

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
North Syracuse Community Center
600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY
Facebook Livestreamed (Audio Trouble)

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: Codes Enf. Officer Brandy Fry, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Richard Allen, Senior Recreation Leader Don Radell, Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Raub, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Personnel Absent: Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel (Medical), and Village Engineer Amy Franco (Absent).

RESOLUTION # 130-23

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES-MAY 25TH, 2023

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the May 25th, 2023, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Trustee Strong asked if we are announcing after we came out of Executive Session, because we announced at the mtg, that we may make a decision. The Mayor stated at the end of our last Board mtg., the Vlg. Bd. accepted a settlement agreement between the Vlg. and Chief Becker, his last day in office is to be 5/31/2023. He continued he retired from svc. and we appreciated his time in office. He added then the other issue, was Vlg. Board agreed to Temporally, hire a Temporary Police Chief for up to 3 mos. at \$7,500/mo., and the offer was extended and accepted. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 131-23

GENERAL FUND OLD BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Old Budget Abstract #27 in the amount of \$82,715.78 covering voucher #1785 thru #1841. 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 # 132-23

SEWER FUND OLD BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Old Budget Abstract #27 in the amount of \$31.20 covering voucher #17. The motion was seconded Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.



RESOLUTION # 133-23

GENERAL FUND NEW BUDGET ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #01 in the amount of \$86,166.10 covering voucher #01 thru #24. 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 # 134-23

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer Reimbursement for hotels for Resident Relocation. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2770 Other Unclassified Rev FOILS in the amount of \$916.95 to increase A3620.46 Safety Inspection Processing Fees. 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 # 135-23

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer for Motorola Body Cams. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3389P Watchguard Body Cam Grant in the amount of \$28,000 to increase A3120.211 Police SLETPP Grant. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 136-23

REVISIT LOCAL LAW #1-PROPOSING NEW SECTION RE: BASKETBALL HOOPS/POSITION IN RIGHT OF WAY-FEE OR NO FEE

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adopt Local Law #1-Proposing New Section Re: Basketball Hoops/Position in Right-of-Way. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion: Objective: Fine would be in place if people did not respond to moving it when not using it. People will be given warning to remove Basketball Hoops, so does not overhang pavement, if they continued to do that: if they continued, they get another fine basically. Penalties: Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this local law, shall be a violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for the 1st offense. Any subsequent offense shall be punishable of a fine of \$250. Issue is and only question that he has, is who is going to enforce; we have DPW, Police and Codes driving around the VIg. This going to take effect once filed with the state, it takes a week or so. Should be put on Website to let them know. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

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RESOLUTION # 137-23

REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPROVE ADDING FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR TO CIVIL SERVICE ROSTER

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Review/Discuss/Approve Adding Fire Department Administrator to Civil Service Roster: The Board has all seen the description, of the Business Administrator and he entertained a motion for purposes of discussion. Trustee Wilmer made a motion for purposes of discussion. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Trustee Strong stated he knows we do not have the updated copy with the 2 items that were added, just so we can get those sent out, because Village Clerk-treasurer has to file so it is an official position. The Mayor stated yes, 2 minor additions which he thought we would be fine with, if we could vote to approve it; pending the additions, they are minor and thought they are fine. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS/APPROVE THE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER COMPENSATION

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Approve The Part-time Police Officer Compensation: We had some Part-time, we had some officers sworn in actually today, and introduced our Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Raub. Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Raub spoke of 4 brand new Phase II. Part-time Police Officers, completed Phase I. Discussion: In 2022, a resolution approved to start these new Part-time at \$20/hr. Unfortunately, checking with Town of Cicero they are starting at \$25/hr. Part-time. Their Full Status Part-time Officers are at \$35/hr. now, we have a maximum of \$27, we have a 4 Tier System; which starts at \$20, then \$23 after a yr., then \$25 after 2 and then \$27 after 3. Trustee Strong shared how excited he was to be a part of the review process, so we can bring people on board and have a full staff. He spoke of speaking with other agencies, it is an insurance policy to support their moving through Phase II, but felt should check into Budget, spoke of renumerate them while in the Academy; would support that with Full-time with Chad. Chief Raub will do some research, look into the Budget and bring it back to us, we can make some decisions down the road.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 138-23

APPROVE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF JEFFREY RAUB-3 MOS.

The Mayor continued so he is going to make a change, we are on to New Business, at our last Board Mtg. we came out; made some decisions and nobody was here at the Board mtg. just to clear up any confusion. He would entertain a motion from the Board to approve our Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Raub, he is going to work for 3 mos. Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve our Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Raub, he is going to work for 3 mos. 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. The Mayor welcomed him aboard.

