

VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, December 14th, 2023 @ 6:28 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

Facebook Livestreamed

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 6:28 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, Fire Chief Richard Allen, and Police Chief Chance Fieldson.

Personnel Absent: Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw (Excused), Village Engineer Amy Franco (Excused), and Village Attorney Robert Germain (Excused).

Presentation: Honor Flight representative-Bill Meyer

Bill Meyer, Honor Flight Representative shared the Veteran's great experience they receive when they go on Honor Flight to D.C., special treatment they receive at no expense to the Veteran.

Public Hearing #1-6:28 PM: Please take notice that the Village of North Syracuse will hold a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law #6 of 2023, titled Smoke Shops and Tobacco Retailers, to address and mitigate potential impacts upon the public presented by proliferation of new smoke shops in the Village; and will hear all persons in support of such matters, or any objections thereto. He opened this up for discussion for anyone who would like to speak in favor or against. He asked again if anyone would like to speak in favor or against. Lisa Lioto, of 356 Chestnut St., stated she was in favor of putting a limit on smoke shops, she is glad it is finally being discussed and on the table. The Mayor asked a final time if there was anyone else that wanted to speak in favor or against, with no response he closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing #2-6:29 PM: Please take notice that the Village of North Syracuse will hold a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of local Law #5, titled "No Special Permit Required in C-1, C-2, C-3 Zoning Districts as it pertains to Residential Units in combination with Non-Residential Use, the reason for this is to better clarifying the language of Local Law #1 of 2022, he opened it up for discussion asking if anyone would like to speak in favor or against. He continued is there anyone that would like to speak in favor or against this new local law. He asked a final time with no response and close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION # 270-23

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. -NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the November



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21st, 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 #271-23

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

The Mayor stated the next item is the General Fund Abstract #14 which includes: NYS Retirement for \$363,000, new Bucket Truck for \$166,000 and Drulyk to get reimbursed \$62,000 payment towards grant for Community Center. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$697,444.53 covering voucher #918 thru #1015. 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 #272-23

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$101.20 covering voucher #27 thru #28. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 273-23

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer: For Parks at Dark. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2705 Donation-B'Ville Connection in the amount of \$200 to increase A77550.417 Lights purchased from Admar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 274-23

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer: As per Chief, transfer Revenue. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3389A Police Drug Reinforcement Exp. Trng. In the amount of \$5,980.42 to increase A3120.129 Police Training. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 275-23

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer: As per Chief -transfer Revenue. Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A3389 Police Traffic Safety Unit. in the amount of \$1,541.72 to increase A3120.14 Police Pers. Svcs. Overtime. 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.



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OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS THE SMOKING IN OUR PARKS/PUBLIC PLACES IN OUR VILLAGE

The Board was presented with this issue from the Parks Director, and he is looking to get feedback, and implement policy; the Parks Dir. was unable to be here, because of a family conflict. He continued have rec'd an email from Trustee Bolton, had previous conversation, and our Atty. was working on this; so open up for discussion. Discussion went back and forth re: Email sent with what Clay has adopted in their municipality, which was written from the Atty., delineate specific areas to not be on sidewalk anywhere in the Village considered a public space, want it to be enforceable by local law, be able to put up signage stating no smoking, vaping or marijuana. It should have specific language, setting a goal for the 1st mtg. in February should allow enough time for some verbiage and an actual document to vote on along with what kind of enforcement. The Mayor stated he will reach out to the Atty. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel clarified she should continue to put that on the agenda under old business. The Mayor stated yes.

RESOLUTION # 276-23

**DISCUSS/APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2023-SMOKE SHOPS
AND TOBACCO RETAILERS TO BE A TYPE II ACTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEQRA COMPLIANCE**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to Approve Local Law #6 of 2023 Smoke Shops and Tobacco Retailers, Type II Action for the Purpose of SEQRA Compliance. 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 # 277-23

**DISCUSS/APPROVE LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2023-REMOVE "NO SPECIAL PERMIT
REQUIRED IN C-1, C-2, C-3 ZONING DISTRICTS AS IT PERTAINS TO RESIDENTIAL
UNITS IN COMBINATION WITH NON-RESIDENTIAL USE TO BE A TYPE II ACTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEQRA COMPLIANCE**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Approve Local Law #5, Code Section 240-11 B. (4), 240-12 B. (9) and 240-13 B. (7) by specifically removing the Special Permit Requirement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS/APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA 2024



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The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is Discuss/Approve Board Meeting Scheduled 2024: This was tabled from a previous meeting, he shared he had some thoughts, but tried to get a poll question up and our poll, there's our website. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated our website is like 8 yrs. old, so graciously you guys approved a \$1,500 upgrade so that we will be able to have the poll questions on there, but it is just not doable quite yet, but it will be. The Mayor continued he had a Dept. Head mtg. and he asked them for their input, he is not sure that we are ready to vote on that tonight. He added maybe we need to have a work session for just that, but he will send out an email with some of his thoughts and maybe we can get some thoughts back, so we will table this until the future.

