



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, October 12th, 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 John Bolton, Trustee Chris Strong, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Fire Chief Richard Allen, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, and Police Chief Chance Fieldson, and Village Engineer Amy Franco.

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

RESOLUTION # 232-23

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. -SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2023

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the September 28th, 2023, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. Trustee Strong asked for a correction: He not be marked late, he notified members of the Board, and the Clerk-Treasurer; he was excused. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #233-23

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$215,257.59 covering voucher #617 thru #671. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #234-23

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$31.20 covering voucher #24. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 235-23

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer: The Board originally already approved \$166,309, but need additional approval for the cost. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3501 CHIPS Monies in the amount of \$7,108.00 to increase A5110.22 Bucket Truck. The motion was



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seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

**UPDATE: COMMUNITY CTR. PAVILION AND ENTRANCE PROJECT/AWARD:
THE PAVILION HAS BEEN ORDERED, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TODAY**

The Mayor stated we have a contract signed, they've done the layout for potentially starting on Monday. He continued we got some details going out to DASNY that the contractor is to potentially start Monday; if things go well, we could potentially be done before our Holiday Parade, so we will have a new entrance.

DISCUSS/APPROVE MOA/CSEA-CARETAKER POSITION

The Mayor stated that he talked to the union representative for the CSEA, they reached out to him and stated he was on vacation. Jimmy Wallace was on vacation. He added we can do it when he gets back, it does not affect this yr., so there is no rush. We can just table this.

UPDATE FOR 118 GROVE STREET/130 VAN MARA DRIVE

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Update for 118 Grove Street/130 Van Mara Drive: 118 Grove Street: The framing is now going up. He continued he was unaware that our former Code Off. issued a permit, so we will have to wait for the work to be done; there is going to have to be a Certificate of Occupancy given. He explained if there are mold issues, damage to the interior framing that was exposed, then there will not be a C of O as far as he knows; he is not a Codes Enf. Officer, but we will be very careful handing out a C of O. He explained he has not driven by, but there are rafters up and there has not been any progress in 2 weeks.

The Mayor stated 130 Van Mara Dr.: Sup't Ware notified the Mayor that somebody was mowing the lawn, there was something tagged to the door. He continued this is the house that is ready to collapse. He shared that he just found out today that the owner of the property passed, but there is a management company that was going to come in and try to fix it. He added apparently there is a mortgage on the property, so until we find out more about that. He explained it is a danger. He explained we have a new Codes Officer starting on Monday and he is going to have his hands full, because he is going to be in training.

UPDATE: GENERATOR MTC. FOR DPW/VILLAGE HALL/FIRE DEPT.



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The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Update: Generator Mtc. For DPW/Village Hall/Fire Dept: Again, DPW Sup't Ware was looking into this but was under the weather for the better part of the week, so you do not have any information. DPW Sup't Ware apologized for that, no, he does not have any information to give the Board. The Mayor tabled this.

UPDATE: 115 CHESTNUT STREET

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Update: 115 Chestnut St.: We have officially posted the legal notice for the demolition, and the environment component, each separately; the bid openings are scheduled. Mrs. Franco stated they sent them out to a bunch of contractors so they are hoping for a good response.

UPDATE: COMM. DEV. GRANT-NESTICOS/FERGERTSON FUN. HOME/MUGSHOTZ

The Mayor stated this is with Comm. Dev. - Nesticos and Ferguson Fun. Home is done. He continued it is a process where we get money from the Cty.; Mugshotz we sent a letter; he did not know if we had any further contact from them. The Mayor added they do have time, but we cannot just let it go without getting an answer, because there are other people that are interested; so, we will see what transpires from the letter.

UPDATE: COMM. DEV. 2022- COMM. CTR. -DOWNSTAIRS PROJECT/JUDGES CHAMBERS

The Mayor stated this Comm. Dev. 2022 Funding is the project with the basement, some work was started on this, but we found the water was in the basement; the sump pump had quit, because the GFI had quit. He continued it was damp and probably had this dampness all the long, so we fixed the sump pump, the breaker and got a commercial humidifier which is working well he understands. He added another issue is there is a leak over in that corner, it keeps seeping in, so they are going to try to get an excavator once the project is started; to dig down in where the water is seeping in. He explained just exposed that, it maybe the sewer line that is leaking, but we will not know until we do an investigation. He continued we have an illegal connection tapped into the sanitary sewer; we have got to fix that and take it into the storm sewer sump pump. We are kind of investigating as we go to solve the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 236-23

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP
AND USE FOR CAR 3/VEH. ID END 65205**



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Trustee Strong made a motion to turn Car 3 with Veh. ID. #65205 to the Village for \$1 to pass on maintenance and continuing financial obligations necessary to maintain this vehicle at which time it would be turned back over to the association. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

INFORMATIONAL: 2023 TREE GRANT APPLICATION

The Mayor stated CHA prepared the application that describes areas at Lonergan Pk. for these trees. He explained we applied for the grant; we will wait and see.

