



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14th, 2024 @ 5:29 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

600 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

Facebook Livestreamed

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 5:29 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, Asst. Chief Jozsef Asztalos, Parks Director Tony Burkinshaw, Police Chief Chance Fieldson, Village Engineer Amy Franco, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Public Hearing #1-5:29 PM: This Public Hearing is to discuss the Onondaga County 2024 Community Development Project Funding. The Village Board will hear all persons in support of such matters or objections thereto. The Mayor stated we get \$50,000/yr. with a 25% match, there are 2 different items that have been discussed, or talked about. He continued he will mention a couple of them, 1 is the School House over at Toll Rd. Pk. that is in need of some work or he explained the other item is and he is checking with Comm. Dev., we have a water line problem over at our pool. He stated we discovered it in the fall, the repair is a little over \$50,000, that is eligible - he checked as long as it fits within the area, that is eligible; it does fit in the area and is eligible. He added so there are 2 possibilities, so he will open it up to anyone who would like to speak for or against either of these, or if you have another idea. David Robinson of Slindes Woods Cir., stated if you had the choice between fixing a bldg. that has not really become relevant and the pool, what an asset the pool is to the community, so he would pick the pool. Ken Ryan of 211 Herman Dr. stated he agreed with Mr. Robinson, go with the pool. Vera Desimone of Belmore Dr. stated she has to agree that the pool has to be fixed, but is also concerned about Toll Rd. Park. She continued she thought we should think about it real closely, maybe have a mtg., and decide what to do with it; rather than just tear it down, there are other ways to take care of that. She added she would like to be in on that. He reiterated would anyone like to speak for or against. Danette Desimone of 302 Belmore Dr. stated she is curious if there is a way to allocate the funds between the pool repair and the school house. She continued she did not hear how much the school repair would be. The Mayor explained we do not know; we would have to come up with numbers. Danette Desimone added so she would be curious what the costs would be and see if it could be put toward a 50/50 split, but she does also feel that the pool is really important. The Mayor asked the Trustees if they wished to speak. Dep. Mayor Gustafson stated she agreed. Trustee Bolton stated he is in favor of the pool. Trustee Strong added after chatting with the Parks Dir. he thinks it should go to the pool. Trustee St. Germain stated she thinks it should go to the pool, but just does not want it to be anymore than that. Trustee Strong stated it is going to be \$12,500, well it is going to be \$50,000, so a match of 25%; there is some money up front, so to do a make we would have to be willing to do



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\$12,500. He continued if it is \$55,000, we are going to have that covered with our matching and whatever they give us, so the whole project would be covered. The Mayor stated for \$57,000 we have got a pool, from CHA it is \$57,000, we would have it covered with the grant plus our match. He continued would anyone else like to speak and with no response he closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION #031-24

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. -FEBRUARY 8TH, 2024

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the February 8th, 2024, 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 #032-24

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. -FEBRUARY 22ND, 2024

Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the minutes (Facebook Livestreamed) from the February 22nd, 2024, Board Meeting. 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 #033-24

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$126,885.76 covering voucher #1398 thru #1482. 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 #034-24

SEWER FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve Sewer Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$31.24 covering voucher #31. 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 # 035-24

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer from Spring City Light Damaged-Insurance Recovery. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2680 Insurance Recovery in the amount of \$7,397 to increase A5182.22 Replacement Lights, Spring City. 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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RESOLUTION # 036-24

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer Amount to cover 5 yr. Inspection of Sprinkler System. Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A7180.12 Lifeguard Payroll in the amount of \$2,602.74 to increase A7181.447 Equipment Maintenance. 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 # 037-24

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer monies received to offset monies spent. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A2615P DWI Monies-Police in the amount of \$655.40 to increase A3120.143 Police STOP DWI O/Time Shifts. 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 # 038-24

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer from Patching account to cover part of new roller. Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A5110.411 Patching in the amount of \$2,500 to increase A5110.21 Equipment. 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 # 039-24

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

The Mayor stated the transfer money from Salt to Equipment to Purchase Roller. Trustee Strong made a motion to approve the budget transfers from A5142.414 Salt in the amount of \$18,349.35 to increase A5110.21 Equipment. 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 NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #: 040-24

