

## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:28 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

*Facebook Livestreamed*

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 5:28 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, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Police Chief Chance Fieldson and Village Engineer Amy Franco (arrived 6:30 PM)

**Personnel Absent:** Village Attorney Robert Germain (Absent).

**Public Hearing #1-5:28 PM:** This Public Hearing is to consider the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2024 regulating Smoking and Vape Free Zones. The Village Board will hear all persons in support of such matters or objections thereto. The Mayor stated the Board has been discussing this for quite some time, we need to identify what areas of our properties can be smoke free and with a few work sessions and discussions, we have made a determination, that we would like to propose to adopt.

- A. Tobacco or marijuana smoking and/or vaping in any form and of any substance shall be prohibited within 30 feet of any Village owned or operated building not located in a park, recreation area or playground.
- B. Tobacco or marijuana smoking and vaping in any form and of any substance shall be prohibited in all Village parks, playgrounds and recreation areas.
- C. Any violation of any provisions of this Chapter shall be punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.

The Village Board further determines and declares that all Village owned parks, recreations areas and playgrounds shall be designated as tobacco-free, marijuana free and vaping free zones. The Mayor opened it up for discussion, and stated for anyone who would like to address the Board in favor of or against Local Law #1 of 2024. Carollynn Rivers, from Onon. Cty. Public Health Educator stated she is here to represent Tobacco Free CNY with the Onon. Cty. Health Dept. She shared: Health effects of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand smoking on people causing various diseases, toxins and chemicals impacting the environment and costs involved. The Mayor asked again, if anyone else would like to speak. David Robinson from Slindes Woods Cir. asked for a definition of the area that would be smokefree, and wondered if it started at Rt.11 where driveway starts, or strip in the midst, or bigger part of park in general. The Mayor added he will try to come up with that answer. He explained the little strip is known as Burnell Pkwy is owned by the school district. He shared the intent is to not allow smoking in the Vlg. properties and the parks. He stated in the past, if someone wanted to smoke, they could do it in the parking lot; this does away with that, they have got to be out on the road, that is the intent. The Mayor reiterated would anyone else like to speak. He added enforcement, if somebody raises a fuss about it, then we enforce it. He



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explained if someone is far away, we are not going to call the Police, to have them chased down somebody every time they are smoking; if it is blatant, would be his interpretation. He stated then we would deal with that. He asked if there were any other comments to the Board, he would welcome any comments. Trustee Strong stated let's identify all of the parks, like the Vlg. purchase, that strip of land off of Oakley; so that is still considered Vlg. property. He continued if people are there after hours, and they are smoking, they are not supposed to be there; and that is not an area, but now it has some teeth to it. He added he would believe that the entire strip is covered, however, the parking lot for the old Goldberg's is certainly going to be outside of that 30'. He explained he thinks a lot of folks are stuck with where someone can go, the goal is not to be in the parks. He went on there maybe an employee who chooses to smoke at Vlg. Hall, they are going to have to go somewhere farther than 30', right; we are going to have to come up with that from an internal position of where do they go. He stated he believed that the DPW already has a spot identified as does the Fire Dept. He explained that is certainly something that will be discussed, so employees that choose to smoke will know where they can go. He clarified that the park itself is covered, but we would not be able to dictate whether someone went in that parking lot behind Lonergan. He stated we did talk about 1 of the areas that folks forgot about was the old school house, next to Dominos; so that is considered a Vlg. property and a park with that piece of Vlg. property is another area that is covered under this umbrella. The Mayor stated it is a good question, it is the law vs the enforcement of the law. Trustee Bolton stated he thinks the thing to keep in mind too is we want to put this law in place, but as the Mayor and Trustee Strong stated enforcement of it is very difficult. He continued the Police are not going to be expected to drive around, and if they see somebody smoking, they are going to pull them over and issue them a ticket. He added but if there is a person at the park, who has gone to somebody and asked please do not smoke around my children, or around the ball field; and playground, you would hope that person is going to walk away and not do that. He explained if they do not, that citizen has the right to call the Police Dept., and do a formal complaint. He stated we worked very close with the Police Dept. on how they could handle this, as to how we have to do the wording, so that they have got some teeth in the game also. He continued so the enforcement part of it is going to be tough. He shared signs will be put up to make people aware that we do not allow smoking in these areas, and hopefully that is going to deter them. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor or against the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2024. Lisa Lioto of 356 Chestnut St. stated she is in favor of the smoke free. The Mayor asked again if anyone else was in favor or against and with no response closed the public hearing.

