

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 8th, 2022 @ 6:28 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

Facebook Livestreamed

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:28 P.M. with Mayor Gary Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Gary Butterfield, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong, Trustee Fred Wilmer, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Dianne Kufel, Codes Enf. Officer Brian Johnstone, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan (late), Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Village Engineer Amy Franco and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Personnel Absent: Fire Chief William Becker.

Public Hearing #1: Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the adoption of Local Law #4 adding Chapter 199 regarding Smoking and Vaping and Regulating Smoke and Vape-Free Zones in the Village of North Syracuse and the Board will meet at said time and place and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto.

The Mayor stated the 1st item on our agenda is Public Hearing #1: The public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the adoption of Local Law #4 adding Chapter 199 regarding Smoking and Vaping and Regulating Smoke and Vape-Free Zones in the Village of North Syracuse and the Board will meet at said time and place and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto and he opened it up for discussion. He continued all the material is on the website. He asked if anyone would like to speak for or against. Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. stated his thoughts on this, personally he would just eliminate smoking in the whole Village and that would solve the problem. He continued a couple of things that he thought had happened was on the designated areas have away from everybody, a lot of places you cannot smoke within 25 ft. of a building or structure or whatever; he thought that would be at least a good idea. He thought if you had a smoke free zone on Village property that would be a good idea and would solve all of your problems. The Mayor again, asked if anyone would like to speak for or against. He added would anyone else like to speak for or against, including the Board. He explained what we did have, and the Atty. was supposed to be here, he stated he was coming; there was the law that Codes Enf. Officer Johnstone put out and then the Atty. added some information to it. The Mayor continued the first that Codes Enf. Officer Johnstone produced and then the other with somethings added to it and he thought that they could talk about both of them. He added the additions by our Atty. are a little more restrictive. Dep. Mayor



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Gustafson asked if he wanted to wait until we get to them before we them, because she does have an opinion, but we will wait until further on. The Mayor agreed, we can bring it up again when it comes up for official business. Dep. Mayor Gustafson agreed. The Mayor asked a final time if anyone else would like to speak against or in favor of adding Local Law #4, with no response, he closed Public Hearing #1.

Public Hearing #2: Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the adoption of Local Law #5 modifying sections 87-6, 128-3, 128-8, 128-15, 178-4, 202-16, 227-5 regarding Penalties for Offenses and will hear all persons in support of such matters, or any objections thereto.

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Public Hearing #2: Please take notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Syracuse to consider the adoption of Local Law #5 modifying sections: 87-6, 128-3, 128-8, 128-15, 178-4, 202-16, 227-5 regarding Penalties for Offenses and will hear all person in support of such matters, or any objections thereto. He continued anyone that would like to speak in favor of or against. Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. stated he is all for it, he has had issues with Codes Enf. Officer Johnstone and it is costing the taxpayers more money to solve his issue; then you are getting, so he is all for it 100%. The Mayor continued would anyone else like to speak in favor or against. He asked a final time, if anyone else would like to speak for or against, with no response; he stated Public Hearing #2 is closed.

RESOLUTION #210-22

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-AUGUST 25TH, 2022

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the August 25th, 2022, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 211-22

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #08 in the amount of \$154,140.32 covering voucher #420 thru #484. 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 # 212-22

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #08 in the amount of \$31.28 covering voucher #7. 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.



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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 213-22

DISCUSSION ON KENNEDY POOL COVER-ANCHORS/BOLTS

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize up to \$7,000 to get a new pool cover. 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 # 214-22