RESOLUTION # 278-23

**DISCUSS/APPROVE/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN SIDEWALK
PLOWING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CICERO**

Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the Mayor to Sign Sidewalk Plowing Agreement with the Town of Cicero. 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 # 279-23

**DISCUSS GENERATOR AGREEMENT FOR VILLAGE HALL
AND DPW/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Penn Power for Generator Maintenance. 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 # 280-23
2023

DISCUSS PLANNING STUDY OFFERED BY SMTC- DEADLINE DEC. 22ND.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to have SMTC do a study re: Sidewalks, illegal left turns, complaints on both intersection ends of Van Mara Dr. and Grove St. intersections and the 5-intersection area. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 281-23

**DISCUSS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN(S) UPDATED: COUNTY FUNDING FOR THIS/
WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VILLAGE. COUNTY\$50,000/VILLAGE
\$10,000-AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN**



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Trustee Bolton made a motion Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement for the Comprehensive Plan with the Cty. for \$50,000/\$10,000 Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion took place back and forth re: Next steps, process, adding language to ensure a representative from the Vlg. of No. Syr. who had a vested interest of the Vlg. of No. Syr. and its future, such as Trustee or Liaison and Citizen involvement from Vlg. as well. The Deadline is 12/22/23. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 282-23 **DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN TOWN (2024) OF CICERO FIRE CONTRACT/VILLAGE FY 24/25**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign the 2024 Town of Cicero Fire Contract/Village FY 24/25 and LOSAP amounts specified. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Abstained: Trustee Strong.

RESOLUTION # 283-23 **DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR STATION 1**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Architectural Planning Proposal for Station #1. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Trustee Bolton shared he toured Sta. #1, looking at existing space in detail, discussed what will benefit the firefighters and what needs to be there. The Mayor spoke of the proposal and details there of being good. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS THE EXISTENCE OF SHORT TERM RENTALS IN THE VILLAGE

This topic has come up more than once, he knows there is 1 place that stated that they wanted to be a Short Term Rental, and this is something we have nothing in our local laws. He continued he thinks we need to get involved, find out what is acceptable and what would be unacceptable. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated what is expected. The Mayor agreed, and suggested we do have a Work Session on this at some point, to figure out what works best for our Village.

RESOLUTION # 284-23 **DISCUSS 2024 OCRRA AGREEMENT: TIPPING FEES/ CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS FEES INCREASES**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Approve 2024 1 yr. OCRRA Agreement: Tipping Fees Increased to \$105 Tipping Fees and \$60/ton Construction Debris. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson.



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Discussion took place back and forth re: Any choice of options for other facilities, different prices and was clarified the others have closed and this is the facility for OCRRA used by Vlg. and Syr. Haulers. The Mayor explained that we haul stuff and Syracuse Haulers hauls stuff. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 285-23 **DISCUSS/APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING-VEHICLE EXTRICATION**

Trustee Bolton made a motion Authorizing the Expenditures for Fire Dept. Training for Vehicle Extrication. 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.

Shannon Gorzell of 105 Ivon Dr. stated she was there to follow up on the stop sign request for the intersection at Belmore & Ivon, she shared information about an accident Black Friday. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated she is in the process of organizing a Safety Committee Mtg. for after the holidays.

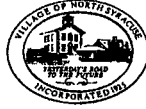
Mike Beckett of 315 Single Dr. spoke re: Smoke Shops, Master Plan and thought there should be a Committee that include Community involvement from Citizen(s) along with the Village who have interest in the Community.

The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak and closed Citizen's Voice.

ATTY REPORT: (Robert Germain): No Report. (Absent). **ENG. REPORT:** (Amy Franco) No Report (Absent)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Police Department: (Police Chief Chance Fieldson):** He stated the following:
- Staffing: Things going along pretty well, have 2 Full-time vacancies, trying to attract lateral transfers to agency, as well as new hires
- 1 Part-time Officer in Field Training
- Taft Rd: Dedicated patrols for speeding, rec'd compliment, "your efforts are appreciated"
- For November: 87 Property Checks, 13 Domestic, 17 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 361 Traffic Stops, 141 Traffic Tickets, 11 Criminal Arrests
- So far for December: 44 Property Checks, 5 Domestic, 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 189 Traffic Stops, 70 Traffic Tickets, 4 Criminal Arrests



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

- Thanked Board for authorizing both contracts, explained projects on 481 & 81 why they chose the training school they did with the extrication with big machines
- Thanked DPW: Doing good job with the snow and changing weather, pkg. lot clean & salted
- Bunkins Flyer: Couple mos. ago sent rec to sign for the flyer that went out in the local recruiting ad, to target getting more Bunkins to come in, this semester we do not have any

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

- Busy putting up decorations
- Maint. Vlg. owned street lights, all wking, except 1, 1 hit by car; getting quote to get replaced
- Leaves: Picked up over 900 cu. Yards of leaves this fall; 3' x 3' x 3' sq., no issues/no accidents
- Getting along well, straightening up signs, doing vehicle/equipment maintenance; Problem: Salt Truck: Putting down too much salt, reached out to state for help calibrating it

