



## **VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE**

### ***Regular Board Meeting***

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 @ 4:30 PM

**North Syracuse Community Center**

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

***Facebook Livestreamed (Audio Problems)***

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 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, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Fire Chief William Becker, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

**Personnel Absent:** Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused).

**Business of the Month:** The Mayor invited representatives: John Dopkowski and Brianna Roberts, owners of Mike's Auto Svc. Ctr. to come forward, and presented the Certificate of Recognition to Mike's Auto Svc. Ctr. and congratulated them on being an outstanding Business in the Village of North Syracuse. He asked if they would give us a little history of Mike's Auto Svc. Ctr. John Dopkowski stated they are very honored to have been chosen for the Business of the Month Award in the Village of North Syracuse. He shared the business has been around for 40 yrs., a tradition of excellence based on customer experience and safety; we took it over in 2018. He stated we take automotive repair very seriously, and form long-term trusting relationships with our customers. He continued we have supported our local trade organization and was tasked by the state, to write the curriculum for the apprentice program, ensuring there was quality training for future technicians in our shop and across the NYS.

### **RESOLUTION #217-22**

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2022**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 # 218-22**

### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #09 in the amount of \$316,481.67 covering voucher #485 thru #555. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The Mayor shared Costello Paving was also included in there. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.





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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Mayor stated next is Old Business: Local Law #4-Smoking and Vaping Geographical Areas: This was tabled at our last mtg., we were needing more time to digest this, and place it on the October Agenda.

**RESOLUTION # 219-22**

**MODIFY RESOLUTION FROM 9/8/22: PRICING IS  
HIGHER/MODIFY THE NOT TO EXCEED**

Trustee Strong made a motion to move forward with this modifying resolution from 9/8/22 with Not to Exceed \$8,000. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE ON THE CANTEEN: POST PANDEMIC-AMY CROWLEY TO BE PRESENT**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda Update on the Canteen: We have some people from the Canteen and invited Dir. Amy Crowley to come up and share with us. Ms. Crowley shared updates, some statistics, and she brought some young people who would also like to share their view on the program. She stated it is a safe place for kids dealing with: Issues at home, family illnesses, food insecurity, working parents, mental health struggles and suicide related behaviors. She spoke of various trips they have taken, having an enhanced music room, new art room, and study room provided with from APRA funds through the school district. She explained they have added a Gaga Ball Pit with grant from Visions Credit Union. She stated we are hoping to get diem Student Assistance Counselor in the 3 days a wk. for 3 hrs./day to offer extra mental health support to the teens. She stated she has secured some funding from Assemblyman Stirpe, and from the Town of Cicero., because really the kids are struggling. Rachel Raul and Natalie introduced themselves as teens who currently attend Canteen speaking of the relentless support they received, social skills they have learned, and are more hopeful than when they started going there; emphasizing tfohe need for an outlet for teens.

**RESOLUTION #220-22**

**ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM CURRENT CODES ENF.  
OFFICER EFFECTIVE 10/14/22**

Trustee Strong made a motion to accept Codes Enf. Officer Johnstone's resignation effective as of 10/14/22. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 221-22**

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF (2) NORTH**



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**SYRACUSE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the appointment of North Syracuse Volunteer Firefighters: Nathan Barlow and Patrick Carroll. 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 # 222-22      APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF 2011 CHEVROLET TAHOE-SQUAD 1 (FIRE DEPT).**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the surplus of 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe-Squad 1 for the Fire Dept. 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 # 223-22      DISCUSS/APPROVE THE AGREEMENT/HOLD HARMLESS FOR THE FIRE DEPT. TO UTILIZE BURNET RD. (TRNG)**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement/Hold Harmless for the Fire Dept. to Utilize Burnet Rd. (Trng.). The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE ACCEPTANCE OF A "STRIP OF LAND": END OF WELLS AVE EAST AND OAKLEY 40' X 658'**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda Discuss/Review the acceptance, it is not quite an acceptance, but there is a strip of land at the End of Wells Ave. East, not the end of, but between Wells Ave E. and Oakley which is in backyards. Discussion went back and forth about making a motion before Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, when it goes up for Cty. auction, to purchase it and pull it off the auction. The Mayor suggested to see if the property residents would be interested in adding on to the back of their properties and maybe selling it for \$1 and have them cover the legal fees. Concerns such as complaints, illegal dumping, mosquitos' pools, quality of life issues, costs incurred by the Vlg. For the additional work added to the DPW as well as damages of their equipment, cost to rent brush hogs and worker labor time costs. Some Trustees questioned how it would benefit the Vlg., if there is a monetary benefit and another felt it should be left on the auction, in case someone wanted to purchase it. Dep. Mayor Gustafson agreed to send out letters to see if residents were interested before making a motion to purchase. While another wanted to wait to see how the residents felt before voting. They agreed to reach out by email to see what we can do.