**DISCUSS/REVIEW 115 CHESTNUT ST. EXTENSION OF SKY2GROUND
CONTRACT TO SEPT./OCT. TIMEFRAME**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve 115 Chestnut St. Extension of Sky2Ground Contract to Sept./Oct. Timeframe holding price at agreed amount to do work, provisional if he finds a break, he can come and do it earlier. 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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RESOLUTION #: 041-24

**DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE GUTTERS/FRENCH DRAIN AT NO.
SYR. COMM. CTR.**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Review/Approve Gutters/French Drain At No. Syr. Comm. Ctr.: We are still working on the basement, as you know last mtg. or 2 mtgs. ago, revoked the quote for \$83,000 from Woodford Brothers. Trustee Bolton made a motion for discussion to approve Gutters/French Drain at No. Syr. Comm. Ctr. complete by 4/30/24. The motion was seconded by Dep. Mayor Gustafson. Discussion went back and forth re Drulyk: Low bidder, time to complete jobs, provisions in contract if does not complete on time; a penalty clause. Different subcontractors doing job, not overseeing site properly, question on expiration date on \$50,000, quality of work and looking at awarding another project. Gazebo still has outside stuff needed, the punch list left to clean up, landscaping once weather is nicer; having to work around schedule of Comm. Ctr., and there is still a 2–3-day delay, a retention, and it is 10% retention, so \$12,500 pending. Also, CHA and other engineering will not provide engineering, but they are willing to do the work down in the basement. The Mayor asked all in favor of awarding a project to Drulyk for the Basement and Gutter French Drains for \$36,260 with a completion date of 4/30/24. Bolton-Aye, Butterfield-Aye. Against: Strong-No. The motion was approved: Bolton, Gustafson, and Butterfield, all voting in favor of the same. Opposed: St. Germain, Strong.

**DISCUSS/REVIEW 2024 MAIN STREET APPLICATIONS-KARP/
DR. MCPHERSON/NO. SYR. POWERHOUSE**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Review 2024 Main Street Applications-Karp/Dr. McPherson/No. Syr. Powerhouse: We had 3 businesses who had submissions, he knows 2 for sure: Karp Law Office, Dr. McPherson, and No. Syr. Powerhouse have had their submissions submitted for Comm. Dev. Funding; we have not had any notification as to who will be getting the awards.

DISCUSS/APPROVE SHORT TERM RENTALS

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Approve Short Term Rentals: This was tabled a few meetings back, do anybody want to have conversation about Short Term Rentals at this time. Discussion went back and forth re: Issues with citizens who believe there are BnB's next to their residence, and we know of at least 2 now, issues with single-family residences turned into a 2 or 4 family rental; problems tracking landlords, overuse, not being up to code and potential hazards. Atty. Germain spoke of a lot of issues to say the least associated with these and he has written an ordinance in the past; he suggested holding a Work Session in the future to look at this more closely.

NEW BUSINESS:



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**DISCUSS/REVIEW THE ONON. COUNTY AGREEMENT-OCIDA-
NEW PERIMETERS FOR PILOT AGREEMENTS**

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: discuss/review Onon. County Agreement-OCIDA-New Perimeters for Pilot Agreements: This is just for review, he knows we are not in favor of OCIDA, New Perimeters for Pilot Agreements, we may have very little control, actually no control over. Onon. Cty. Industrial Dev. - Atty. Germain stated they have already done it; they have already adopted the UTEP which is the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. He continued they came out with a general policy, because they want to encourage the development of Multi-Family Residences. He added some people made a big stink about it, only because it is not really industrial devel., it is not job creation; it is residential. He explained but the Cty. is very, very worried about the lack of affordable housing in the Cty. He stated there is nothing that the Vlg. can do about it or he would. The Mayor added so that ship was sailed and we live with it.