RESOLUTION # 139-23

DISCUSS/APPROVE THE NSCSD FUEL AND WASH AGREEMENT: JULY 1, 2023 - JULY 31, 2024

Trustee Strong made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign the NSCSD Fuel and Wash Agreement: July 1, 2023-July 31, 2024. 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 # 140-23

DISCUSS/APPROVE THE NSCSD BURNELL PARKWAY AGREEMENT: JULY 1, 2023 -JULY 31, 2024

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign The NSCSD Burnell Parkway Agreement: July 1, 2023-July 31, 2024. 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 # 141-23

DISCUSS/APPROVE ITEMS FOR AUCTION-DPW

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the Items for Auction for DPW that we on the list to be auctioned. 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 # 142-23

DISCUSS/APPROVE DPW HIRING SUMMER PART TIME HELP AT \$15.00/HR.-A. THOMAS-EFFECTIVE 6/23/2023

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Approve DPW Hiring Summer Part-time Help At \$15/HR. -A. Thomas effective 6/20/2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 143-23

DISCUSS/APPROVE PARKS DEPT HIRING FULL TIME PARKS CSEA LABORER II AT \$19.50/HR.-D. DOLBEAR-EFFECTIVE 6/12/23

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Approve Parks Dept. Hiring Full Time Parks CSEA Laborer II At \$19.50/HR. D. Dolbear, Effective 6/12/23. 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 # 144-23

DISCUSS/APPROVE USE OF CHIPS FUNDS TO PURCHASE 2023

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CV515 SFA BUCKET TRUCK FOR \$166,309.00-DPW

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Approve the Use of CHIPS Funds to Purchase 2023 CV515 SFA Bucket Truck for \$166,309 for DPW, we have a truck we cannot use anymore; he asked DPW Sup't Ware to explain. DPW Sup't Ware stated he got a quote late this yr. for a Bucket Truck, we would not be able to get it right away, for \$166,309. He continued according to the New York State Rep. for CHIPS, we can use \$165,000 of CHIPS money, we would have to keep the Bucket Truck for 15 yrs.; which we do not have a problem keeping equipment longer, but that would help offset some of the cost to the VIg. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to Approve the Use of CHIPS Funds to Purchase 2023 CV515 SFA Bucket Truck for \$166,309.00 for DPW. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Trustee Wilmer asked what the height. DPW Sup't Ware stated it is an Altec 45'.6 x 7' and would have a cab protector on the top. The motion was approved: St. Germain, Strong, Wilmer, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

<u>DISCUSS ROADS TO PAVE-GETTING QUOTES FOR REED RD.</u>, <u>WOODS RD.</u>, <u>PLEASANT AVE.</u>, <u>HERBERT ST.</u>

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss Roads to Pave-Getting Quotes for Reed Rd., Woods Rd., Pleasant Ave., Herbert St: You have already mentioned we are going to pave Reed Rd., Woods, Rd., Pleasant Ave., and Herbert St. DPW Sup't Ware stated those are the roads that he would like to have a quote done on, 3 of them are fairly short roads, Pleasant being the longer of them; they are all anywhere from 1997 to 2005. He added they are in rough shape and need to be done and we would not be spending all of our money.

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

Terry Caviness of 102 S. Main St. stated he owns the building across from the Grotto right next to the clock. He spoke of dealings with Codes Enf. Officer Fry while trying to get a permit for an apartment his contractor had not followed through on to be: Unprofessional, held up for a long period of time, resulting in costs over \$18,000 in lost revenue, building drawings, and we have no end in sight. Also holding up his tenant's project while he obtained plans of his whole building. He shared his tenant has lost about \$20,000 start up costed and wasted product and still is not open. He will not speak to her nor will he work with her, and urges the Board to take action while she is on probation, you can let her go.

Jim Spinella (CV Holdings LLC) of 215-217 N. Main St.: Terry Caviness read on his behalf: He has owned properties 45 yrs., thinks it is horrible how long-term tenant, Mercury Speed who has conducted his business with the highest of integrity; one of his best tenants. He spoke of Ryan Mc Mahon trying to get



Vlgs. and offices to streamline read tape to get businesses open in their towns ahead of Micron.

