



## **VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE**

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

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:29 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 6:29 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 St. Germain and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

**Personnel Present:** DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Fire Chief William Becker, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

**Personnel Absent:** Codes Enf. Officer (Vacant), Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel (Excused), Trustee Fred Wilmer (Excused), Fire Chief Patrick Brennan (Absent), and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused).

**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 regarding a Main Street Grant Opportunity for Village Businesses requiring a 25% match on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, that has been extended to January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Village could be awarded a total of \$500,000 with each business receiving up to the \$500,000 requiring them to contribute 25%. This is a reimbursable grant that the Village would be the recipient of the funds and would reimburse the business. The Village Board will meet at said time and place and will hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. The Mayor asked if anyone wants to speak in favor or against this \$500,000 Grant Opportunity. He asked again, if anyone wanted to speak for or against. He added he will let you know, that we have 4 applicants that have turned in, and is being handled through CHA. He explained it is a pretty simple 1-page application, to apply for the grant, and if they get the grant; there is a lot more involved. He asked Mrs. Franco if she had anything to say. Mrs. Franco stated no, that was pretty much it for the application part. The Mayor shared the 4 are: Mug Sholtz, Morales Collision, we are hoping that something happens with the Mobil Station; Fergerson Funeral Home, and Nesticos. He clarified Mrs. Franco has rec'd 3 of those 4 applications. Mrs. Franco continued yes. The Mayor stated we are waiting for 1 more, but the Village is entitled to \$500,000, he has reached out to a couple of other businesses and they did not respond; but at least we have got 3 or 4 applicants. The Mayor asked if anyone wants to speak in favor or against a few times before closing the public hearing.

### **RESOLUTION # 001-23**

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed, audio problem) from the December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**RESOLUTION # 002-23**

**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$144,118.54 covering voucher #998 thru #1072. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 003-23**

**SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$31.20 covering voucher #12. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE ON 118 GROVE STREET**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Update on 118 Grove Street: He drove by there and seen no activity and he meant to reach out to Pearl to find out when that permit is done. Mr. Robinson stated he thought it was December. Discussion went back and forth re: The owner coming in at the last minutes to receive grace, it being granted and how little has been done with minimal effort. He is beyond the deadline and the Mayor thinking we know where we are headed.

**UPDATE ON 444 S. MAIN STREET**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Update on 444 S. Main Street: They were cited, they were sent by mail a Stop Work Order, and they did not stop working. He continued we cited them for 2 different violations, that were sent to them in the mail. He added they finally stopped working. He explained they had a court date of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the day of the date the Judge was sick and could not make it; so, it is going to be postponed for another mo. He stated he spoke with our Atty., and their Atty. reached out, and it is not fair to keep them away for a mo. He continued they did comply and satisfied the changes that they were supposed to make, so they agreed; the Atty's. negotiated: They would pay a fine, and they have to behave, so we allowed them to go to work; the day after the court date was supposed to happen. He added there was an agreement for the fines and everything, so they are back to work. He explained they need to, and we got their attention, they need to behave or they will be back in court again.

**NEW BUSINESS:**



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**RESOLUTION # 004-23**

**REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF OBSOLETE  
FIRE DEPT. EQUIPMENT**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to surplus the obsolete Fire Dept. Equipment: 14 pagers to send to auction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 005-23**

**APPROVE THE VILLAGE ELECTION DATE OF TUESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
WHEREAS THE COMM. CTR. IS THE POLLING LOCATION WITH POLLS  
OPENING AT NOON AND CLOSING AT 9PM**

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the Village Election Date of Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Whereas the Comm. Ctr. is Polling Location with Polls Opening at Noon and Closing at 9 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSS/REVIEW NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DEFEATS  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM NYMIR)**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is some Recommendations from MYMIR, our insurance carrier, and we were given a date which is creeping up. Discussion took place back and forth Re: DPW having a mastery battery disconnect in their vehicles, repairs that need to be made, and practices to ensure the master switch is turned off. Also, the Village Law re: The written notice, they suggest we enact a local law to supersede Village Law §628 6-6 -28, provide maximum protection against lawsuits from defects to streets, culverts; etc., not previously notified in writing, so we are working on that. The other issue is that change to the local law, and the Fire Safety with the Battery Disconnects are of high importance. Also suggested: Put new lighting at Heritage Pk., using park as cut thru to apartments. Notice of Highway Defects of Local Law #1, for Board to discuss and Parks Dir. Burkinshaw shared it will be in the Parks Budget, suggested some incentives out there to take advantage of before they are no longer available. Fires that had occurred in highway bldgs., multiple electrical fires from heavy trucks, lithium batteries and the way they are stored; getting a flammable cabinet at DPW to store them in.