RESOLUTION #: 042-24

DISCUSS/APPROVE LEWIS MANOR LABRADOODLES AGREEMENT

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Lewis Manor Labradoodles Agreement. 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 #: 043-24

**DISCUSS THE 2024 COMM. DEV. MONIES AND PROJECT(S)
TO BE SUBMITTED**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to spend the 2024 Comm. Dev. Monies and the amount of monies in our pool waterline project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion took place back and forth re: Awarded money is not available until 2025, substantial leak in waterline at pool, lost 40,000 gallons of water, spending money on lost water, repair most needed. Adding to next agenda by separate resolution update the Comm. Dev. 5 Yr. Plan that will include this project. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION #: 044-24

DISCUSS/REVIEW THE MOU REGARDING THE THERAPY CANINE PROGRAM

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the MOU Regarding the Therapy Canine Program Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. Discussion took place back and forth re: The agreement is an MOU, for the Vlg. of N. Syracuse Police Dept., who now has a Labradoodle as a Therapy Dog. Uses will be for Special events: Schools, senior housing, and for erecting Therapy Dog Program(s) for the wellness of Officers; and for crisis interviewing victims of Trauma. Dog



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Days has been gracious enough to donate food to us, so that will lessen the expense for us, any expense incurred for the 1st yr. will likely come out of a grant rec'd from Driver's Village; so, this has been an added asset to the N. Syracuse Police Dept. for little to no cost for the 1st yr. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

PROJECTS-SALES TAX MONIES

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Review the 2023 VIP Village Public Improvement Projects- VIP Sales Tax Monies: This is the VIP Sales Tax Monies we get from the Cty. that we have to justify the monies. He continued that supports the special functions: Trash, Brush, Heavy Trash; Tree, Street Lighting, in the amt. of \$748,000. Packet put out for comparison, covering what our anticipated costs were this yr. or actual, that has to be supported at the end of the yr.

DISCUSS/REVIEW THE 2024 VIP VILLAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-ESTIMATES FOR 2024

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Review the 2024 VIP Village Public Improvement Project-Estimates for 2024: Details given estimates the costs moving forward for Trash, Brush, Heavy Trash; Trees, Street Lighting, etc., to support the monies we will be receiving this upcoming yr.-approx. \$748,000.

SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 24/25 BUDGET

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Set the Public Hearing for the FY 24/25 Budget: Set the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget for Thursday, March 28th at 5:29 PM or April 11th at 5:29 PM. Discussion went back and forth re: Budget, not ready, need more time to review/discuss; before setting date for Public Hearing. Shared with public, the Board had met with Dept. Heads about their budgets, but still needed more time to look at the Budget. The Mayor explained if we use the March 28th mtg., to set the Public Hearing date, because what is the time frame before a Public Hearing; is it 2 wks., 1 wk. Village Clerk-Treasurer Kufel stated 10 days. Atty. Germain stated it is no less than 5 days, no more than 10 too for notifications. The Mayor stated March 28th would be the date to notice it. The Mayor continued so we will just skip until next mtg. to announce the Public Hearing date, so that gives us time.

RESOLUTION #: 045-24

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF M. APPEL-EFFECTIVE
3/16/24-STARTING \$58,723/ANNUALLY**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Maddison Appel, as full-time police officer starting at \$58,723/Annually effective 3/16/24. The motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of



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the same. The Mayor shared we happen to have the officer here and the Chief would like to speak. Chief Fieldson thanked the Board for approving Maddison Appel tonight. He continued Maddison has been with us since June of last yr. on a part-time basis. He added she just finished here Full Time Field Training and she is excited about going full-time. He explained they spoke today, if this is what she wanted and she stated she has been working toward full-time. He stated we are excited to have her added to the Team and looking forward to great work for N. Syracuse Police Dept. He introduced Maddison to the Board, she is very approachable, feel free to get to know her; she will be on day shift for some time and maybe some other shifts, but you will see her driving around during the day. He thanked them for the approval and for stopping by. Maddison thanked everyone, stated she is looking forward to it.

RESOLUTION #: 046-24 **DISCUSS/REVIEW/AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TOWN OF CLAY FIRE PROT. AGREEMENT TOWN 2024/VILLAGE 24/25**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Town of Clay Fire Prot. Agreement, Town 2024/Village 24/25. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same. Abstained: Strong.