Patrick Barry of 308 Catherine St. stated he was the owner/operator of Mercury Speed LLC., a small 2 bay garage, behind Domino's Pizza. He spoke of being in professional business 8 yrs., without 1 complaint. He continued speaking about trying to sell his business, go to the Planning, and Zoning Board; after Motor Svc. was approved in C-3. He shared the issues he had encountered while dealing with Codes Enf. Officer Fry, and her not allowing him to go before Planning or Zoning Board. He added which has cost him \$8,000 in debt, from legal fees; and has lost 33% of his business.

Ramzi Naser of 310 S. Main St. stated he is the owner of R' Main Convenience, having to obtain licenses and permits, and have inspections done and the time it takes to get these set up and completed. He stated the inspection was done and failed, then told him he wanted to do an inspection for the whole plaza. He shared he is the manager of it to, so we did the inspection, and he failed me for 4 things: 1) Exit Sign, 2) Safety box for all the stores keys that have to be at the front of the business, 3) The lights. He stated he fixed those, it takes times to get the safety box to be installed by the company, and their inspection; and he was req'd to have another inspection to look inside of the pipes. He explained she told him that she was going to shut down the whole plaza, that we have not been covering it by letting her know everything; Kerry, the Carpet guy has been there 20 yrs., and the Nail Salon more than 5 yrs.

Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. spoke of working with various Codes Officers over 10 yrs., 3 yrs. to be filled in for unused pool and nothing has happened. He stated with Codes Enf. Officer Fry, now things are starting to happen. He continued it is tough when you start doing the job right, and it has not been done in the past.

Joe Ancone of 305 Herman Dr. stated he has been trying to get assistance from the program in place to deal with nuisance animals. out of your yard and everything. He continued he called the clerk's office to have it done, did not hear anything for about 1 wk., so he went over to the clerk's office and still has not heard from the gentlemen. He asked if he could hire someone and have the VIg. pay for it. The Mayor explained many do not apply for this position and this is a part-time job for the gentleman.

Pat Fergerson of 305 S. Main St. stated she came to say thank you, Festival was Saturday, the 27th; it came off well. She continued all the vendors had fun, made money, and the donors donated enough that we are indeed able to do what you asked for Canteen a couple of mtgs ago; that check will be going out. She thanked everyone for their help.

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): No Report. Absent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Interim Police Chief Jeff Raub): He stated the following:

- Thank you for kind comments, privilege to walk up steps with Patrick, great things to say about how professional the Police Dept is here
- Month of May Totals: 736 Total Calls for service, 244 Property Checks, 20 Domestics, 14
 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 107 Traffic Stops, 96 Traffic tickets, 12 Criminal Arrests
- So far for June: 137 Total Calls for service, 27 Property Checks, 3 Domestics, 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 7 Traffic Stops, 7 Traffic Tickets, 6 Criminal Arrests
- Spoke of high volume of complaints: Folks responding with stellar professionalism daily
- Give optimal service to constituents and everything they deserve; best svc. possible

Fire Department: (Fire Chief Richard Allen): He stated the following:

- Thank you for approving that new position, would like to continue to improve communication as we have the last few wks.
- Construction projects: 81, 481 starting to change a bit, have met with state and are kept informed with different things going on; as we get more information, we will pass it along
- In past discussed 4 fire fighters taking NYS 1 Curriculum; they have all passed, will get in house training and become interior fire fighters with us

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

- Just returned from Ithaca's Sup't School for Highway: Very informative, will help him do his job better and safer; he appreciates that
- Rt. 11 going into Cicero, the state is doing the sidewalks, can tell by traffic flow; they are not paving it this yr., they will pick up where they left off next yr. and pave from Vlg. north
- They are coming back to do some crosswalk boarding devices in the Vlg., 5 that need to be updated to today's code
- Thanked Board for providing the equipment needed to do our job

Parks and Recreation Department: (Parks Director: Anthony Burkinshaw): No Report. Absent.

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

- For record, she has been working for Vlg. 4 mos., has worked with each and everyone of these people to bring project into compliance with NYS and Vlg. of N. Syracuse.
- She added a lot of inaccuracies of the 1st story, has worked with design professional and they



are going to provide us materials of which she will provide a report to bring this building into compliance. This has been converted, occupancy has changed; she did not state she would be digging out, C of O from another project from another Codes Officer; inaccurate statement, has in writing which she will provide to you.