**DISCUSS/REVIEW SYRACUSE HAULERS AGREEMENT: INCREASE
IN FUEL COSTS AS NOTED IN CONTRACT**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$7,497.94 for Syracuse Haulers for add'l fuel costs that surpassed the 10% leverage in pricing as of 7/25/2022. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Trustee Strong stated this is still underneath the bid price when we talked about transitioning to the lift, so it is still a savings, even with this add'l cost which we all know is going on. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated she has been very happy with the service and Syr. Haulers also. Trustee Strong continued he has not heard 1 negative comment from anyone. He added he has talked to multiple people and they are all happy with this program. The Mayor stated at the very beginning there was a couple complaints, but then everybody kind of figured it out. Trustee Wilmer inquired about the pricing of fuel if it goes back down, do we get the reductions back again. The Mayor continued he believed they are visiting this. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated they are watching it, this is as of 7/25/2022. The Mayor added he thought the agreement that we have does float, if it goes up, if it goes back down; they will revert back. He explained we also have an option to extend for 2 more yrs., which he was sure we would be interested in extending, so we have an agreement if we decide up until 2025. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel verified yes, 2025. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS/REVIEW NORTH SYR. VOL. FIRE DEPT. BUDGET TO THE TOWNS' FOR 2023 (VILLAGE '23-'24)

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda Review of the Fire Dept. Budget going to the towns for 2023, it would be the Village 2023/2024. He explained they are proposing a 2% increase as requested by the towns and they gave a budget number to us yesterday and Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel found that there were some corrections that needed to be made. He continued he thought she sent the Board the corrected. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated originally it was an 8.5% increase, but then they had adjusted things; actually, they removed completely the amount going to their reserve. She continued now it is at 2%, the main component was the LOSAP, the 62 going to 60 and then there was some post entitlement from last yr., for some of the firefighters that just started collecting; that we got a bill for. The Mayor added so they are giving us the detail, he explained he was O.K. that we do not vote at this



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mtg., for the Fire Dept. Budget, but it is O.K. to pass that on to the towns. Discussion went back and forth regarding the Silverado which is not included in the Budget, the undetermined proceeds they would receive from the following items sent to county auction, Engine 4, the 2003, the 2005 and the surplus District Chief Daugard's car in April as well as other items they are surplus being augmented with what is surplus toward the cost of the Silverado. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated the Silverado will cost us like \$70,000, not being shared with the towns'; the Village bought it and whatever we get in for surplus, she does not know, will offset the cost. Fire Chief Brennan shared they decreased the overall operating budget of the Fire Dept., because they had some substantial increases like LOSAP was an add'l \$37,000, and we have the new bond payment coming in for the new vehicle. He explained so our overall operating budget had to go down, we had to make cuts within it to make everything come into compliance with the Towns of Clay and Cicero, that have asked us to stay within the 2% cap. He stated so that is really where we are with this, so if the Board is O.K. with this, because he has a mtg. and it is due on the 15th; next wk. He continued he wanted to make sure that we are all good with that and thanked Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel that they appreciated the help with this, it is always a challenging time, but he will share with the Board members the new numbers that we came up with today, as far as how we kind of shifted a couple of things around.

RESOLUTION # 215-22

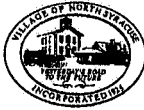
**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAW #4-ADDING
CHAPTER 199-SMOKING AND VAPING**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion of approval of Local Law #4 for the purpose of discussion. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Much Discussion went back and forth regarding: Difference of opinion, how restrictive, designated areas. This was tabled while a new draft was prepared. Suggested looking at in a month. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of same.

RESOLUTION #216-22

**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAW #5-MODIFYING SECTIONS
RE: PENALTIES/OFFENSES**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Local Law #5, Modifying sections: 87-6, 128-3, 128-8, 128-15, 178-4, 202-16, 227-5 regarding Penalties/Offenses. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Much discussion went back and forth regarding: Whether the violations being sent stated the penalties. They do not, the modifications in the sections give the prosecutor more weight for prosecution and the judge the ability to say, it could be up to \$250/day. Codes Enf. Officer Johnstone explained we only did \$250/wk., so from 1st violation to appearance in court could be a month, so there are 4 wks., there is \$2,000 a judge could impose. Examples were given of property owners who do not live in this country,



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pay taxes or maintain their properties. The Mayor stated yes, this will get their attention. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, voting in favor of the same.

