costs of each and loss that would be incurred; how long they would have the machine and how much they might be able to get when they surplus. Leasing and Replacement Plans. Immediate need DPW has, as well as various ways they could use backhoe. All agreed they needed another backhoe, just did not agree on what way to go. The motion was denied: Butterfield, Gustafson, voting in favor of the same. Strong, Wilmer, Opposed.



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RESOLUTION #171-22

SURPLUS: 1994 FORD BACKHOE & GENERATOR

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorizing DPW to Surplus: 1994 Ford Backhoe and Generator to send to auction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #172-22

**DISCUSS/APPOINT THE HIRING OF J. KUNAI FULL-TIME
AS A LABORER 2 AT \$19.50/\$40,560 YR. EFF. 8/03**

Trustee Strong made a motion to appoint Hiring Jason Kunai as Full-time Laborer 2 for DPW at \$19.50/\$40,560 effective 8/1/2022. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #173-22

**DISCUSS/APPOINT THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME SEASONAL
WORKER AT \$16/HR.-SIR WINSTON EFF. 8/01**

Trustee Strong made a motion to appoint Hiring Sir Winston for DPW as Part-time Seasonal Worker at \$16/hr. effective 8/01/22. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #174-22

**DISCUSS/APPROVE DPW SUP'T TO TRAVEL FOR TRAINING
FOR PUBLIC WORKS-LAKE GEORGE 10/3-10/5**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve DPW Sup't. to Travel for NYCOM Training for Public Works to Lake George 10/03-10/05 with approval just under \$1,000 for hotel and registration. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

J. KIMBALL HAS MET HER PROBATION OF 12 MONTHS AS OF 7/26/2022

The Mayor stated next on the agenda: Judy Kimball has met her probation of 12 mos. as of 7/26/2022: Her 1 yr. is up; we are very pleased with Judy's performance.

RESOLUTION #175-22

SURPLUS: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE FIRE DEPT.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to surplus miscellaneous items from the Fire Dept. to send to



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auction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

REQUEST TO ASSEMBLYMAN STIRPE

The Mayor stated item on the agenda is for informational: In reaching out to Assemblyman Stirpe: For the Gazebo/Pavilion by the Comm. Ctr. near the tree, that is something else that we would like to get accomplished.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTORNEY REPORT: (Robert Germain): Absent

ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco): No Report.

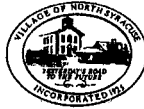
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

- So far for July: 1021 Total Calls for service, 528 Property Checks, 15 Domestic, 23 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 112 Traffic Stops, 85 Traffic tickets, 10 Criminal Arrests
- Did Spec. Olympic Detail this morning, with officers from other agencies; went well
- Main St. School: School Detail tomorrow will have a car and couple of officers there
- Ret. From Chief's Conference: Good Info., talk of support/cost savings: Unfunded mandates

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

- Over on Bear Rd. Extension, and Circle Dr., rebuilding of 481 and closures that are occurring
- Appreciate Assistance: Where Peter Harris Clothes was, putting in new Urgent Care Facility
- Thanked Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel for debt svc. for long range plan; will share with Board
- End of August will surplus Eng. 4 to get to county auction
- Appreciates: Eastern Shore, Dept. Heads and all who review policies and effect on Vlg.; Joel done tremendous maintenance, helping to reduce costs to Vlg.
- Depts working like well-oiled machine for recent drowning on Ferguson Pk.
- New Engine at factory; coming together well; a few change orders, go back 2 ½ wks.



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to go back for final inspection, delivery in August or early September

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

- Finishing Brush this wk. and starting bulk on Monday
- Staying busy with what we are trying to get accomplished,
- We put out new planters on Rt. 11, looking nice, looking into ideas on flowers to put in them

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

- We are in our 2nd wk. of swim lessons
- We are wrapping up our 4th wk. of summer camp program
- 4 concerts left in the concert series and 1 possibly makeup date; last night we probably had our biggest turnout of the concerts, over 150 people at Loneragan; great showing

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

- He is happy Pearl is coming back Monday

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

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report (Absent).

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Planning Board met last wk. and approved 2 yr. extension for Brolex Properties, 444 S. Main St-for their construction project as well as Twin Trees, as they decide whether to move forward with the addition or not; that is a partially completed project

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Rec'd. text regarding DPW, after dealing with person that was so pleasant and nice to do business with, she found out it is DPW Sup't. Ware; we do appreciate you being so calm and pleasant to everyone, thank you.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He stated the flowers are all up in the Vlg. Ctr., hanging, they look good; he sees we have got some new



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flower pots. He continued he has some ideas for those, there are 10 altogether. He added when they are all up, he thought it would be a nice addition. He stated he wanted to say he is disappointed in the vote and not purchase a backhoe, that puts us in a bad spot with little availability even to rent.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 5:05 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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