**RESOLUTION # 006-23**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE TOWN OF CICERO FIRE CONTRACT  
(2023 TOWN-VILLAGE 23/24)**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Town of Cicero Fire Contract 2023 Town-Village 23/24. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Gustafson, and Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same. Strong, Abstained.



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**RESOLUTION # 007-23**

**ACCEPT/SUBMIT GRANT SUBMITTALS FOR FERGERSON/MORALES  
COLLISION/MUG SHOTZ**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Accept/Submit Grant Submittals for Ferguson/Morales Collision/Mug Shotz and potential others that may come in before the deadline. He continued it is a win, win, we have to administer it; but it is for 25% funding from the property owner, they get 75% reimbursable grant from the Cty. Mrs. Franco stated just to give you the numbers that we have so far for total project cost is: \$284,000 divided out for each owner, is \$71,000 out of their pocket, divided by 3; so, it is a good incentive for them. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to authorize CHA to submit Grant Submittals to the Cty., for the \$500,000 from Cty. Comm. Dev. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 008-23**

**REVIEW/APPROVE 2022 SALES TAX SUBMITTAL**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Approve 2022 Sales Tax Expenditures that exceed the 2022 application and semi-annual payments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 009-23**

**REVIEW/APPROVE 2023 SALES TAX SUBMITTAL**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Approve the 2023 Sales Tax Application that supports the projections for infrastructure improvements for 2023. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, 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.

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

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

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

- The regular Comm. Dev. Applications will be coming out, originally due in March, but they have been pushing them out; so, she does not know what the time plan is for that, so whatever projects you want to submit

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**



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

- Interviewing for both clerical and officers' positions Friday and Saturday
- So far for January: 362 Total Calls for service, 207 Property Checks, 4 Domestic, 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 34 Traffic Stops, 28 Traffic Tickets, 4 Criminal Arrests

**Fire Department: (Fire Chief Patrick Brennan):** No Report. (Absent).

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

- We have been taking down Christmas decorations, cleaning up Christmas trees, straitening up plow stakes; cleaning storm drains and doing vehicle maintenance
- Doing light pole maintenance
- Rt. 11 recent accident on Chestnut and took out 2 of our light poles, the guys are going to put the head on the 1 new light pole that is up and it got hit by a wing on the plow and is crack; no telling who did it or when, not broke all the way thru, but have to replace it damaged, to brand new pole
- Leak over break room table, guys came out put patch on until do main roof, insulation and roofing material being delivered tomorrow

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

- 2/18/23: Valentine's Day Dance, 50 people have registered
- Had 1<sup>st</sup> Family Festival Mtg. at Comm. Ctr., pretty much all set
- We are teaming up with Police Dept on Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/2/23 Palm Sunday: Bunny Breakfast at the VFW

**Codes Department: (Vacant)** No Report.

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

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee St. Germain:** No Report.

**Trustee Strong:** No Report.

**Trustee Wilmer:** No Report. (Absent).

**Dep. Mayor Gustafson:** No Report.





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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

He stated the DPW Roof when we bid, the preliminary pricing was before the pandemic, the pricing came in it was much higher than the bids; \$100,000 short. He continued, he reached out to Senator Mannion's Office in August, and did not hear back and he knew the lead time for the roof was great. He added last month he sent a reminder, so, they approved an add'l \$100,000 for us; but you cannot start the work, before we approve that. He stated he and DPW Sup't Ware have scrambling trying to get all the paperwork back to Albany. He continued he let them know that he asked for it in August, and here it is January. He added the materials, because the roofer finally got to us, the leak was caused; because they came and sucked all the stones off the roof, so they disturbed the roof, hence the leaks. He explained now the material is coming, and they were scheduled to start on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and that is cutting it real close to; we need the approval, before they finish. He shared he had a couple of phone conversations with the roofer and he did agree to push back. He stated so it is going to be started in February, there is a little remediation that we have to do which is a 1-day operation, but then they will actually do the work in March or April; so, we will have a whole new roof on DPW. He continued actually the \$100,000 is going to cover the whole amount, so that is good news. He added he also reached out to our Cty. Legislature Cody Kelly, brought him over to our new office area, it was not finished when he brought him over; but he stated here is where we are. He explained and again pandemic, it came in higher, and we gave him a list of things; the shortfall, plus some other things that were not in the contract document like: Signage on the outside, window coverings, furniture; the list we gave to him was a little under \$60,000. He shared Mr. Kelly stated this is not much money, so he will go back and see what he can come up with; so hopefully will recover that as well. He stated our Annual Holiday Party is January 18<sup>th</sup>, at Twin Trees III. at 4:00 PM, everyone is invited. He continued things are still going well in the Village.

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel  
Village Clerk-Treasurer