RESOLUTION #: 047-24 **DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE WEEKLY MONITORING OF SPEED/TRAFFIC ON BELMORE DR. AS A RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to Authorize the Weekly Monitoring of Speed/Traffic on Belmore Dr. for a week to study the traffic patterns, not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS RECENT FINDINGS OF 102 HIGHLAND AVE-BY RESOLUTION BOARD TO FACILITATE NEXT STEP

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: discuss recent findings of 102 Highland Ave, by Resolution, Board to Facilitate Next Step: This happened rather quickly, he thought we had seen pictures from previously, the house has been placarded; it is unsafe and he will turn this over to Codes Enf. Officer Rohm for more information. Codes Enf. Officer Rohm shared the history including violations, blind homeowner who was not fully aware of what was going on there, was allowed inside of home which is collapsing; the floor on the 1st flr. is caving in, the frt. wall is deteriorating, and if the chimney is also starting to fall through. He continued all utilities have been cut to it, and has been placarded, it is uninhabitable; and placard with the Fire Dept. with the highest hazard level for them. He explained initially he agreed to contact an engineer to either fix or demo the house, since he had



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not responded, reached out; he has sent letters; found out since that he is not living there his, it is abandoned as well. He continued he is working on cleaning it out his stuff, but it is a hazardous structure. The Mayor asked so what is our next move. Codes Enf. Officer Rohm explained under Chapter 94-6 Unsafe Buildings it is up to the Determination The Board of Trustees whether to repair or remove the structure. The Mayor asked the Atty. Atty. Germain stated in terms of the process, Atty. Marzocchi at Germain's Office, does all the prosecutions; and has for yrs., and does some of these. He explained he would let him speak with these guys; he does not know the answer.

RESOLUTION #: 048-24 **ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION THE DATES FOR THE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE WEEKEND: MAY 18TH AND MAY 19TH**

Dep. Mayor Gustafson made a motion to: Establish by Resolution the Dates for the Annual Garage Sale Weekend: May 18th and May 19th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Strong. The motion was approved: Bolton, St. Germain, Strong, and Gustafson, all voting in favor of the same.

DISCUSS/REVIEW WATER LINE PROJECT AT KENNEDY POOL

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Review Water Line Project at Kennedy Pool: Was the Water Line Project, but he thought we had settled on that above 2024 Comm. Dev. Project.

DISCUSS/REVIEW/APPROVE STREET PAVING-SCHEDULE OF STREETS BASED ON ROTATION

The Mayor stated the next item on the agenda: Discuss/Review/Approve Street Paving-Schedule of Streets Based on Rotation: Paving list of streets sent by DPW Sup't Ware: Wells Ave. E., Keith Dr., Oakley Dr.; Sandra Lane, West side of Rt. 11, those are the streets currently getting bids from the pavers for these streets. He continued when they get those numbers he will bring them to us. DPW Sup't Ware stated it is more just to let the Board know what streets we are looking at, there has not been any quotes prior to that.

RESOLUTION #: 049-24 **DISCUSS/REVIEW SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW ALLOWING US TO EXCEED THE 2% TAX CAP**

Trustee Strong made a motion to Set A Public Hearing to Adopt Local Law Allowing Us to Exceed the 2% Tax Cap on 3/28/24 at 5:29 PM. 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 #: 050-24 **DISCUSS/REVIEW/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR 115 CHESTNUT ST.**



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Trustee Strong made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Abatement Agreement with MJT Contracting for \$27,995 for 115 Chestnut St. 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 #: 051-24

DISCUSS/REVIEW/AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING AGREEMENTS FOR 115 CHESTNUT ST.

Trustee Bolton made a motion to award and authorize the Mayor to sign the Air Quality Monitoring Agreement with Energy and Environment LLC. for \$3,500 for 115 Chestnut St. 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 #: 052-24

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NORTH SYRACUSE VOL. FIREFIGHTER:
C. CARLIN AS A NO. SYR. VOL. FIREFIGHTER**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the appointment of North Syracuse Vol. Firefighter, C. Carlin. 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.

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

Doug Hummel of 128 Herbert St. spoke of mtg. time change, buses going too fast to make the turn damaging his lawn, and asking homeowner to move dog by park; to another part of his lawn where it is not visual, as it is a pit bull that has attacked his dog before. Reference was made for him to contact the NSCSD – Bus Garage explaining the damage to the lawn and speed of the bus on the corner.

Lisa Lioto of 356 Chestnut St. asked about location of postings for projects and process for contractors to bid. The Mayor stated we send out RFPs for smaller projects, and we also go to the Builders Exchange email. Mrs. Franco stated yes, the Builders Exchange, the Dodge Reports; and could also put a notice in the local paper. Trustee St. Germain suggested putting on website. Mrs. Franco share website for Dodge Reports.com.