**Public Hearing #2-5:29 PM:** Public Hearing to discuss the Onondaga County 2024 Main Street Revitalization and Beautification Grant Program. Onondaga County is offering municipalities up to \$500,000 to improve Main Street areas. The Mayor stated Village Board will hear all persons in support of such matters or objections thereto. He continued this is a grant opportunity that is available, we have 3 different businesses that are interested: Karp Law Offices (application already in), North Syr. Power House, and Dr. McPherson; he added one has already put their request in, we have until Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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for the other 2 to get their applications in. He opened this up for discussion and asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the Beautification and Main Street Grant Opportunities. Pat Ferguson stated "thank you as a former recipient, it something that some people should pursue, you are offered money"; she asked that people make use of it. He continued is there anyone that would like to speak in favor or against. He asked a final time and with no response closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION # 012-24**

**APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. -JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting. 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 #013-24**

**GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$129,309.07 covering voucher #1251 thru #1310. 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 #027-24**

**SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$31.24 covering voucher #30. 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 # 014-24**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer of monies relating to Vehicle "172", more insurance money for repairs. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2680 Insurance Recoveries in the amount of \$744.42 to increase A3120.476 Police Vehicle Mtc. 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 # 015-24**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer revenues rec'd. are to cover Overtime Shifts. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2615P DWI Monies Police Revenue in the amount of \$1,120.58 to increase A3120.143 DWI Overtime Shifts. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor



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Gustafson. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 016-24**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer monies from McNeil to add'l costs for Chevy Silverado. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2680 Insurance Recoveries in the amount of \$795 to increase A3410.471 Fire Dept. Chevy Silverado. 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 # 017-24**

**BUDGET TRANSFER(S)**

The Mayor stated the transfer monies from McNeil to add'l costs for Chevy Silverado. Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2680 Insurance Recoveries in the amount of \$1,114.50 to increase A3410.471 Fire Dept. Chevy Silverado. 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 018-24**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/AWARD RESURFACING PROJECT AT HERITAGE  
PARK: AWARD MAIN BID**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the Main Bid for Super Seal for \$33,860 for purpose of discussion. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Discussion: Trustee Strong stated the question when he was reading through the paperwork, is that in addition or the change in the bid, they listed it; so, it is \$33,860 and then they added it, so it is now \$45,000, but it still below the \$48,000. He asked if that was correct. Parks Dir. Burkinshaw stated that is correct, so the way that they bid it was: they bid it for the resurfacing, and then the "add ons" were for the add'l for the pickleball nets, that is how many pickleball nets we wanted, and that was on the bottom of it, so those are all "add ons" and they still came in \$3,000 less than the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 019-24**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/AWARD OPTIONS FOR RESURFACING  
PROJECT AT HERITAGE PARK**



