

## **VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE**

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

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

**North Syracuse Community Center**

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

***Facebook Livestreamed***

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:30 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, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

**Personnel Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel, Codes Enf. Officer Brandy Fry, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Police Chief William Becker, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

**Personnel Absent:** Trustee Fred Wilmer (Excused), Fire Chief Patrick Brennan (Absent), and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused).

### **RESOLUTION # 042-23**

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed Audio Problem) from the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 043-23**

### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$120,799.47 covering voucher #1312 thru #1380. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 044-23**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Community Devel. Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$669.94 covering voucher #05. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 045-23**

### **SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$31.22 covering voucher #14. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**RESOLUTION # 046-23**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer is because of no funding for tools. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3620.477 Safety Inspection-Demo 118 Grove St. in the amount of \$106.50 to increase A3620.26 Safety Inspection Equipment. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 047-23**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer is because of no funding for tools for site inspections. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3620.477 Safety Inspection-Demo 118 Grove St. in the amount of \$321.11 to increase A3620.26 Safety Inspection Equipment. 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 # 048-23**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer is because of no funding for tools for site inspections. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3620.477 Safety Inspection-Demo 118 Grove St. in the amount of \$112.45 to increase A3620.26 Safety Inspection Equipment. 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 # 049-23**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer associated expenses necessary for Bond Counsel for New Eng. #4. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A1990.4 Contingency in the amount of \$5,150 to increase A3410.25 New Eng. 4 Bond Counsel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 050-23**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer for 2015 Int'l Snowplow clogged, exhaust, gas, recirculate; emergency purchase. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A5142.21 DPW Equipment in the amount of \$3,000 to increase A5142.475 DPW Equip. Mtc. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**REMINDER: PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023-  
REGARDING BASKETBALL HOOPS IN ROADWAYS**

Reminder: Public Hearing is Set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – regarding this topic.

**REMINDER: PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023-ALLOWING TO EXCEED THE 2% TAX CAP**

Reminder: Public Hearing is Set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – regarding this topic.

**REMINDER: PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023-  
POTHoles/DEFECTS IN ROADWAYS/PRIOR NOTICE**

Reminder: Public Hearing is Set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – regarding this topic.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 051-23**

**ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION THE DATES FOR THE ANNUAL GARAGE  
SALE WEEKEND: MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is: Establish By Resolution the Dates for the Annual Garage Sale Weekend: May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we do not require a permit. Trustee Strong made a motion to establish by resolution the dates for the annual Garage Sale weekend: May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**DISCUSSION ON INITIATING A NEW ZONING MAP TO UPDATE THE EXISTING MAP OF APRIL 2014**

The Mayor stated next on the agenda is discussion on initiating a new Zoning Map to update the existing map of April 2014: discussion took place back and forth - currently at least 20 corrections. Mrs. Franco stated we will work with Codes Enf. Officer Fry to figure what parcels need to be changed. The Mayor continued to ask Mrs. Franco if she could come up with a not to exceed number for the next mtg. or 2 at a motion. Mrs. Franco agreed.

**RESOLUTION # 052-23**

**DISCUSS IDEAS COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRANT: ADD'L \$150,000**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Set Public Hearing to Discuss the Comm. Dev. Block Grant for 2023:



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\$50,000 also an add'l \$150,000 for Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 4:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Discussion went back and forth re: Cross Ctry. Skiing or Pickleball at Heritage Pk. offering low income and seniors' free events and potential tournaments, with grant application due April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 053-23**

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR  
FY 23/24-APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 4:29 PM**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to set Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget for FY 23/24 for April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The Mayor explained the Budgets were delayed in being available, due to the Village Clerk-Treasurer being unavailable, while out on medical. Trustee Strong stated he understood the quandary they are in, but spoke of past discussion of public hearings at 4:29 PM, and voted No; even though there are enough votes to pass. The Mayor stated as soon as they get that budget, they can put it on the website and will announce at that mtg, so anybody can view it online. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Gustafson, and Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same. Opposed: Strong.

**DISCUSS IDEAS FOR FEDERAL GRANT-COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is we have a Federal Grant Opportunity from Congressman Brandon Williams, he rec'd that, but will call for the deadline and parameters, as well. He continued because this is Federal; it could be a bigger project. Mrs. Franco stated it is a quick turnaround to get in for a place holder right now, it is for next yrs. appropriation, and you have to match it or something, it does not even say. Trustee Strong stated a staff member, John Sulka, who is previously the representative from Brookfield in Madison Cty.; has stated he is willing to come out to a meeting and meet with us. He continued if not, emails, could give us some more guidance. Mayor will send to Trustees Email.

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

**David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Cir.** spoke of getting backstops out of the street, suggested in Kennedy Pk., to get off entrance to Grove St.; and creating mini neighbor pks. for example: On Maxwell Ave on triangle parcel to avoid crossing S. Bay Rd. or S. Main St. He continued he would like to work with somebody, to see if we can flush out that concept of some kind of mini pks., there are a couple of pieces of land the Vlg. mows; because it is Vlg. property, can we get something there with a little pad.



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He added let the kids wheel there backstop down there, if that is what they wanted to do, so that the kids do not have to play in the streets.