David Robinson of 163 Slindes Woods Cir. stated he wanted to see you adopt a responsible Budget, preserving the Vlg. and moving it fwd. He continued he thinks in the past, the goal has been, to keep the tax rate as low as possible; and nickel and dime in place, and we pay for that. He stated



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maintenance, recruiting and retention, so he recommends working on a responsible budget; that preserves the future of this Vlg.

Danette Desimone of 302 Belmore Dr. spoke of speed monitoring Belmore Dr., offered allowing officer to sit in her drive and suggested during busiest times. She shared concerns about number of smoke shops and bringing down the Vlg. and what can be to address that. The Mayor thanked her and stated we have been working on that. Atty. Germain stated we have taken steps to limit what we can, there is really no way to stop them from opening up if they are in a retail space properly zone and properly with Site Plan, but deal with the Special Permit process we can attach reasonable restrictions to those permits. He asked if we adopted that. He continued so reasonable restrictions based on the protection of the neighborhoods. He added they are proliferating lately, the office of Cannabis Mgmt. has been asking the Towns and Vlg., to crack down on some of the illegal activities at the shops, because the Office of Cannabis Mgmt. is not able to do it; so, we are looking into that as well. The Mayor added it is an issue, not just here, everywhere. He explained and they started out as a Convenience Store, then they continue on with other activities, and then the actual legal shops are complaining because of these smoke shops that are not legally registered are taking business, so that is complicated.

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): She stated the following:

- Answer question re: Contractors, send RFP's/contracts to every contractor that has ever worked in the Vlg., prior; even if not really associated work or on list of other contractors what they have worked with as well

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

- Thanked Board for Work Session to Review Budget with Dept. Heads
- Staffing: Conducting prescreening mtgs. as we speak for interested candidates
- Appreciate approval of Maddison Appel tonight for full-time
- 2 Recruits in Police Academy, end in August, add 3 to 4 mos. of Field Training on top of that
- 1 Officer starts Field Training next wk.
- Lateral Incentive: 1 officer interested in transferring to our Dept.; interviews soon
- So far for March: 348 Calls for Svc. 108 Property Checks, 6 Domestic, 9 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 128 Traffic Stops, 83 Traffic Tickets, 9 Criminal Arrests



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- Specialty Training: 2 Officers in Breath Test Operators School for DWI
- 2 wks. ago, Fire Dept lent us Bear Rd. and N. Main St. bldg. for training-Thanked Fire Dept.
- Conducted 1st in svc. training of 2024
- Did a talk with the Elderly Comm. at Centerville Apts. including scams information
- Attend Madison Cty. Recruitment at Academy, did presentation
- Men/Women of Police Dept. working hard on education

Fire Department: (Asst. Fire Chief Asztalos): He stated the following:

- Men/Women of N. Syracuse Fire Dept. continue to vol. their time for the citizens of the Vlg. of N. Syracuse, as well as Town of Clay, and Town of Cicero and those parts of our district protection under the Fire Protection Contract; he thanked them for signing the contract for us for another yr.
- 3/12/24-Annual nominations held; he thanked the Men/Women who continued to Vol.
- Pool Project, Fire Dept. utilizes the pool for Annual Water Safety Training, added benefit to train locally
- 4/13-4/14/24: DASNY and Fire Assoc. puts out Recruit NY every April, Thanked Trustee Bolten for working with them for with Home Depot for Recruit by Chic Fil A
- Thanked Board for Support with Budget Process

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

- Thanked Board, Mayor and Vlg. Clerk for Work Session last Thursday, it was a long day and he appreciated them taking the time to go over Budget 1 on 1 with Dept. Heads
- Weather has been nice, have been out picking up brush, trying to get a head a little bit; we officially start Brush season next wk.
- Been repairing lawn damage, keeping busy

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

- 3/24/24- Bunny Breakfast: Applebee's 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, Pre-sale Tickets Only; if interested stop by Parks & Rec Office Mon.-Fri. during regular hours to pick up tickets, or call office and we can do a credit card transaction over the phone and have your tickets available at the door; we do have to give a head count ahead of time
- 3/30/24- Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, over 110 children registered already, only 120 kids max.; have 10 spaces left, call office or register online
- 4/13/24- Annual Shred Day 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Vlg. Residents Only, Free Vlg. Residents
- 4/13/24- Earth Day Project- Volunteers- Pick up parks, put down mulch; get ready to open