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Trustee Strong made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign to award options for resurfacing project: for Heritage Park for 2 Pickleball nets and long-term crack repair resurfacing for a total of \$12,000. 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 # 020-24**      **DISCUSS/REVIEW/REJECT ALL BIDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER BASEMENT**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to reject the bid for \$88,169 from Woodford Brothers for the Comm. Ctr. Basement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The Mayor shared the downstairs basement is wet, nobody wanted to tackle the engineering, nobody wanted to take a chance on saying we can fix that, so we do not want to fix it; the \$88,169 that did not even include the engineering, so it would have been a \$200,000 project. He explained he and Parks Dir. Burkinshaw have an idea and have been working, we have another bid to do a french drain and gutters to get rid of a lot of the water. He stated we think a lot of the water is surface water that is infiltrating in the walls, once we get the gutters and french drain then we can figure out drying the basement; he thinks that will help a lot. He continued in order to move fwd. we need to reject this bid. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 021-24**      **DISCUSS/APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024-  
REGULATING SMOKING AND VAPE FREE ZONES**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adopt Local Law #1 of 2024 Regulating Smoking and Vape Free Zones. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 022-24**      **APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA GUSTAFSON TO N. SYR. HOUSING  
AUTHORITY TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY E. WASS-TERM EXPIRES 07/01/28**

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the appointment of Patricia Gustafson to N. Syr. Housing Authority to fill the vacancy of E. Wass-Term will expire 7/01/28 effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, and Strong, all voting in favor of the same. Recused: Gustafson.

**RESOLUTION # 023-24**      **APPROVE TO SURPLUS THE 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR-VIN ENDING 58522**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve to Surplus the 2017 Ford Interceptor-VIN ending



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58522 to return to Fire Dept. for \$1. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton for discussion. Discussion went back and forth re: The process when vehicle is returned to Fire Assoc. and surplussed, equipment removed: Lights, sirens which belong to Vlg. and most outdated so not reused for another vehicle. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Abstaining: Strong.

**RESOLUTION # 024-24**

**DISCUSS THE 2024 COMM. DEV. MONIES AND PROJECT(S)  
TO BE CONSIDERED-SET A PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda is discuss the 2024 Community Development Monies and project (s) to be considered, set a public hearing: We receive \$50,000 yrly. and spoke of it not going as far as it used to. Discussion went back and forth re: Comm. Ctr. accessibility for the doors for the handicapped to have a button that would be press, for Police Dept.: Safety Security accessibility from Vlg. Hall - Ramp, and Crosswalk by Nesticos; and more ideas needed. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to set a public hearing for Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:29 PM to discuss Comm. Dev. Monies. 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 # 025-24**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE SURVEY-FOR STATION 1 AND 115 CHESTNUT ST.**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve survey for Sta. 1 and 115 Chestnut St. with a not to exceed \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Discussion: Procurement and policies, do not need (3) bids for professional svc., per conversation with Atty. Germain. Doing a Topo Survey because of the different elevations. He continued the other issue is the DPW, and the Fire Sta., and 115 Chestnut St.; 115 Chestnut St. obviously is a separate lot, but even the DPW and Fire Sta, there is no survey for the Fire Sta. is listed as the PD Zoning Classification. When we combined them, we have to do all the paperwork to combined them into 1 to make it legal. Will clarify if includes Highway Dept., because there is not designation on tax map, does not show entrance to get into DPW. This will clean up hopefully DPW, and the Fire Sta., and get them all legal. It was reiterated again, it is a not to exceed motion, so if it comes in under, it comes in under. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 026-24**

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE THE RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR TRUSTEE  
BOLTON BASED ON CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Approve the formula and allotment of 1.52 days/pay period for Retirement Credit. 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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**CITIZENS' VOICE:** The Mayor invited anyone that would like to share concerns or thoughts via Facebook to address the Board.

**Pat Ferguson, Chairman Hsg. Auth. Bd.** welcomed Mrs. Gustafson aboard.

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. (Late)

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

- Staffing: 1 Part-timer completed field training
- Canvassing with Vlg. Clerk-Treasurer Kufel, and Civil Svc. to get that part-timer to full-time status which will leave us with 1 full-time opening which we have lateral transfer incentive hoping to fill that with a lateral transfer
- 1 Part-timer returning after long time injured
- Fleet: 2 Patrol SUV's out of commission with bad engines, 1 permanently out due to age, 2<sup>nd</sup> SUV looking to source an engine along with mechanic to try to get back in svc.
- Budget: Suggest Police develop plan/schedule for vehicles, good to leverage factory warranties to lower vehicle maintenance costs to ease municipality burden, procurement possible leasing vehicles at cheaper prices
- He thanked Chief Allen and Paul Linnertz for offering the Bear Rd. properties for training
- Sat. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Comm. Policing Event: Coffee with a Cop at Café Kubal 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- So far for February: 258 Total Calls for service, 73 Property Checks, 1 Domestic, 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 114 Traffic Stops, 50 Traffic Tickets, 6 Criminal Arrests

