



## VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

### *Regular Board Meeting*

February 26, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

*YouTube Livestreamed*

The Village of North Syracuse Regular Board Meeting began at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Butterfield asking everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Butterfield, Deputy Mayor D. Robinson, Trustee J. Bolton, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee L. St. Germain is excused.

**Personnel Present** Village Clerk-Treasurer N. Zarzecki, Deputy Fire Chief J. Asztalos, Police Chief C. Fieldson, Parks Director D. Radell, Codes Director L. Nestell, DPW Foreman J. Wallace. Excused: Village Attorney R. Germain, Engineer A. Franco.

### **RESOLUTION # 38-26**

### **APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. MINUTES– 2/12/2026**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Robinson. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 39-26**

### **GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Deputy Mayor Robinson made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$227,599.38, covering voucher #1196-through #1274. Included in the abstract is a payment of \$106,183.25 to CHA for Engineering Fees related to Standalone Firehouse Building. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

### **RESOLUTION # 40-26**

### **BUDGET TRANSFER**

Deputy Mayor Robinson made a motion for a budget transfer from A7020.11 (Recreation Director Salary) to A7181.447 (Equipment Maintenance) in the amount of \$1,500 to cover the cost of Electrical & Hood Suppression Inspection at the Community Center. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

**CITIZENS VOICE:** (This is the second of four meetings in a trial period to move the Citizens Voice ahead of business being discussed.)

Lisa Lioto (356 Chestnut St) Stated the following:

- Ben Haywood will make a great addition to the planning board.
- Thank you for trying the YouTube channel for Board Meetings.
- Has Codes' information been fully migrated to new system? Has the new supplier been paid in full? (Per Mayor – he has not given the Village the final bill.)
- Updates on codes related to solar panels for commercial or residential properties?



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- Is there a specific budget line for Codes permits, fees, fines going into the General Fund? (This was confirmed)
- Supporting documentation for tonight's meeting was not posted.

Pat Ferguson (215 South Main St) Stated the following:

- Don has been busy – Festival is coming up. Letters are available for those who wish to donate.
- Bunny Breakfast is 3/28; 9am- 12pm @ Just One Bite. More information on pricing to come.
- NYS Urban Forestry Council needs a response regarding an event to recognize people. She will send info to The Board.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### RESOLUTION # 41-26

### DISCUSS/APPROVE NEW LABOR AGREEMENT FOR POLICE CHIEF

Deputy Mayor Robinson made a motion to approve the new Labor Agreement for Police Chief Chance Fieldson. The contract will be retroactive to September 1, 2024 and runs through September 1, 2028. Motion was seconded, with discussion, by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### DISCUSS/APPROVE BOND RESOLUTION FOR ACQUISITION OF REPLACEMENT TRUCK #1 FOR FD

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Robinson to discuss/approve a Bond Resolution for the acquisition of replacement Truck 1 for the Fire Department. Per Legal Bonding Counsel, regarding estoppel notice and need to adopt a bond resolution (not to exceed \$2,000,000) to initiate the process, the Village needs 2/3 of full Board approval to pass Bond Resolution. Motion was seconded, with discussion by Trustee Bolton. Trustee Bolton questioning that the motion to purchase the truck – bonding, estoppel, and purchase- was already voted and approved (4-to-1 vote) at a previous meeting; is unclear why this needs to be voted on again. Deputy Mayor Robinson clarified that it is not his intent to invoke estoppel; however, he would like additional information. Mayor would like to reach out to counsel to be sure the correct process is being followed. The motion and second were rescinded by Deputy Mayor Robinson and Trustee Bolton. The motion to table discussion/approval was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

### DISCUSS/APPROVE A BUTLER DISPOSAL FEE FOR REPLACEMENT TOTES

A motion was made by Trustee Bolton to table discussion/approval a fee associated with Butler Disposal providing residents replacement trash/recycling totes. There has been a recent increase (three to date) in Butler's containers going missing and so far, Butler has replaced them. Butler normally charges customers \$75 per missing tote; the Village needs to consider charging residents when they need replacing. Since there have been three occurrences to date and it is unclear about reason for them going missing, situation will be monitored for 60 days. Consideration may also be given to adding



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Local Code to the books regarding this. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion to table discussion/approval was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 42-26**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW P/T POLICE OFFICER K. ISYK**

A motion was made by Trustee Wilmer to appoint a new part-time Police Officer, Kenneth Isyk, effective 2/28/2026 at the rate of \$36.05 per hour in accordance with the CBA. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION # 43-26**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PLANNING BOARD MEMBER B. HAYWOOD**

A motion was made by Trustee Bolton to appoint a new Village Planning Board Member, Benjamin Haywood. This appointment is to replace seat vacated by Jeff Bachstein and the term will expire on 7/1/2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** N/A

**ENGINEER REPORT:** N/A

**PARKS DEPARTMENT: D. RADELL** Stated the following:

- These meetings will be livestreamed on YouTube going forward.
- Thank you to all that attended the Cardboard Sledding Event, including Fire Department, trustees, and the participants that showed up.
- Next event is the Easter Egg Hunt on 4/4.
- Bunny Bash is on 3/28.
- Radon test for Community Center was sent to the county; elevator has been removed. Company waiting on parts to install new elevator.

