



## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 4:30 PM

**North Syracuse Community Center**

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

***Facebook Livestreamed***

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 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:** Codes Enf. Officer Brandy Fry, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Dep. Fire Chief John Linnertz, Asst. Fire Chief Jozsef Asztalos, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Village Engineer Amy Franco.

**Personnel Absent:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel (Medical), Police Chief William Becker (Absent), and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Absent).

### **RESOLUTION # 123-23**

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board Meeting. 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 # 124-23**

### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

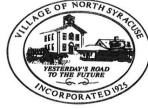
Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #26 in the amount of \$87,280.51 covering voucher #1696 thru #1784. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 125-23**

### **BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer for Purchases deducted from Donation from Driver's Village from the Burdick Family for \$8,000, for the Explorer Program. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2705A Donations Police AED's in the amount of \$1,334 to increase A3120.412 Police Uniforms. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. Trustee Strong verified it was from the Police Dept. The Mayor continued that is correct. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**



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**UPDATE LOCAL LAW #4-PROPOSING NEW SECTION RE:  
BASKETBALL HOOPS/POSITION IN RIGHT OF WAY**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Update Local Law #4-Proposing a New Section for Basketball Hoops/Position in the Right of Way: We have looked at Local Law #4 Proposing a New Section for Basketball Hoops in the Right of Way, there has not been much progress. He spoke of riding down Herman and in 1 block there were 3 that looked like they planned on keeping them there for a while that were hanging out past the pavement; that is something that we should not have. He added we need to talk about this further and make a decision, because it is going to be basketball season really soon, especially when the kids are out of school. He explained he is all for making some kind of motion, but the penalty we had the 1<sup>st</sup> time maybe a little severe, so maybe we need to rework it. Mr. Ken Ryan stated you cannot expect people to pull them back, after nobody else did. The Mayor continued next meeting we should be ready to vote on something, if we need to make changes, we will make changes.

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT: INFORMATIVE PRE-BID MEETING**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Community Center Projects: Informative Pre-Bid Meeting for Basement: Mrs. Franco stated we had 4 contractors that came to the mtg., so that was promising. She and all 4 of them looked at the project: They expressed interest and she will look forward to whether they do the bid on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mayor explained that is just for information.

**COMMUNITY CENTER PAVILION PROJECT: INFORMATIVE PRE-BID MEETING**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Community Center Pavilion Project: Informative Pre-Bid Meeting for the Community Center Pavilion: Mrs. Franco stated she met with 4 contractors who expressed interest, she looks forward to whether they bid on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

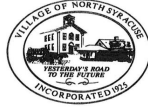
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPROVE THE AGREEMENT RELATING  
TO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Mayor explained the next item is an Agreement Relating to the Police Dept. and we are going to go into executive session for that.

**RESOLUTION # 126-23**

**DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE TRAVEL/LODGING AND STATE TRAINING-STBOA  
CONFERENCE-B. FRY**



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Trustee Strong made a motion to Authorize Travel/Lodging for State Training: Southern Tier Building Officials Association (STBOA) Conference 6/7/23-6/9/23 at Tioga Downs Hotel for Codes Enf. Officer B. Fry in amount of \$377 for lodging and STBOA Registration Fee for \$175. 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.

**UPDATE: 444 SOUTH MAIN ST.**

The Mayor stated next item on the Agenda is an Update: 444 South Main St.: There has been a Stop Work Order placed on that. He continued he had spoken with the owner, trying to get that reviewed, so we can get that restarted. Codes Enf. Officer Fry stated prior to coming today, she did speak to the legal team on this, we have talked about and she sent the email out pretty late this afternoon. She continued they were made aware of what our legal team has asked and stated as local law, just so you are aware, as she knew we have talked about that; it has been emailed to all of you as well. She added that would be her update for you.

**RESOLUTION # 127-23**

**DISCUSS HOLDING 2<sup>ND</sup> VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE-NO PERMIT  
REQUIRED-JULY 28, 29 & 30, 2023**

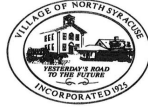
The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss Holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Village Wide Garage Sale-No Permit which would be July 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He continued apparently; we had a good response for Garage Sale #1. Discussion went back and forth re: Number of days, reporting items to DPW as well as a 10-item limit, time to prevent hazardous items left out for other depts.; preliminary list for DPW of those addresses and donating to Salvation Army/Rescue Mission left over items. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Village Wide Garage Sale-No Permit Req'd for July 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**FIRE DEPT. REGARDING NEW POSITION**

The Mayor stated we rec'd the paperwork from the Fire Dept. re: New Position, he would like to vote on that at our next mtg., so if you have any questions; reach out to the Fire Dept., but he thought it was worthy of a vote.

**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 Festival is Saturday, she still has tickets for the jewelry raffle.



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She continued everybody will be looking nice, introduced by the Mayor, and it is not going to rain.

**Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr.** spoke of the wet basketball hooped having a lot of weight, so they do not fall over when they are playing. He noted 1 neighbor had moved it back, he did not, it killed the grass; but when he saw everyone else's up front he pulled his back forward. He asked about the Ethics Committee Mtg., that the Atty. was supposed to come and talk to us. The Mayor stated he is fully aware that we have not had a mtg. yet.

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):** She stated the following:

- For Engineer Report - I mentioned that Tony & I met with the Pella Window representatives at the Community Center on Wednesday 5/24. They took measurements and let us know the windows are from 1985, so replacement of hardware is not available. They will provide me with costs and I will then forward them to the Board.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Department: (Police Chief William Becker):** No Report. Absent.

**Fire Department: (Asst. Chief John Linnertz):** He stated the following:

- Squad finishing up repairs, going to Albany to do an inspection
- Busy, (2) structure alarms: Fay Park, Hamilton, both started around garage; not intentional, but fueled with gasoline from presence of it; Vol. Members did great job, some injured

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

- Working on Storm drain up by Chestnut where water ponds, to alleviate that problem
- Won Work Zone Safety Package from Cornell University, which includes flags, stands, and safety equipment, to help keep guys safe when working in roadway

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

- Saturday, 5/27/23: Festival starts at 11:00 AM-5:00 PM: Opening Ceremonies start at 11:00 AM, if planning on being in those, try to be there, before 11:00 AM.
- Monday, 5/29/23: Memorial Day Parade: Line up at 9:00 AM, parade starts at 9:30 AM, will head north to Veteran's Memorial; VFW Post will release doves to close ceremony



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- Thursday, 6/1/23: Pool Passes will start, Vlg. residents will still get free Pool Passes with proof of residency, we will charge for swim lessons for residents and non-residents, due to increase in lifeguards and chlorine. \$30 Residents, \$55 for Non-Residents, Family pass \$125 will include 2 wks. of Swim Lessons: 1 session
- June 7<sup>th</sup>: Concert series starts

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

- Pearl, enjoy your vacation
- Family Fest: Will be there, stop if you question
- A lot of violation for vegetation, means Overgrowth maximum allowed 10"
- There is No Mow May, suggested mowing lawn to keep down the pests, pollinators will have to follow the regulation behind it
- Screening, includes planting trees, needs to be 10' back from property line in front yard
- Mr. Hummel asked about 10' x 10' shed, letter went out and email sent to Board 100 sq. ft. does require permit, Vlg. of N. Syracuse Code is more restrictive

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

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

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

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

- Look forward to seeing everyone at Family Festival
- Facebook comments: Several mention of microphones, will try to get Codes Enf. Officer Fry a microphone to your voice level, only part of the report
- Facebook comment: More info on Stop Work Order issued at 444 S. Main St., eyesore 2 yrs.
- 10' x 10' shed, difficulty hearing Code Enf. Officer Fry, Vlg. has adopted a more restrictive Code in past requiring permit, than NYS Code which cannot go less than
- Note participated in No Mow May, neighbor's probably thought looked trashy, but do get apples every yr., if we wanted to participate in No Mow May we would have to make that a local law to take part in that type of process where you could allow it for "x" period of time to allow the now mow for the pollinators, etc.
- Codes: Partnering towns discussing allowing Chickens, although nightmare, with cost of eggs at \$8 and \$9 per/dozen; less waste than medium size dog, less noise; so big push for substance living and prepare for themselves, so probably will come to Vlg., so should start preparing ourselves for that and your opinions on that



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**Trustee Wilmer:** No Report.

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

- Thanked Festival Committee for working so hard, and encouraged people to come out for Festival, it is a good family day
- Congratulations: Sup't Ware on your win
- Thank you to Fire Dept. for the fires you have taken care of this month; doing a good job

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

He stated the Festival is Saturday, he is excited to see the preparation and tents that are already up. He continued we have already gotten some comments on the flowers we have got in our flower pots and our hanging baskets are already hanging. He added they are being watered every day, and do need to be watered every day, even if it is raining; they need to be watered. He thanked the Dept. Heads and people who show up to our mtgs., it does not happen regularly for those of you who are here.

The Mayor stated he would like to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss about personnel issue, we may entertain a vote when we come back out.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** at 4:56 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. 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 5:25 P.M. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting favor of the same.

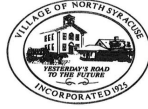
**RESOLUTION # 128-23**

**REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPROVE THE AGREEMENT RELATING  
TO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Approve and Accept the Agreement Relating to Police Department with Police Chief William Becker. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Wilmer, Gustafson, and Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same. Opposed: St. Germain and Strong.

**RESOLUTION # 129-23**

**REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPROVE MOTION TO OFFER JEFFREY RAUB  
TO BE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF FOR 3 MONTHS**



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Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion for Trustee Strong to meet with Jeffrey Raub re: The Interim Police Chief for job for 3 months at \$7,500/mo. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, Gustafson, and Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:28 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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