- The Tenant: Dream's Market submitted revised plans on Tuesday, has been out of town for training, came back for Board mtg.; will work on those when gets back in office on Monday.
 She spoke of the other requirements for Dream's Market are pending, those are financial so that it is on the record. She asked do you understand why they are pending.
- For Mr. Barry and Mr. Spinella: Their project, Mr. Spinella from CV Holdings, they were provided with their design professional a report on Monday, so that they can provide comments, so we can get the proper information and requirements to be able to put them back onto the Planning Board Agenda. They were pulled by the way when she very 1st started, it was the 1st time she had been able to look at it, and the information was not all there. She added which had been brought up multiple times at Board mtgs., by the Trustees who read and seen the material.
- Brolex at 444 S. Main St. have reapplied for their building permit this wk.; we are waiting on those other requirements as well, we did meet with Mr. Oot Tuesday prior to her leaving. She stated she will be meeting with Mr. Oot and their architect next week on site.
- 306 S. Main St. that project started long before she got here while your last Code Officer was in term, stated that none of those businesses should be open. There are multiple comments made by the Fire Inspector that was there, also on record. She has been trying to work with the property owner since she got here, she has given time, we were also respectful of other cultural needs during that time, as he stated it would be hard to work through, so we gave that respect and courtesy. No communication had been given through that time, until she saw them working on the sprinkler system, last week when she stopped.
- We have been issuing permits, working with people, we have been keeping things moving if they are able to; she understands people's concerns. She explained you have to understand that public safety is #1., it is our priority, literally our purpose of having a department, and the NYS Code is bare minimum in Fire Safety and Building Safety. Life Safety and Fire Safety is our #1 priority here in our department. She added she understands that not everybody is going to like the answers that are provided by our office, however, they are local law or either state law, code or regulation. She explained if it is not, she will admit that she is wrong, she is fine with that; but she will back it up as well. She stated she has absolutely no problem calling the state, and getting it in writing. Mr. Caviness, Codes Enf. Officer Fry continued and you have been provided the information to you and your tenant in writing, in multiple emails a day when you contact us. Codes Enf. Officer Fry added with time stamps. If any of you have any concerns, just reach out to her office; she will be back on Monday.



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

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:

- Thank you for the businesses that came here today to express their concerns, never does
 any department head keep your concerns from the Board, we have liaisons that have a
 responsibility to each department; it is not on that deal with a dept., we are all in together
- We take concerns to heart, we are elected by you to represent you, unfortunately it is not always the best outcome as things are hopefully progressing. She goes back to 1 thing Codes Officer Fry stated, she has been here 4 mos., many have stated it started before she came and she is trying to start new along with trying to rectify what has been going on before she got here; and again only 4 mos. She has not had personal interactions, but has taken everything that you stated to heart, and none of us are going to let it go by the way side.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Park Dir. & Sen. Rec. Leader: Great call on canceling concert, right thing to do for public safety, mentioned on website and already rescheduled
- Friends of the Festival, Mrs. Fergerson thank you for taking a lead on that project, Fire Dept handed out 250 plastic helmets and water; good day by all
- More storm sewers, nice to see, getting upgrade resulting in less work for dept. helping
- Cadets passing Phase I, as Police Liaison Congratulations and good luck in Phase II
- CHIPS Funds: Same 10 yrs., constantly petitioning to get raised; have spreadsheet with rotation to address roads, pot holes, get streets repaved-Cost expediently increased
- Thanked folks who came tonight, have been monitoring/working with our counsel to try to push some through, some more intricate than others; but we need businesses in VIg. of N. Syracuse with Business Friendly and working with safety requirements. Please know we are taking seriously; effort and direction will be made on this.

Trustee Wilmer: He stated the following:

- Welcomed the Chief to our Vlg.
- Thank people for showing up and voicing opinions, it is on deaf ears

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- She welcomed the chief and thank you for allowing me to attend your ceremony today
- Thanked audience for taking time to attend and let us know how you feel, we value your opinion; take everything seriously and will be looking into everything



MAYOR'S REPORT:

He welcomed the Chief, it is good to have you on board, we do not normally have this many people to our mtg. He stated even if you did not come here for the best of reasons, we are glad to have you here. He continued the Festival may have been our best Festival yet, thinks closing off the street was a good move. He added the Memorial Day Parade as always, was moving and honoring those who gave all. He asked what people thought of the flower pots, we got the flowers starting to hang, our hanging plants; and now the flower pots, that are looking good. He thanked the Dept. Heads for what you do, thanked the Trustees and entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss about personnel issue, we do not know if we will be making any decisions when we come out.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** at 7:39 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 7:59 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.

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 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,

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Dianne M. Kufel

Village Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: 6/8/2023

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