RESOLUTION # 237-23

**DISCUSS/APPROVE PART-TIME HIRE OF L. LANE-2 DAYS
PER WEEK/CURRENTLY WE PAY STAFKINGS**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to hire Linda Lane Part-time at \$18/hr. part-time under 20 hrs./wk., typically works 2 days, but will work 3 days if needed. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, 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.

Shannon Gorzell of 105 Ivon Dr. spoke of requesting a stop sign at the corner of Ivon Dr. and Belmore Dr., it is not safe for the kids with the speeding; Police and DPW will monitor.

Luisa Grotella of 102 Ivon Dr. spoke of speed front either direction and suggested a sign that displays your speed to help for a few weeks.

David Ellithorpe of 118 Grove St. stated he would like to give a progress report, we have the beam up and the rafters $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done; we will be sheathing and cover it, so it will be sealed.

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 Chance Fieldson): He stated the following:



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- Safety Day-Used Child ID machine, exciting for them as well
- Casey Placito worked administratively getting administrative logins done; hopefully can get out in a wk. or 2 on road
- Performing background checks for Police Academy scheduled for 11/27/23
- Officer 1st time officer testifying for Grand Jury, did amazing job

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

- Thanked Dept. Heads for help with Safety Day Event

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

- Busy with vehicle maintenance
- Doing brush, when Bucket Truck hydraulic stabilizer gets repaired, will bring Leafer out
- New employee doing well, he is happy to be here in the Vlg.

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

- Park at Dark Event put on by B'ville Conn.
- Trunk or Treat Event: Free, pre-register, that is with Senator Manion following week
- Start painting upstairs of Comm. Ctr. October 28th thru Nov. 5th; so, no Comm. Ctr. rentals
- Early voting October 28th thru Nov. 5th
- Smoking in the Parks, need to make a decision

Codes Department: (Codes Enforcement Officer: Vacant): No Report.

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

- Financials: Depts. some hits, front bump out had a hit: Tried to get funding from Cody Kelley which did not transpire, good, successful yr. with a lot happening
- 5 or 6 other funds left to close, will be looking to open June, July, August, very soon

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report. (Absent).

Trustee Strong: No Report:

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- Great Fire Dept. event, grandchild got free ID



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- Trustees will have vehicle at Trunk or Treat
- Traffic Enf.: Police Patrols out to deal with People not stopping for school buses on Taft Rd
- Star Review, not interested in stories; a reporter has to do; been looking to hire 1 for mos.

RESOLUTION # 238-23 MORATORIUM: NEW OR EXISTING SMOKE SHOPS, TOBACCO RETAILERS OR ESTABLISHMENTS OFFERING TOBACCO ACCESSORIES BOTH FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR ENTRY

Trustee Bolton made a motion to have a 60-day moratorium on the opening of any new or expansion of any existing smoke shops and tobacco retailers or establishments offering tobacco accessories both for sale or exchange for entry. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated Brolex there is a skeleton crew working there, he is fearful, they may be in trouble. He continued the old bowling alley; he does believe a permit is being issued maybe as we speak or tomorrow for the demolition for that project. He added Newcomer Funeral Home has been given a permit, they are doing an addition. He explained the next Mayor's Meeting is Wednesday, October 18th at 5:00 and the speaker is going to be Barabara Van Epps who is the new President of NYCOM. He shared he and Trustee Bolton are signed up, hopefully it will be well attended. He stated she was the Dep. Director and now she is the Director. He stated next Wednesday at 10:30 AM he would like to have a Staff Meeting; we have not had 1 in quite a while. He shared he just got an email from our Atty., there is a contract almost in place for the Just 1 Bite property from the developer. He stated we have been trying to work with him for quite a while, but at least we have some movement which is good news for us. He continued the design will have to be modified, now that we are post pandemic, the materials are more costly; and time lines are stretched out, hopefully we will have a diner in the Vlg. again.

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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PLEASE SIGN IN

NAME

ADDRESS

~~David Ellix~~
~~M. [unclear]~~
Shannon Gorze II
Linda Reynolds
KEN RYAN

118 Grove St
224 Chestnut St
105 Van Dr
324 Wells Ave East
211 HERMAN DR.

