

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 10th, 2022 @ 6:30 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 6:30 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, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, and Fire Chief William Becker.

Personnel Absent: Codes Enf. Officer (Vacant), Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Village Engineer Amy Franco, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Business of the Month: The Mayor stated we are honoring Twin Trees III. from North Syracuse. He presented the Certificate of Recognition awarded to Twin Trees III for proving to be an outstanding local business in the Village of North Syracuse and was awarded this 24th of October 2022.

RESOLUTION #235-22

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-OCTOBER 13TH, 2022

(NO MEETING OCTOBER 27TH, 2022)

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the October 13th, 2022, Board Meeting. 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 # 236-22

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL- OCTOBER 27TH-ABSTRACT #11

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$157,575.02 covering voucher #634 thru #701. 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 # 237-22

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL- NOVEMBER 10TH -ABSTRACT #12

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$78,950.62 covering voucher #702 thru #755. 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 # 238-22

COMMUNITY DEV. FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL



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Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve Community Dev. Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$42,372.83 covering voucher #1 thru #2. 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 # 239-22

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$31.25 covering voucher #10. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

INFORMATIONAL: ANOTHER GRANT RETAINED FROM ASSEMBLYMAN AL STIRPE:
PAVILION N. SYR. COMM. CTR.

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is Informational that we received notification from Assemblyman Stirpe's Office that we have been awarded a grant for the pavilion for \$125,000, a minimum, so we have to do some additional other than just pavilion; he has ideas – painting/entrance. He continued we filled out paperwork, sent it over, and are waiting for official paperwork, but have been granted award.

NEW BUSINESS:

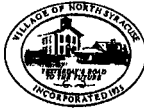
RESOLUTION # 240-22

DISCUSS/APPROVE LIVE FIRE TRAINING: TAKE THE DOOR
TRAINING FOR FIRE DEPT. NFPA/PESH STANDARDS

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Discuss/Approve Live Fire Training: Take the Door Training for Fire Dept. NFPA/PESH Standards. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Live Fire Training: Take the Door Training for Fire Dept. NFPA/PESH Standards for \$2,250. 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.

PRESENTATION OF THE PARK AT DARK HALLOWEEN

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is a Presentation of the Park at Dark Halloween. Kim Lang, President of B'ville Connection, stated we recently hosted in partnership along with the Pk., our Park at Dark Halloween Event held at Heritage Pk. She continued over 500 people attend, with over 40 vendors from Cicero, Baldwinsville, North Syracuse, Camillus who came together; that is what the B'ville Connection is about. She explained how the program works and presented checks to: Village of



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North Syracuse for \$500 to be earmarked for summer camp scholarship, a check for \$750 for both Purpose Farm, and Canteen; all of which they partnered with.

RESOLUTION # 241-22 REVIEW/DISCUSS CHANGE ORDER #3: VILLAGE HALL HEIGHT OF 2 X 6 WALLS

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #3: Village height of 2 X 6 walls for the amount of \$836.04 for discussion. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. We needed taller studs than what was calling for. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Opposed: Wilmer.

RESOLUTION # 242-22 REVIEW/DISCUSS CHANGE ORDER #2: COMM. CTR.-EXTERIOR WOOD TRIM

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve Change Order #2: Comm. Ctr.-Exterior Wood Trim for \$1,882.06. 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.

DISCUSS SUBMITTAL: TOLL ROAD RESTORATION PROJECT.

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is for a Toll Road Restoration Project: Mrs. Franco found a grant application to apply for a grant to do some restoration in our school house, so she applied for that and we will wait and see what happens.

RESOLUTION #243-22 VIEW/DISCUSS CHANGE ORDER #1 ASBESTOS AT VILLAGE HALL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order#1: Asbestos Testing for existing roof in the amount of \$1,416.80. 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 # 244-22 REVIEW/DISCUSS CHANGE ORDER #2: 3 ADD-ONS, (1) DELETE-VILLAGE HALL INTERIOR WK.-FOOTER REBAR-S/W FOUND/CREDIT

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Change Order # 2 for \$9,903.60. 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.

TREE BOARD: 215 HERMAN DRIVE-TRIM TREE/REMOVE

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Tree Board issue: 215 Herman Drive-Trim Tree/Remove: The Board received a letter from a constituent, DPW Sup't Ware went and evaluated it,



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the Mayor went and look at it as well; he opened it up for discussion. He continued it did not appear to be in the right-of-way or hazard of falling in road. Much discussion took place back and forth regarding: damage done twice to property owner property by Spectrum and potentially they will need to go in there again. Reaching out to Spectrum to see if they will handle this for the resident.

