



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8th, 2022 @ 6:29 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

Facebook Livestreamed

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:29 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, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Patrick Brennan, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Fire Chief William Becker, Village Engineer Amy Franco and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Personnel Absent: Codes Enf. Officer (Vacant), and Trustee LouAnn St. Germain.

Public Hearing #1-6:29 PM: 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 of 2022, amending the Village of North Syracuse Code Section 240-13 (Village Center C-3 Districts) by adding a new permitted use upon the issuance of a Special Permit to paragraph "B" of the section to be labeled number "(8)" Motor Vehicle Service and Repair. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for the operation of motor vehicle service businesses in the C-3 designation subject to the issuance of a special permit. The Village Board will meet at said time and place and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. Mayor asked if anyone want to speak in favor or against a few times before closing the public hearing.

RESOLUTION # 258-22

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-NOVEMBER 10TH, 2022

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed, audio problem) from the November 10th, 2022, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 259-22

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-NOVEMBER 22ND, 2022

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the November 22nd, 2022, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 260-22

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$794,639.84



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covering voucher #837 thru #920. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 261-22

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$31.25 covering voucher #11. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same

RESOLUTION # 262-22

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer is for New Pool Cover not Budgeted for Emergency Safety Issue. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A1990.4 Contingency Fund in the amount of \$8,000 to increase A7180.22 Pool Liner. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 263-22

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer of up to \$45,000 from apparatus Reserve to apply to the new engine. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A231F Fire Apparatus Reserve in the amount of \$33,988.14 to increase A201 General Fund. 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:

UPDATE ON 118 GROVE ST.

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is an Update on 118 Grove Street: Sheila our Architect did an inspection, she stated was done "met code", she did say not much has been done. He added she did say the gable walls, are not raised, are not supported; if we want to deal with that, we can deal with that. He explained he did not want to send anybody; it is a danger and we have had plenty of high winds and they have not come down. Trustee Wilmer asked when is that permit to renew. The Mayor stated it is reaching the end of its renewal. Atty. Germain stated we could give him a notice that you will not provide anymore extensions. The Mayor added that will basically close the door, but we were all scheduled to demolish it, and he got the last-minute reprieve. Atty. Germain continued you are in control of the situation, because you control the permitting process, so if his permit runs out, you do not necessarily have to give him a new one. The Mayor stated he thinks that we will bring it up at our next meeting, we will find out when it actually expires, the guy is trying; but you know, it has been



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sitting like that for many years.

UPDATE ON 444 S. MAIN STREET

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Update on 444 S. Main Street, Brolex Properties: They were issued a Stop Work Order (SWO) approx. 2 wks. ago, because they had not done their SWPPP Inspections which is required by code. He continued we were doing our monthly inspections which is required by us, but the contractor is supposed to do weekly and they had not been doing them. He added so we issued a SWO, and they continued to work. He added we had several discussions with them, he personally met with, and sent Kristy Harris, over from CHA; she has done 2 or 3 inspections. He explained they promised they would take care of it, we will not work, that did not exactly happen. He reiterated we have got their attention now, by the same token he does not want to shut them down where they abandon the thing, that would not be good either.

RESOLUTION # 264-22

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #5-
MOTOR VEHICLE SVC. AND REPAIR-SEQRA**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to move the adoption of a resolution declaring the adoption of the proposed Local Law 5 of 2022 to be a Type II action for the purpose of SEQRA compliance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 265-22

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #5-
MOTOR VEHICLE SVC. AND REPAIR**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to move the adoption of a resolution of Local Law 5 of 2022 amending the Village of North Syracuse Code Section 240-13 Village Center C-3 Districts, by adding a new permitted use upon the issuance of a Special Permit to paragraph "B" of the Section to be labeled number "8" Motor Vehicle Service and Repair." The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

**REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT 01/01/23-
12/31/23: CENTERVILLE SOUTH BAY AND FLASHING SCHOOL BEACON**

The Mayor stated next item on the agenda Review/Discuss/Approve Traffic Signal Agreement 01/01/23-12/31/23: Centerville South Bay and Flashing School Beacon: We did a little research on this and the



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price has gone up. Discussion took place back and forth re: the increase in the cost from \$540/quarter to \$750/quarter, doing maintenance in house having DPW do it and the savings vs. being hard pressed for labor to keep up with DPW. Also, whether a shared svc. in place pick fee for the signal maintenance or partnership with school district. Trustee Wilmer stated he would still like to see the agreement, before we do that. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated it starts 1/1/23. Trustee Strong stated well if it is 1/1/23, we could do it at the next meeting. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated she is O.K. with waiting. The Mayor continued we will table it.