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

- 105 Calls yr. to date, January there were 85; 3 Structure Fires, 27 EMS Related Alarms, 4 Hazardous Conditions, 9 Svc. Calls, 15 Good Intent, 26 False Alarms
- Upcoming training properties along Bear and Rt. 11, we train on Tuesdays, Trustees welcome; Police will also be using those properties, another form of assisting other depts.
- Mayor shared 115 Chestnut St. will be empty by end of week, available for training as well

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



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- Been busy, with weather being decent, assisting cleaning out 115 Chestnut St., filled (6) 30 yd. dumpsters, we have 1 more, should be done tomorrow, fuel oil in tank in basement-have to have removed, tires, tv's, paints and other items to dispose of
- Out doing lawn damage, straightening stakes and signs; staying busy

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

- Flyers: Bunny Breakfast, partnering with Canteen, Friends of Vlg. of N. Syr., Builders Club; Location: Applebee's - S. Main St., 2 hrs. must have ticket to attend – March 24<sup>th</sup> 8AM-10AM
- Mon., 2/26/24: Friends Mtg., 6:30 PM at Vlg. Hall; start talking about Festival stuff as well
- Starting to take applications for summer employment for Summer Playground Program, must be 16 yrs. of age, looking for summer work and wants to work with children now

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

- 130 Van Mara Dr: Dilapidated house has been sold, met brother at house, working with engineer to get a design that is safe and will apply for permits
- Heritage Hill Brewing is moving in where Full Boar was
- Letters sent to Businesses and Property Owners: People reaching out to Codes Office/Vlg. Hall asking questions which is good; these were not targeted, but sent out to all
- Kid to Kid Bldg. permit closed out, C of C issued, passed Fire Insp.; all set

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

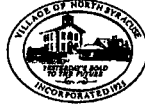
- Got all the W2's out, 1099's
- Tomorrow: 73 Canvas letters going out for Police Dept.
- All Codes Rental Property letters out
- Wrapping up January's financial numbers
- Planning to start on Budget tomorrow with a "model" hopefully by end of next wk.

**DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Trustee St. Germain:** She stated the following:

- It is nice how the depts. work together; others should use how we do as example
- Codes: Knows he is doing training, remember: No Codes at one time - now we have Codes and a report
- Police: Do you have interest in lateral transfers? Police Chief Fieldson stated we do, any lateral transfer that can help us with our experience, most of staff is mainly new and spoke of Webinar he just viewed, many depts., operating with 75% under 5 yrs. in.





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

- Thanked Codes Enf. Officer for quick turnaround on noncompliant flag in front of Dominos
- Brolex: Rec'd packet, did you speak with Fire Dept. concerns that they forwarded. Codes Enf. Officer Rohm spoke with Paul Linnertz re: stuff in packet. Brolex now has: Trench guards up, holes are marked out/filled in as go, there is access around bldg., gates closed at night; progress there re: Safety concerns brought up
- Police: Appreciate taking other shifts for coverage out in Vlg., using reimbursable DWI, so not costing Vlg. extra
- Thanked Village Clerk-Treasure Kufel work on Budget, would like to have 3/14 mtg., looking for input from Dept. Heads on their Budget requests

**Trustee Bolton:** He stated the following:

- Great things are going well in Vlg.
- Asked about Work session time for the Budget, Mayor stated Dept. Heads need to review with Liaison, then look at scheduling Work Session. Clarification on when the budget is due