**DISCUSS FIRE DEPT. STATION 2 BUILDING-AS PER COUNSEL**



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The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda Discuss Fire Dept.: Station 2 Building, as per Counsel: Our counsel is not here. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated he wanted to talk about it at this mtg., but she does not really know about what. The Mayor stated he is finalizing the land on which the Fire Sta. 2 sits, because at present there was a document that was never finalized, so we do not own the land. He continued it is just a matter it was never finalized, and had never gone to the Cty., so he stated he has a handle on that. He added he does not have any further information, he had been working on it, because if we try to sell it, it is kind of hard to sell the building, if you do not own the land under it. Trustee Strong asked if anyone else had any visions of South Bay and Centerville disaster from a yr. ago, that triangle of land, that noone knew where the paperwork was; it never actually happened.

**RESOLUTION # 224-22**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SCBA AGREEMENT WITH MES  
(MUNICIPAL EMERG. SVCS.)**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign SCBA Agreement with MES (Municipal Emerg. Svcs.) for flow tests at \$30 ea. for 42 for amount of \$1,260. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 225-22**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PENN POWER GENERATOR  
AGREEMENT: 09/01/22-8/31/2024**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Penn Power Agreement for the Generator maintenance from 09/01/22 - 08/31/24 for \$725 annually for annual PM and inspection. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Discussion went back and forth re: Suggested getting all generators with same vendor for maintenance especially with this being a warming station. Village has Generac and this 1 is a Generac according to DPW Sup't Ware who spoke with the gentlemen he spoke to stated signing an agreement for a maintenance agreement we could have him do it yrly., and he would do emergency svcs., on a time and material basis. The Fire Dept. spoke of going with Penn who is a manufacturer and they went back to manufacturer to address some problems. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated she thought Teresa did try to implement something like that when she was here, she thought she was working on that. Trustee Wilmer asked if Penn Power would take over the Generac's, that you know of. DPW Sup't Ware stated the company that we had do the Comm. Ctr. that was on the state bid or the Cty., but they are a Generac repair place. He suggested we could get with them and get a svc. agreement with them and see what it would cost for all 3 of the Generacs. He continued yes, we do not want to have an emergency situation and have to wait 24 hrs. to have somebody come out and get the parts. Trustee Wilmer asked if DPW Sup't Ware could handle that. DPW Sup't Ware added yes, he can call them tomorrow. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**RESOLUTION # 226-22**

**AUTHORIZE FIREFIGHTER BREVIN NICHOLSON TO ATTEND  
TRAINING 12/05/22-12/09/22**

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the travel of Firefighter Brevin Nicholson to attend Training at Montour Falls 12/05/22 -12/09/22 with Travel Expense of \$216. 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 # 227-22**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW CHANGE ORDER #1-PERFORM ASBESTOS TESTING  
ON THE POLICE GARAGE ROOF**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 to Perform Asbestos Testing on the Police Garage Roof. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Much discussion went back and forth re: Asbestos testing on the Police Garage Roof for \$1,400, and the process involved. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 228-22**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE EXTENSION OF VILLAGE HALL PROJECT TO  
"120" DAYS WITHOUT PENALTY**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the Extension of Village Hall Project to "120" Days without Penalty. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Opposed: Wilmer.

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

**Vera Desimone of 304 Belmore Dr.** stated congratulated Codes Enf. Officer, and will miss him. She spoke of the strip of land, she did not see any dumping, and if her house backed up to that she would not want to buy; because it would cost her money to survey, clean up and add to her lawn.

**Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr.** spoke of strip of land: Some houses have backfilled to the property, water backing up bad in lawn, and cellars were leaking; encouraged looking at the big picture.

**Pat Fergerson of 215 S. Main St.** updated: 501 Friends of the Vlg. has account opened with \$100 balance from obituary donation.

**Sue Hammond of 102 Elaine Ave.** spoke on smoking law: Is smoker, understands laws for indoor smoking, has difficulty understanding laws for outdoor smoking.



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**David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Cir.** suggested moving pile of fill to strip of land for better aesthetics. He spoke of 118 Grove St., the building permit and lack of appreciable improvement made. Codes Enf. Johnstone stated his permit does not expire until December. The Mayor stated you get a permit and then an extension, there is an add'l time and then an extension. He continued if no appreciable work is done when the permit is closed, then he would be reluctant to issue him another permit.