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



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- Bear Rd. and Rt. 11: Car Wash going in: Not in the Vlg. bounds, no control over that project
- 445-447 S. Main St.-Immuno Tek: Going really well, ext. CHGS. submitted to look nicer
- 444 S. Main St-Brolex: Continued issues with site conditions, rec'd CHA report today, same ongoing stuff: Finish, Stabilize Stormwater Pond and Rock piles, Repair Fallen/Breached Sil fence, Mailbox needs to be up to date with inspections and reports
- 709 N. Main St., Ste. 9: Sushi Hibachi Restaurant: Resubmitted updated application
- 709 N. Main St., Ste. 10: Variance Application for Petphoria; both those waiting on easement agreement between the Plaza and Firehouse Subs to be acted on; Easement was never filed, so properties are not in compliance, so waiting for those to be filed, and copy provided to us, before those can be acted upon
- Busy with NYS Classes and keeping up with permit applications coming in, starting to get nice; people starting to get out and about. Mayor asked if he passed all his tests to date. Codes Enf. Officer Rohm stated yes, if you do not pass, you do not continue.

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

DEPUTY MAYOR-TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee St. Germain: No Report.

Trustee Strong: He stated the following:

- Thanked Board for support for Lateral Police Opportunity as we look to fill last slot
- 2nd candidate interested, reached out to him for Police Dept.
- Thanked fellow Board Members, Mayor, Vlg. Clerk-Treasurer for support getting Dept. Heads to table to present Budgets
- Fire Dept. Admin/Chief's Office: Movement with past Chief's Dromms Line of Duty, Fire Dept. was going to do Mini Memorial Svc. next wk. for getting recognition for Past Chief

Trustee Bolton: He stated the following:

- His 1st Budget, spoke of: His questions, review and aways to go; moving in the right direction

Dep. Mayor Gustafson: She stated the following:

- Worked for N. Syracuse School District for number of yrs., knows they would like to hear your complaint and suggested you call Transportation, will be willing to work with you; want a good relationship with residents

MAYOR'S REPORT:



Village of North Syracuse
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, March 14th, 2024 5:29 PM

The Mayor stated the Just One Bite Property, and former Smoke Shop next to Just One Bite, the property is closed now and the bank does not own it anymore. He continued so there is some movement, it is going to be slow, but at least it has been sold; and he has had conversation with that developer. He added we have 2 grants we are putting together for the Fire Dept. He explained 1 through Henderson Williams, and another through State Grant Opportunity, 1 of them goes in tomorrow; we have been working diligently on that, the other is April 30th. He stated he put in a request for a Cty. Legislature, because as we learned through the Budget process, some of our Equipment and especially the Police Dept.; some of their equipment has reached its end of life, soon to be paperweight material. He continued he reached out to the Cty., to see if there was anything they could do to help us, we are looking to replace things that are not going to work pretty soon. He added they still work, but end of life is end of life. He explained if we do not ask, we will not hear anything, so her reached out as the Cty. has a lot of Sales Tax Money that we used to get; so at least we are trying. He explained we will see what happens, if they say no, they say no; but at least we tried. He stated we want to be artsy in the Vlg., we got the Mural down on the restaurant: Nestico's, that was a Comm. Dev. Grant, and put the Mural on the end of Vlg. Hall. He continued we have put in the grant request for the columns, that are on the 81 Bridge, and they gave us the go ahead on that; so those are going to be painted, instead of the ugly green, gray or rust color. He added and that is a grant opportunity. He explained then we have another grant opportunity we are working on, for another spot in the Vlg., to bring some art to our Vlg. He thanked people for showing up at mtgs. He stated we have a public hearing for our Budget every yr., and usually 3 or 4 people show up for the public hearing. He asked that they put the word out when the public hearing is, he would like to see more people, than just the regulars. He encouraged them to ask their friends to come out when the public hearing is, we are doing this, we do this for the Vlg. He spoke of everywhere you go it being tough as the prices are up and that we do the best that we can and he appreciates the comment from 1 of our residents and we are working our way through it.

Trustee Strong made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 P.M. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Kufel
Village Clerk-Treasurer