**CODES DEPARTMENT: L. NESTELL** Stated the following:

- Meals on Wheels is moving forward after working through some issues. Mark French, head of the solar company they are using, was given a new "sunset clause".
- Brolex is moving forward, is compliant.
- Working on verbiage for pricing structure, registration in Apartment Registry.
  - Registration may be possible through iWorQ
- State reporting for Codes was completed and satisfactory.
- BAPS religious center is getting ready to do a large expansion.



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- Received an email that morning from Eric Baule (Intelligent Query) that he has been working with iWorQ to complete migration of information.
- Regarding Solar Codes: the Village has already adopted NYS Energy Code; must be completed every few years.
  - This code does not address disposal.
  - There is an installation and inspection process (including an electrical inspection).
  - Residents should come to Village Codes Department directly with any concerns about neighbors' systems.
  - Can put a link to this code on the Village website.
- Solar Farms are completely different; requirements, maintenance, etc.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: DEPUTY CHIEF J. ASZTALOS** Stated the following:

- NSFD has responded to approximately 915 calls to date. This is up from last year and partially attributed to recent weather.
- South Bay bridge will be back down to one-way traffic around 3/2. This impacts FD, PD. Residents should avoid if possible.
- Regarding Deputy Mayor Robinson's replacement Truck 1 questions referenced 2/12/26:
  - Town of Clay, Town of Cicero, Village of North Syracuse each pay 1/3 of LOSAP.
  - Chief Brennan addressed questions 1-3 personally with Deputy Mayor Robinson.
  - Same policy/procedure was followed as when Engine 4 was purchased utilizing SourceWell to streamline time and cost of bidding process.
  - Truck was chosen based on Village restrictions, needs, and cost.
  - Two manufacturers were considered; a third was not considered due to imprudent vehicle service life.
  - No additional equipment is anticipated.
  - Can meet with Deputy Mayor at the Fire Department to review Vehicle Replacement Plan as it is not printer friendly.
  - Medina FD truck for sale wouldn't meet the needs of the Village.

**DPW: Foreman J. Wallace** Stated the following:

- DPW has been busy fixing/replacing road stakes and signs, doing maintenance on equipment.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF C. FIELDSON** Stated the following:

- Reminders
  - Overnight parking ban is in effect until 8am. Utilize off-street parking
  - Lock vehicles and remove high-value items, particularly overnight. There has been an increase in (attempted) larcenies.

**CLERK-TREASURER: N. ZARZECKI** Stated the following:

- Have received preliminary budgets back from Department Heads. The information is being input and currently working on the Budget Model for the year.



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- Starting to get money in for flower donations; Clerk-Treasurer's Office will hold for Friends of the Village to come pick up.

## **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS:**

**TRUSTEE WILMER** Stated the following:

- No Report

**TRUSTEE BOLTON** Stated the following:

- Cardboard Sled Event was a lot of fun.
- Appreciated Larry's pie-chart; requested that one be provided prior to each meeting with # of fines and \$ taken is as result.
- Regarding Stop Arm Program for local school buses:
  - Of 5,000 violations issued for review, 2,600 Notices of Liability were issued and only 230 people requested a hearing.
  - North Syracuse is on the list of highest violators.
  - Only 1 person was a repeat offender out of all violations issued (that person was ticketed four times).
  - Commended DPW on doing a fantastic job.

**DEPUTY MAYOR ROBINSON** Stated the following:

- Clarified to Fire Department that he asked those questions of them because he was not in his current role at the time this came up.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Butterfield** Stated the following:

- TAP Sidewalks Grant – still do not have final plans.
- Waiting on final, final draft of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Starting to get donations from the (over 200) Flower Letters.
- Deputy Mayor Robinson's seat on the Board of Trustees is going to election in June. Independent nominee petitions can start being signed 3/31 and first day to file a Petition to Cause Permissive Referendum to appear on the ballot is 4/1.
- Old elevator is gone, new one is not in yet.

## **RESOLUTION # 44-26**

## **DISCUSS/APPROVE ADOPTION OF NYCOM MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE**

Deputy Mayor Robinson made a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution to be sent to the Governor from NYCOM that supports increased aid to municipalities and strengthen NYS local partnership. There is an additional 100



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million dollars in temporary municipal assistance to be allocated as it was in the past two years. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

**WHEREAS**, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

**WHEREAS**, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of North Syracuse applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of North Syracuse urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of North Syracuse calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of North Syracuse.

Trustee Wilmer made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40pm to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Robinson. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

Mayor Butterfield, Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton were in attendance. A discussion was held. Motions were made and seconded to end Executive Session and move to Regular Board Meeting at 6:49pm. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:50pm. The motions were approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Zarzecki  
Village Clerk-Treasurer