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

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

- 445-447 S. Main St. (Immuno Tek): Bldg. Permit issued, wkg. on site and interior renovations
- 444 S. Main St. (Brolex): Had Inspection with: CHA, DEC, Property owner, and his engineer; recommendations given by DEC of what expected to be done with guidelines. Did inspection today: Sill fence: Erected, has holes, falling down; DEC req'd excavation, not started yet, 12/19 follow up call with DEC.
- 130 Van Mara Dr.: Sold on Auction.com, Closing scheduled for 12/17
- 12/20/23-(Chick-Fil-A) of 110 E Taft Rd. will appear before Plan. Comm. Mtg. introduce plan
- 407 N. Main St. (Former Fit to Reign) was purchased by Copper Tree Builders, using for consult site for clients; they design and build barndominiums
- Keeping consistent with violations and follow-ups; some resistance, but overall community responding well

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

- Been busy, as you can see with amount of vouchers processed
- Thought trash hauling contract was up 5/31/24, as looked at bid, there were 2 ways to bid it back in 2018,
 - 1) Bulk without changing to go to totes
 - 2) Per Unit with the totes-we chose to go with totes, 5 yr. contract with 2 extensions.
 - a. Issues when switched over: Calls taken: Too big, need 3 more, this is not going to work, do not have room



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- b. Now: Streamlined, organized, happy with Syracuse Haulers; hope people are, billing is great, staff there are intuitive with what they are doing; right on top of their game
- 3) Happy, we won't have to bid it out until 2025

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: She stated the following:

- Pickup on Chief Fieldson's statement, efforts are appreciated, everyone's efforts are appreciated, she can see that people are not only helping in their own depts., but helping each other. She spoke of Cicero, Clay it is one thing, but working together in a small Vlg. it is a big thing, so thank you to everybody.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Thanked Chief Fieldson and his team in the role they played with the Swearing In Ceremony, it was a tremendous event
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- Bunkins Flyer would be beneficial to put on Vlg. Website
- Also, to come up with terminology to have Mr. Radell put up on sign at Lonergan
- Holiday Parade, it was his 1st time participating, had a lot of fun
- Encouraged Vlg. resident feedback, whether through Facebook, Website or at mtg.
- Happy Holidays to everyone! Be safe. Enjoy time with friends and family.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- In July mtg., we spoke about raising the income level for seniors and disabled; this was discussed and we tabled it, because we wanted more information about it. She rec'd information from Town of Cicero and Onondaga and they have raised their income to 58.4 for the exemption and No. Syr. has that decision to make, right now we are at 37.4. We need to think about it and discuss it, the Town of Cicero and Onondaga taxes have gone out, if not already been rec'd 2 wks. ago when she got this information, they were on their way to go out and had already approved it. She contacted the school and they have not approved it yet. She has a call into the Sup't., but he has not called her back yet, but secretary stated they had discussed it; but they have not made a decision. We have until 3/31/24 to make the decision.

The Mayor stated he would like to hitch hike on that, we are not a taxing authority, Clay and Cicero are



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taxing authorities for us. He continued the Town of Clay has been at 37, 400 limit and someone down state started this to raise it to 57,800. He added Clay at this point is not in favor of it, but we do not know what the school district is doing. Full disclosure: The Cty. passed it, Town of Cicero passed it, but Clay is not interested in passing it. He explained the affects of it would be to benefit the seniors, because they can make more money, without paying tax basically. He stated but that also is a negative, because we are going to get less revenue, if this goes up, we get less money. He continued it is going to cost us: Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel has thrown out a number of about \$80,000. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated it is hard to say who is in that range. The Mayor stated that is just full disclosure and we do have to make a decision at 1 point by 3/31/24.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated an opportunity came for a grant for Art in the Village, so we submitted for a couple of grants, do not know if we are going to get them. He continued 1 is kind of an Archway over by our Community Pkg. lot, and he thinks that we sent that information. He added the other is some artwork on the bridge columns under Church St. He shared he went to a mtg. downtown 1 ½ yrs. ago, and there was a presentation about local art. He spoke of the mural that we put on and the mural that Nestico's did, people are enjoying that. He stated so if we can get a couple of other things, it is worth a try. He continued we got the results yesterday from a Bid Opening for the resurfacing over at Heritage Pk. He added we got 2 bids, there is quite a bit of difference between them, we need to make sure that the low bid has got everything included; it was under what we had in, so that is a good thing. He explained things are moving along, there is a lot of business, but they are moving along. He thanked the Dept. Heads for showing up. He stated all the calls that come to the Village, he does not welcome some of them that he gets, but yes; it is nice to get feedback. He wished everyone Happy Holidays, and our next mtg. will be after Christmas.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 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

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Bill Meyer

Pat Fergusson

Lisa Lioto

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