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

- Safety Comm. Mtg. held; 2 items discussed: 1.) Stop Sign at Belmore Dr., and recommended to have speed study done, get costs and submit to Board for approval or put 3-way stop at: Belmore, Ivon, and Teachers Dr. 2.) Wells Ave W. and Rt.11 exiting: No changes at this point, Police Chief will check with DOT for regulations. Any new items welcome.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor stated rec'd request from citizen re: Bus svc. up and down Rt. 11, so sent letter to Centro with his request. He continued bus svc. stops in the afternoon, with gap until evening. He added if someone wants to go from Vlg. to grocery store, it goes to Wegman's, and turns around. He explained this person requested could it go to Walmart and Target, where prices are cheaper and also add a couple more runs through the Vlg. in the afternoon. He stated for a lot of seniors it is difficult to go to grocery store, and if they go to the local stores, they are paying a lot more; than if they go to a real grocery store. He continued the Vlg. of Pulaski was 1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> to get a ProHousing Community Program endorsement or get recognized, this is something Gov. Hochul wants communities to sign up. He continued it is supposedly it is going to help if we go for like the Downtown Reinvest Initiative, so he signed that letter today, and sent it out; we plan on being on that roster as well. He added there is a grant opportunity for Fire Svc., \$25,000,000 total from the whole state. He explained some folks had a mtg., to discuss what could we go for that would make sense and give us a realistic chance for a grant opportunity. He shared they are identifying for this grant; some equipment and they are going to



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prioritize the equipment and then go for it. He stated there are other out reaches, other opportunities for grants, so we are going to continued to work on that. He continued these are identifiable, with an identified cost, so we have that available to us, we will submit that for a grant request. He shared it was a good mtg., and felt they had some progress. He added the Police Dept. was looking for grant opportunities to put cameras on Rt. 11, and he thinks S. Bay Rd.; we actually had it approved, but then it kind of died and laid, no body was paying attention to it. He explained it resurfaced, it is almost ready to go, the 1<sup>st</sup> grant was a 3-phase grant. He shared we already have approval for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase which is \$125,000 or \$135,000 which would put cameras on Rt. 11. Police Chief Fieldson stated they ran into a road block a couple of days ago from Nat. Grid stating they would need some diagrams and kind of architectural designs that are going to cost add'l monies. He continued it is a project that has been yrs. ongoing, it came before the Board a couple of yrs. ago for approval and the Vlg. has invested some money in this project already, it has been a project that he made a priority when he became Police Chief, knowing that money from Assemblyman Stirpe was essentially sitting there. He explained he has been working on it for mos., the monies were awarded pre Covid, and we had to adjust the monies for post Covid. He stated we adjusted the phases; we adjusted the cameras and kind of cut them down a little bit to fit within the Budget. He stated he reached out to A. Franco and is going to get her some information to see if CHA can help out at all. He continued \$125,000 does not go far, and now this design makes it even less, he has been in touch with Assemblyman Stirpe's Office in the past couple of mos., and they suggested we request that money by the end of March for Phase 2 and Phase 3, to see if Assemblyman Stirpe can get us some add'l funding. He explained we will need more funding than originally anticipated, but the project is in process, and we have been working on it hard the past few mos. The Mayor stated it is official, we have the numbers, it is very hard to get an official number from DASNY; but we have it, so it is an actual grant, he thought it was 300 and some thousand dollars, the original in 3 phases. He continued it is still active, it is still ours, we just have got to keep going. He added he wanted to deal with the developer for the Just 1 Bite/Smoke Shop properties, who was supposed to close on the property by the end of January. He explained he saw a couple of people standing in the parking lot this wk., so maybe they did close, and this is going to start moving along. He stated if that is the case, he did share with someone from the Fire Dept., if that happens both of those bldgs. are empty; and eventually they are going to be torn down, so that leaves more opportunities for training. He added he will reach out to that developer who he has been talking to, all the long to find out if it is really his and get this to progress. He explained that is going to be quite a long time.

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. 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