RESOLUTION # 245-22

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/SIGN ANNUAL STORMWATER COALITION
MEMBERSHIP-\$3,600/30 OTHER MUNICIPALITIES**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to Sign Annual Stormwater Coalition Membership in the amount of \$3,600 to be split with 30 other Municipalities. 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 # 246-22

**DISCUSSION ON VILLAGE CTR. C-3 DISTRICTS ALLOWING FOR MOTOR
VEHICLE SVC. /REPAIR-SET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Discussion on Village Ctr. C-3 Districts allowing for Motor Vehicle Svc. /Repair, set public hearing: There are 2 service facilities in a C-3. He continued Garry's is closing (correction next meeting), but that was a repair shop for yrs. and he added behind Domino's Pizza, Mercury Speed which is a repair shop. He explained when he got approval to move in there, he got a variance, but it was given to him only. He continued he wants to sell his business; he has customers that want to buy the business and take over and maybe change the name. He added the way the agreement was written, that goes away, you cannot have a business there like that. He shared we had a meeting with Zoning, Planning, Atty. Germain; himself, and Mrs. Fuller, because it is complicated. He stated he would like to make this business friendly if possible. He continued why can't we change the Code to Allow Motor Vehicle Repair, not Motor Vehicle Sales, just repair in a C-3; then they do not have to get a Special Use Permit, he believed. He added Atty. Germain worked up the change, we did this recently, we had another change similar; to make it a little more friendly to businesses. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to set public hearing. for December 8, 2022 at 6:29 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.

RESOLUTION # 247-22

**DISCUSS INTERIM ACTING CODES OFFICER TEMPORARILY/DISCUSS
APPROVAL OF INTERVIEW CANDIDATE**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve Interim Acting Codes Officer Sheila Weed (Group 1. Design) Temporarily. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Trustee Strong asked what the hrly. rate was, has that been established so we can have that. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated she did



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not know; it is very minimal; she has been documenting every inspection she is doing. Discussion went back and forth about regarding the apartments/Brolex Properties. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. The Mayor stated secondly, we will be discussing potential candidate in executive session.

RESOLUTION # 248-22

**DISCUSSION ON VENDING MACHINE PLACEMENT AT
THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorizing the Placement of a Vending Machine at Community Center. 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.

CITIZENS' 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. asked code issues and court. He spoke of the new dump truck and difficulty picking up the leaves.

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. (Absent).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

- So far for November: 315 Total Calls for service, 157 Property Checks, 5 Domestic, 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 28 Traffic Stops, 29 Traffic Tickets, 7 Criminal Arrests
- Busy over weekend, Halloween successful, Trunk or Treat went very well

Fire Department: (Fire Chief Patrick Brennan): Absent

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

- We have been out picking up leaves
- Have plow trucks ready to go, prepared for the winter
- Did fleet inspections in October, Bucket Truck did not pass and taken out of svc.



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- Parks winterize, water shut off the 1st of November, lines cleaned out; antifreeze in them

The Mayor asked for more information regarding the Bucket Truck that is out of svc. and will not pass inspection; he asked DPW Sup't Ware to look into finding another one. DPW Sup't Ware stated he has 1 possible lead; new trucks are 24 to 36 mos. out. He continued he got 2 quotes to rent one, he got the guy down to \$400 to rent it for a wk. He added we will be starting Monday to put the decorations up, we have 2 light poles to fix on Rt. 11, and a tree limb to trim.

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

- 2 successful Halloween events at Heritage, bring a lot of people to the pk.
- Still waiting on Safety pool cover, supposed to be here and installed on the 16th
- Winter: Working on Christmas lights getting them ready, new LED for Tree, just tested Wreaths that will go on Centerville Pk.

Codes Department: No Report. (Vacant).

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

- Vlg. Hall challenging, a maze; have camera at back door hooked up, because of issue with people coming to door, there, and we cannot see
- Chargepoint Stations: Earning money from September 11th thru current earned \$53
- A lot of FOIL Requests/court items: Police manning, dispositions; disruptive taking a lot of hrs.

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Nice to see wonderful partnership from folks from Baldwinsville, their program, and non for profits from N. Syracuse; and give money back to local folks
- Follow-up on sending something out to residents to be affected by grant for sidewalks
- Thanked DPW for hitting Single down to 1 lane with so many leaves
- His wife is still willing to help out with ideas, if looking to do something with park in winter
- Reminder to thank our Veteran's tomorrow on Veteran's Day

Trustee Wilmer: No Report.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:



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- For Trustees participating in Christmas Parade, asked Parks Dir. Burkinshaw to get banner, so when marching behind this banner; people know who we are.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He stated he attended the Veteran's Parade at Fairgrounds last Saturday, it is a nice event, but not a lot of people or elected officials were there either. He spoke of seeing Rob Florian and their horses there in the parade and groups of motorcycles. He added the next Mayor's meeting is next Wednesday, all trustees are invited, Peter Baynes from NYCOM will be there; if more do not sign up, they will probably cancel it. He stated at 118 Grove St., he has done add'l. work. Mrs. Weed has inspected them and she stated yes, it looked O.K. He added the trusses are coming for Village Hall, the date was scheduled for November 15th, when they arrive; they put the roof on.

The Mayor stated he would like to entertain a motion to go into executive session to discuss 2 personnel items, we may come back out and vote, but he does not believe so.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** at 7:18 P.M. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to return to **Regular Session** at 8:37 P.M. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 249-22

APPROVE BRANDY FRY, CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- \$45,000

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to authorize and approve hiring Brandy Fry for Codes Enforcement Officer vacancy at \$45,000/yr., effective January 9th, 2023. 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.

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 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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