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

**ATTORNEY REPORT: (Robert Germain):** No Report. (Absent).

**ENGINEER REPORT: (Amy Franco):** No Report.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Detail: Firehouse: Support operation, Child I.D., Car Seats, Bike Patrol
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Detail: Halloween Event: Heritage Pk.
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Detail: Halloween
- Equipment Antiquated: Computers, Monitors, not supportive of our new system plus Police Equipment; Compile list for Cty. Auction or propertyroom
- Rec'd PERMA Grant: Vests; need to replace 5, between budget line/grant covered in full
- Will rec. ½ of funding from Cty. for portable radios were using
- So far for September: 624 Total Calls for service, 276 Property Checks, 20 Domestics, 10 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 98 Traffic Stops, 122 Traffic Tickets, 20 Criminal Arrests

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

- Update: Equipment at Auction: Rescue 5 currently at \$15,100, Fire Eng. \$3,350, Misc. Equip. \$18,000; no bids on: Old firehose, turnout gear, pipe poles, flashlights, old nozzles and adapters; 12 days left for bids out there
- Hosting Safety Day: October 1<sup>st</sup> with: Police, NAVAC and DPW assisting with setup
- Procurement, Better Pricing: Sprinklers Systems, Fire Alarms Systems, Fire Extinguishers
- 2011 Tahoe going toward \$70,000; everything going towards it

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

- Finally got storm drain repaired, that went smooth
- Road repaired on Church St.; Nat'l Grid agreed to reimburse for repair on that



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- Busy doing: Storm drains, tree work, maintenance, Leafer: Test run; ready for leaf season

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

- Congratulations Amy from Canteen; it's been a pleasure working with you guys the last yr.
- Save the Date: Parade and Tree Lighting, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; after Santa, Craft Vendors
- Flr. Project starts next wk.
- Senior Program Canceled for 2 wks. while doing renovations downstairs
- Looking at lighting at Heritage, looking at Vendors for pricing to go out and look at project
- Parks Office Closed Friday, 9/23/22; Judy will take messages; finishing gazebo

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

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

- Working on: Charging for Charging Station, made \$14 this mo. so far; rec. check at \$200
- Working on: Employee Application to put online for Village Employment
- Requested list for Codes Officer: 3 on list, letters go out tomorrow
- Knows Teresa had something in place trying coordinating DPW, Fire and everybody

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee St. Germain:** She stated the following:

- Thanked DPW for fixing drain on Melrose Dr.
- Congratulated Codes Enf. Officer Johnstone; you will be missed
- Canteen wonderful organization, for not taking Public Speaking course; did a really good job

**Trustee Strong:** He stated the following:

- Echo comments from Trustee St. Germain
- Canteen: Thank for nice update, wonderful to see numbers growing; Nat'l Crisis: Suicide going on, we adopted 988 Nat'l Suicide Number, add to website; Canteen promote that 988
- Reach out to Verizon, horrific wireless coverage in Vlg., it did not used to be; most spots no coverage, affects depts: Police, Fire, or folks doing business and residents
- New sidewalk grant: Send letters to owners on Wells Ave W., Melrose, and Grove: Informing the 3' sidewalk is going to 5', or no sidewalk, you are going to be losing some of that lawn within yr. to 2 yrs.
- Meals on Wheels blocked access of back of trail, look at over winter, some folks asking
- Parks Dir. Burkinshaw shared we closed trail to MOW and Randall Terrace for safety and liability reasons.





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**Trustee Wilmer:** No Report.

**Dep. Mayor Gustafson:** She stated the following:

- Commander of VFW asked if service people pictures if Board would approve or consider allowing them to hang pictures on poles, families would pay for
- Congratulated girls from Canteen, wonderful job, very confident

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

He stated he attended a Mayor's Meeting last night, where he heard about the ½ payment for the radios, which was a good thing. He continued we/he did a proclamation, there were 2 requests, for a Girl Scout Silver Award; and 1 for Daughters of the Nile, so those are done and we will be sending those off to the appropriate agencies. He added striping is done, not totally done, Heritage Pk. is not done; and they are going to seal the Comm. lot Saturday if weather allows. He explained what you brought up about the pictures, the Chamber of Commerce, the existing banners that are up; the Chamber of Commerce controls that. He stated he reached out to them a couple of yrs. ago, and share he wanted to control our Vlg., because they are getting old and not being maintained; they gave him push back and stated no those are ours. He continued apparently for them it is a fund raiser, so we would have to solve that problem 1<sup>st</sup>. He explained it is the Greater Cicero Plank Road Chamber, they are not very active. Much discussion went back and forth and the Mayor stated he would try again. Ms. Crowley stated she knows the Chamber of Commerce meets for lunch, she was at their lunch yesterday, they meet a Bella Demonte; she added she would forward the contact information. The Mayor stated he has fallen off their radar. He asked Park Dir. Burkinshaw if he mentioned about the event at Heritage Pk. Parks Dir. Burkinshaw stated there are 2 Halloween Events: Park at Dark 8:00 PM on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Trunk or Treat Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM at Heritage Pk. Senator Mannion reached out and wanted to have an event in the Vlg. of North Syracuse, so they are piggy backing on our Trunk or Treat.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 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



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PLEASE SIGN IN

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