**Pat Ferguson of 215 S. Main St.** congratulated Parks Dir. Burkinshaw, he is now on the Athletic Wall of Distinction from his home school; Cross Ctry. She continued Arbor Day, 2 honorees trees that we are rededicating; Mr. Hotchkiss will be able to attend, Mr. Atkinson likely not. The Mayor clarified that both their trees died, so they had trees already and they both trees passed away; not the people.

**Lisa Lioto of 356 Chestnut St.** stated she is in proponent of Heritage Pk., updates with the Vlg. Grant. She agreed with Mr. Robinson, maybe carve out small pieces of land, but she is completely against the \$250 fine; that has been proposed before in regarding the Basketball Hoops.

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:

- Turned in Budget, within 2% overall and then 2.5% for salary increases and contractual
- 4/10/23- Officers Cushman and Linstruth: Will receive Law Enforcement Accom. Awards for entering and removing gentlemen/dog from fire on Chestnut St. 1 mo. ago

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

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

- Roof 99% complete, no leaks, couple things to touch up; air conditioning for pipes, doing inspection tomorrow on that
- Struggling with Budget: Everything increasing pricewise, vehicle they wanted has gone up \$30,000 in 3 yrs., struggle to get equip. to do services; we provide

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

- Discussed with Mr. Robinson his plan/idea, likes idea, may have money in this yrs. Budget, to put a Basketball Rim at Kennedy, if we can do that, we can probably do that in the yr.
  - We talked about triangle parcel on Watson Rd.; where kids could go to get them on green space, and they do not have to cross S. Bay or S. Main St.



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- 4/1/23 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/2/23 Bunny Breakfast, getting credit card capability
- Monday, 4/13/23: Mtg. for Friends Group at 6:30 PM at Comm. Ctr.
- All concerts are lined up for summer

**Codes Department: (Codes Enforcement Officer: Brandy Fry):** She stated the following:

- Planning/Zoning Members attended Training today, fulfilling many educational requirements this yr., and Ryan Mc Mahon spoke of how Micron will affect us this yr.
- ZBA or Planning will not be meeting in the month of March at this time
- Agenda item: Existing 2014 Zoning Map: Rec'd with errors, 9 yrs. old, several changes; Update 23/24 FY: Late summer/fall, ensuring accuracy for Permitting/Comprehensive Plan

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

- Spectrum called, wanted Board to reconsider decision of not allowing door to door for profit made 3 or 4 yrs. ago; Board discussed, unanimously agreed, not to change
- Crosswalk: Compassionate Family Medicine requested Crosswalk across to Stickley's from their business, have agreement for patients/employees to park there; their contacting DOT

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

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

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

- Spoke of watching social media tags, thanked Dept. Heads and those representing agencies, Police especially Sgt. Tripp, Fire, Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel, and Parks for prompt responses to inquiries by Vlg. Residents who post.
- Thanked Codes Enf. Officer Fry for updates on Planning Board: There were certainly somethings missed in the application process, we want these projects to continue, but she has caught a number of things right off; so, he wanted to acknowledge that.

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

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

He stated he is not big on social media, but spoke of 2 wks. in a row where it snowed on Friday, continued into Saturday and received a voicemail from a resident. He continued explaining when he

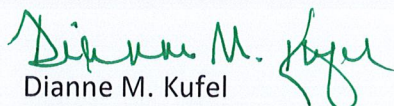


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saw it, and reaching out to DPW Sup't Ware regarding the sidewalk that was missed, and had guys cleanup Sunday morning. He added the guy called and left a voicemail for both he and DPW Sup't Ware. The Mayor stated he called him back, to explain there was no excuse, we missed it; but we took care of it this morning. He continued that did not satisfy him, there was no winning the conversation and he hung up. He stated over the last 6 mos., there has been more calls, voicemails, somebody is unhappy about this; and about that, some are legit. He explained we are a small Vlg., we do not have extra people and he thinks we do a great job with what we have. He added we started the process soliciting for engineers for the TAP Grant, that is the Sidewalk Project. He added letters went out to all 15 potential engineering firms to see if they are interested, we whittle it down, do an interview; and get a recommendation for an engineering firm. He explained we have an Open House for our Addition and Renovations to our Vlg. Hall, he wanted to have people see what we have done at Vlg. Hall, especially Vlg. Residents; we have got some signs, as lot of residents do not come to Vlg. Hall. He stated we are going to do a Ribbon Cutting on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, we reached out to the Cty. Legislature, who wants to come and Cty Executive expressed interest in coming. He added Heavy Trash started March 6<sup>th</sup>; he knows Friday afternoon the DPW was inundated with phone calls. The Mayor stated the Flower Letter is going to go out again for our flowers. He continued we got quite a bit of money last yr., the price has gone up, but we are going to reach out again. He added then we will figure what kind of plants to put in flower pots on Rt. 11. He explained we applied for 4 Main Street Grants, he rec'd a phone call yesterday, we were awarded 3; the letter has not been sent out. He stated Fergerson Funeral Home, Mugshots, and Nesticos got a grant; unfortunately, the Mobil Station did not.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianne M. Kufel  
Village Clerk-Treasurer



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