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

Doug Hummel of 128 Herbert St. asked as a public service to put on the website, gas and electric bills are probably going up 30% to 40% this winter so people can budget for this winter.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. asked if we kept grinding from roads for future use. The Mayor stated he was we do not want them all, no place to store. DPW Sup't Ware stated we did not keep any grindings. He also made mention of the length of time a particular department took to get back to him on an issue.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT: (Robert Germain): He stated the following:

- Working on and will probably have on next agenda with Firehouse

ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco): She stated the following:

- Just have the notice of awards out for the Village Hall to that contractor and the DPW project, so that is all in the paperwork phase

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief William Becker): No Report (Absent).

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

- Very busy, house fires on Lynnhaven, and on Totman Rd. which that took a lot of resources
- Already reaping the benefits of 2 Part-timers we have at night; busy with night time calls
- Looking for more people, people only working 1 -2 nights/wk. with 19 hr. cap for Village
- Grease trap at Firehouse: in kitchen rotted away, worked with Cty. WEP; solicited vendors at prevailing wage got 3 bids, saving \$1,100, coming tomorrow to bypass area, so can get running and order parts

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

- Been busy, doing equipment maintenance
- Maintaining parks, roads, storm drains; continuing to get ready for next season coming



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

- Sunday, 9/11/22, last concert: DeSantis Orchestra, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- Friday, 9/28/22, Partnering with Senator Mannion on Trunk or Treat Event, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Heritage Pk. for residents of North Syracuse area
- Floor project moving forward, somethings in, ordering the flooring and start date

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

Clerk-Treasurer: (Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel): She stated the following

- Working on Chargepoint for the quarter for kilowatt hrs., set up acct. through app., when we reach \$200 is when they release money to us; payout quarterly
- Trying to get applications filled out online rather than coming in

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Reminder: Sunday, remember events from 9/11
- HEAP and 211 excellent link to put on our website for senior residents for Cty. programs
- Atty. was drafting letter about minimum number of shifts re: Part-time employees, some not really assisting us with Budget and goals

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Newest Part-time Police Officer we approved, no paperwork been sent in, is he still a hiree; he is taking the place of somebody that could be working

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He stated he reached out to Mannion's Office, because when we bid the DPW roof, we had a price from a union contractor which would equal prevailing rate; but was 2 yrs. ago, with pandemic, etc. He continued the price went up considerably, so reached out to see if there would be any add'l funding available, he stated he would look into it and get back to him. He shared he met with the Contractor/Engineer regarding Village Hall Project and the Comm. Ctr. Project. He stated we just need to get the contract signed, and the submittal signed for the Comm. Ctr. and the floor and we got that



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resolved. He continued they are actually thinking for Village Hall that they might be able to start this yr. yet, so we need to get a contract put together for that, and make sure that they have all the correct documentation for that as well. He added the next 2 wks., 1 of our local churches that is now called the Gathering Place, is celebrating 175 yrs. in operation. He explained they asked him to do a proclamation and he was working on it, but he got a text asking if they could have it ready for Saturday, he is half way through it; Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel can do it up and have it for here. He shared 6 families started in 1844, mtg. together, and then in 1847; 28 residents officially started it was called Plank Road Baptist Commons. He stated there is a going to be a breakfast on Saturday, a history lesson by an historian, a special speaker on Sunday; then Wednesday there is something and the next Sunday there is another. He clarified 1 is looking back, and the other 1 is looking forward, and then a concert on Sunday evening. He shared it is open to the public, it always is. He continued that is quite an accomplishment of 175 yrs. and spoke of the church does not look like much from the outside, but you can tell when people are there for the 1st time. He added he also had a couple of comments from residents. He read 1 from Bill Dwyer of 113 Sunnybrook Dr. who thanked DPW for the quick response and signage in front of his house. He stated we put 2 new delineators and a road sign that says curve. Mr. Dwyer stated while his wife was working in the flower beds, a car went right through and could have hit her. The Mayor shared a tree that was not in the Right-of-way fell into the Right-of-way on Lynhurst. He stated DPW came over and took care of it, because it was in the road. He stated Mr. Flower sent a very nice email commending the job that was done and shared not only did they pick up the tree without damage to his lawn; he was thrilled stated thank you. The Mayor added a couple of KUDDOS to our depts. and DPW.

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. 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

