



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 21st, 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 John Bolton, Trustee LouAnn St. Germain, Trustee Chris Strong, and Dep. Mayor Gustafson.

Personnel Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Kufel, Codes Enf. Officer Nicholas Rohm, DPW Superintendent Ed Ware, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, and Police Chief Chance Fieldson.

Personnel Absent: Fire Chief Richard Allen (Absent), Village Engineer Amy Franco (Absent), and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused).

RESOLUTION # 263-23

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. -NOVEMBER 9TH, 2023

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the November 9th, 2023, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #264-23

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$73,425.32 covering voucher #828 thru #917. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

Present: To the Village Board from B'Ville Connection - a donation for the "Park at Dark" special event held at Heritage Park on October 14th, 2023

Katrina (President) and Kim (Vice President) of B'Ville Connections attended, while Katrina explained about the 5013c non-profit and their events to help raise funds for other non-profits. She spoke of the "Park at Dark" event at Heritage Pk. had over 600 attend the event. She presented checks to Parks Dir. Burkinshaw for \$500 toward Summer Camp for local kids and Canteen Representatives Suzanne and Teresa Roth for \$800 to help with their efforts as well.

OLD BUSINESS:



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DISCUSS THE FINDINGS FROM WORK SESSION REGARDING SMOKE SHOPS IN THE VILLAGE

The Mayor stated the the Board met on Thursday, Nov. 9th as a session for legal advice, with our atty. present to discuss this topic. We, collectively, have agreed upon new legislation that will better regulate the smoke shops that are in existence and any new shops that are popping up in our Village, therefore we will need a motion that will establish the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION # 265- 23 **SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER NEW LOCAL LAW 6 OF 2023 TITLED SMOKE SHOPS AND TOBACCO RETAILERS-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2023 AT 6:28 PM**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to move the adoption of a resolution calling for a Public Hearing to be held on December 14th, 2023 commencing at 6:28 pm local time to consider the adoption of a new Local Law Number 6 of 2023, titled Smoke Shops and Tobacco Retailers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 266-23 **DISCUSS/REVIEW THE PLOWING OF SIDEWALK ON EAST TAFT ROAD (TOWN OF CICERO)/EXCHANGE SLEETH MILL**

Trustee Strong made a motion for purposes of discussion, for Cicero and No. Syracuse to enter into an Agreement for plowing of sidewalk on East Taft Rd. (Town of Cicero) in exchange Sleeth Mill. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 267-23 **UPDATE: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN COUNTY POLICE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT W/NEW CHIEF'S NAME**

Trustee Strong made a motion to open it up for discussion to change to the new Chief's name and re-sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 268-23 **DISCUSS/EXTEND CODES ENFORCEMENT SHARED SERVICE W/TOWN OF CLAY: ANOTHER ALLOCATION**



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Trustee Bolton made a motion for discussion purposes to approve to Extend Codes Enforcement Shared Service with Town of Clay: Another Allocation not to exceed \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion went back and forth. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 269-23

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NO. SYRACUSE VOL. FIREFIGHTER(S): T. WEYER, I. BORTOLONI

Dep. Mayor Gustafson a motion to approve the appointment of No. Syracuse Vol. Firefighters: T. Weyer and I Bortoloni. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, 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.

David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Cir. spoke of frustration re: 118 Grove St. and asked they not give another extension, but stand up, go on condemn the house; let's get it done. He continued either finish the job, fix the house or tear it down.

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. (Absent).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department: (Police Chief Chance Fieldson): He stated the following:

- Had 3 hires: Britney Myer and Joseph Cooke going to attend Full Police Academy when opens up, also hired Kim Wynn former Peace Officer on campus, wkg. to translate Campus Public Safety Certificate to Basic Police Certificate; training right now, thanked Mayor/Bd. for getting back to adequate staffing
- Madison Apple, Part-time emp., in Field Training 60-70% through FTO
- Spoke at Mr. Robinson's event on SCAMs and the elderly
- So far for November: 460 Total Calls for Svc., 61 Property Checks, 12 Domestic, 9 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 228 Traffic Stops, 87 Traffic Tickets, 9 Criminal Arrests

Fire Department: (Fire Chief Richard Allen): No Report. (Absent).