**DISCUSS BASKETBALL HOOPS AND THEIR PLACEMENT
THEREOF: STREET/DRIVEWAY**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is to discuss basketball hoops and their placement thereof: Street/Driveway: DPW Sup't. Ware sent around some information and it was some good information that we rec'd. He continued it is a recommendation that we do something, to get the Basketball Hoops off projecting out into the road. Discussion went back and forth about options of what could be done or put in place to deal with the obstructions in the way and add'l work it was for DPW. Atty. Germain stated he has written an ordinance, it is not just hoops; sometimes it is a hockey nets, or whatever. He continued he wrote an ordinance for 2 different municipalities on this, but you also have the right under the Highway Law, to remove obstructions. He added there is a notice requirement, and then you have got the absolute right to move it out of there yourself if you want to. He explained they are not supposed to be obstructing anyways, they are not supposed to be there anyway. He stated so the ordinance on top of the Highway Law, says that you can do that, the ordinance also allows you to send them to justice court and fine them if you need to. He continued he has got the ordinance if he wants to see it. The Mayor added O.K., if you can send that our way, we can look that one over too.

RESOLUTION # 266-22

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE APPRAISAL FOR 115 CHESTNUT
STREET: NOT TO EXCEED**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to authorize us to obtain an appraisal for a sum not to exceed \$2,500 for the 115 Chestnut St. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 267-22

**DISCUSS/APPROVE "TEMPORARY" CODES ENF. POSITION: HOURLY
RATE FOR PRIORITY CASES/COURT CASES**

Trustee Wilmer made a motion authorizing to pay Sheila Weed, Temporary Codes Officer the amount



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of \$60/hr. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/DPW CSEA: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT
THAT SUSPENDS ANY NEW ALLOCATION TO THEIR HRA CARDS
AND EXHAUST MONIES EXISTING**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Discuss/Review/DPW CSEA: Authorize the Mayor to sign agreement that suspends any new allocation to their HRA Cards and exhaust monies existing: He did not know if we need to vote on this, but what happened this is the DPW and the CSEA Agreement. Discussion took place back and forth re: HRA monies employees have rec'd on their cards, using up by 12/31/22 or add'l fees would be required to be paid to track balances, unless 6-page agreement signed; this was tabled for now.

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

Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St. stated it was a nice parade. She thanked everyone for being active and participating.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT: (Robert Germain): No Report.

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

- Onondaga Cty. Main St. Grant for \$500, 000 max., Business contributes 25%, due 1/23/23 for Main St. Facades Program, the work for the business, Vlg. just co-applicant with them

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

- Thanked Parks Dir. Burkinshaw for keeping the Police up to date with changes for parade
- So far for November: 1,023 Total Calls for service, 543 Property Checks, 9 Domestic, 20 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 107 Traffic Stops, 91 Traffic Tickets, 15 Criminal Arrests

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

- 444 S. Main St.: As per approved site plan, before construction started was to have: Roadway in for Fire Dept./their equipment coming in there, fire hydrants, neither done:



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before lift Stop Work Order wants to see what compaction ratio is

- 306 S. Main St.: Did Fire inspection, 1 business had issues, some places require annual inspections; there are 1, 2, 3 intervals that are out there
- 411 S. Main St.: 10 days to go, St. Rose asking for inspection; inspection should have been done mos. ago
- Spoke of discussions on: Fire Dept. Leadership, where is going and the future thereof.

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

- Made it around Vlg. in 2 days with Leaf machine
- Re-putting up stakes, kids are taking them down
- Been busy, doing well over there, things are moving along

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

- Thanked Fire Dept., DPW, Police to you guys marching making the parade the success it was
- Thanked Mr. Southwick that put video together of parade and put on Facebook
- 1/9/23: 1st Family Fest Mtg. at 7:00 PM at the Comm. Ctr. if anyone wants to attend, will also discuss Bunny Breakfast

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

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

Recorder battery issue.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 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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