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

- Plugging along with leaf and brush pickup and got our markers out
- 11/9 Bd. Mtg. Discussion re: Frt. Yd. Tree, looking for Bd. to send out a letter to 230 Millen Dr., giving them 60 days according to Code; before we act, feel homeowner responsibility
- Trees in Right-of-way we own, Oakley and Wells Ave E., our responsibility to take care of
- Mayor: Rec'd notice from Police Chief 2 Cherry trees, droppings fall in pkg. lct behind Vlg. Hall, gets on paint; so, cannot park there, asked if they could come down, quotes

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

- 12/3: Holiday Parade starts at 5:00 PM, following will be the Annual Tree Lighting: Getting ready for that, have 21 organizations in parade, testing lights
- Other activities in the Parks

Codes Department: (Codes Enforcement Officer: Nicholas Rohm): He stated the following:

- 444 S. Main St. (Brolex): Currently working on trim 3rd flr., no other progress on site, no structural; water leaking in bldg.
- 445-447 S Main St. (Immuno Tek): Rec'd letter asbestos abatement completed, putting roofing material up, stopped because of weather; progressing along nicely
- 419 E. Taft Rd: 7-Eleven (Sunoco) reached out to replace their tanks, filling out paperwork for Site Plan, expect submittal soon
- A lot of fences and porch permits to squeeze in before snow/ice comes
- Mayor: Area next to Vince's, given conditional approval for fenced area, but is not legal; have you dealt with that, the Lockhart Bldg.-does not meet code, took out pkg. spaces. Codes Enf. Officer Rohm: Has conditional, wkg. on.

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

- She drafted a letter for the Tree Bd. and have the Mayor sign it for 230 Millen Dr.
- Bd. requested you get pricing on taking down trees where Oakley and Wells Ave E are, in conjunction with that, the 2 trees in the pk. lot

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:

- DPW is doing a good job with the pickup, all the leaves are just everywhere
- Codes and Police thrilled things are going right direction, believes everyone else is too
- If traveling for Thanksgiving be safe, Happy Thanksgiving



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Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Echo Trustee St. Germain, Codes Enf. Officer Rohm, welcome aboard; some tests and interesting conversations coming up
- Added add'l smoke product and paraphernalia at the gas station across from Stickley, MDS
- Congratulation Police Dept., and Chief Fieldson, a couple of not-for-profit their supporting nationally; locally with No Shave November, and pink badges
- Accident on S. Bay Rd.- people could not move, folks are not able to use 81 at full compacity, see effect trickles back to Vlg. when down to 1 lane; think about Vlg. resources being tied up a little bit more, as it is difficult to get around. The impact: DPW during the day, early morning commute and evening commute, Police Dept. extra incidents as well as the Fire Dept.
- Bright Mare Farms notified/shared complaints from last yrs. parade re: Bloody Santa, not attending this yr., he reviewed pictures/videos-did not see any Bloody Santa; all comments rec'd personally were positive

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- Tag along with Trustees: St. Germain and Strong
- Shared posted on Facebook page about not putting leaves in the road, rec'd a lot of positive feedback about your dept., how great your guys are doing; KUDDOS to you and your dept.
- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, safe travels

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated when he looks at Brolex there is 1 vehicle there, and then across the street there are 30 or 40 vehicles, there is a world of difference; he hoped Brolex continues on. He continued re: Brolex and 118 Grove St., they do have a permit, so until the permit is expired. Mr. Robinson commented all he is doing is getting ahead of you, for extending it. The Mayor added he hears you, yes. He explained he saw something today or yesterday about Syracuse Police made paper, because they brought on 8 recruits and it was news worthy, our little dept. is being on 3, so KUDDOS to us. He spoke of concerns that we were going to lose because of their bonuses, but we are heading in a positive direction. He stated the pavilion is under construction, he called today, and continued you realize we are having our parade 12/3; he expects that done well before then. The contractor told the Mayor he was not aware, and the Mayor reiterated yes, you were; you knew we were having this; we have 1 every yr. He added after the pavilion is done; we will have to have the Polar Express, so we will be making announcements and it will be center. He explained this entrance was taken down, and told them they have to get that back up, you have got to keep moving; he is in communication with them trying to put some pressure



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on them, but we do not have any finish it or else clause. He stated there is no penalty clause, so we have got to keep on them and they have been good so far. He continued he is thankful to: Dept. Heads, people that show up at our mtgs., and to everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 5:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, 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

Dave Robinson

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Teresa Roth + other

Canteen

B'ville Connections 2 people

Mike Bugart

Single Dr

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