



VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Regular Board Meeting

April 23, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

North Syracuse Community Center

700 South Bay Road, North Syracuse, NY

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

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee J. Bolton, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee L. St. Germain. Mayor G. Butterfield resigned.

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

CITIZENS VOICE (This is the second of four meetings in a trial period to move the Citizens Voice after Roll Call - and Public Hearing(s), if applicable - and then again after Old & New Business being discussed, before Department Head or Attorney Reports.)

Pat Ferguson (215 S. Main) Stated the following:

- Tomorrow (4/24) is Arbor Day. Brought posters, bookmarks, postcards from DEC if anyone in attendance would like to take them.

Margaret Hussain (160 Slindes Woods Circle) Stated the following:

- Issues with Kennedy Park:
 - Takes granddaughter there almost every day when weather is nice, but there is a mulch pile that never gets distributed anywhere. Has been an issue for apx 3 years.
 - Poison ivy everywhere in the summertime.
 - Some equipment is broken; it occasionally gets fixed after a while. Not safe. Under swings is dug out, supposed to have mulch there.
 - Standing water, muddy, people don't pick up after their dogs.
 - Parking lot in winter has a lot of snow and ice. It gets piled there and runs off into neighbors yards when it melts, floods their yards which kills some vegetation.
 - Hopes new Parks Director will take this more seriously.
 - (Deputy Mayor Robinson recommended stopping into Village Hall to speak with Don in person and someone will get over there.)

Carol Wall (formerly 121 Watson/currently Slindes Woods) Stated the following:

- Just met Trustee Bolton – had a conversation with him two days ago.
- Had conversation with Deputy Mayor Robinson in Village Hall lobby – was told he was not running for Mayor; does the Village need to get somebody else on the ballot so there are choices? And wants to know what Trustee Bolton will do for residents if he becomes Mayor.
 - Deputy Mayor Robinson advised that there is a caucus next week where Republican Party will nominate people for different positions and there are two vacant positions on the Board. He has been back and forth on whether or not he will run.
- Codes Director, Larry, comes in “hot and heavy” but he does a good job. Is starting to clean up the Village and has been hammering Watson Road – some neighbors are loving that. Appreciates him getting a lot of the dump houses



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taken care of. Had a nice conversation with him, he is doing a fabulous job, appreciates the service he provides. Thanked him for taking time to speak with her this week.

Ken Ryan (211 Herman Drive) Stated the following:

- Wanted to thank Joel for getting the trees cut down by the Fire Department.
- Regarding the budget – clothing should not be put to the departments; it should stay with the Board to go out to buy.

Lisa Lioto (356 Chestnut Street) Stated the following:

- Thanked Board for having her in the Work Session – learned a lot again.
- Unsure how the Village can have a budget when they don't know what they have in the accounts. Should freeze the budget and defer back to last year, except contractual obligations. Need audits to figure out what is there first as it sounds like there is a lot of confusion about what is going on fiscally.
- Only one trustee reached out to ask her opinion.

RESOLUTION # 72-26

APPROVAL OF REG. BD. MTG. MINUTES – 4/9/2026

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the April 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 73-26

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION BD. MTG. MINUTES – 4/13/2026

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 74-26

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve General Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$114,799.30 covering vouchers #1460 through #1512. Included in this is a payment of \$148,656.55 to CHA Consulting for fees related to Building & Site Design Services related to the proposed new Fire Building. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. Discussion was initiated by Trustee St. Germain regarding the CHA payment as it is the second installment and she has concerns about what has been done, added, gone forward with since the first installment was paid. Trustee St. Germain would be more comfortable approving the abstract if there was something she could actually see as far as progress that has been made. Trustee Bolton added that this payment is for services already rendered; many meetings have been held along the way to get the plans to where they need to be; blueprint copies were presented to the Board at a recent meeting. This is a contractual payment. Deputy Mayor Robinson has the voucher for the next payment on his desk; he prefers to not sign until the information the Village is supposed to have has been received. Trustee St. Germain reiterated that she does not feel comfortable approving at this point. The motion was approved; Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same. Trustee St. Germain opposed.



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RESOLUTION # 75-26

BUDGET TRANSFER(s)

A motion was made and seconded for a budget transfer from A7020.13 (Rec. Supervisor Salary) to A7110.29 (Relock Lonergan) in the amount of \$2,990.00 to cover the cost of an Electronic Lock Installation on Men's Bathroom at Lonergan Park. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 76-26

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Trustee Wilmer made a motion for a budget transfer from A7020.13 (Rec. Supervisor Salary) to A7110.29 (Relock Lonergan) in the amount of \$2,990.00 to cover the cost of an Electronic Lock Installation on Unisex Bathroom at Lonergan Park. Motion was seconded, with Discussion, by Trustee Bolton. Trustee Bolton wanted to commend Don for managing his budget the way he has, for being fiscally responsible. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 77-26

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Trustee Wilmer made a motion for a budget transfer from A7020.13 (Rec. Supervisor Salary) to A7110.29 (Relock Lonergan) in the amount of \$2,990.00 to cover the cost of an Electronic Lock Installation on Women's Bathroom at Lonergan Park. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 78-26

**DISCUSS/APPROVE DEPUTY MAYOR SIGNING TOWN OF
CLAY FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

Trustee Bolton made a motion to allow the Deputy Mayor to sign the Town of Clay Fire Protection Agreement. The Village has a similar agreement with the Town of Cicero (approved and signed last month) to provide aid to the town in the case where assistance is needed for Firefighting Services. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 79-26

DISCUSSION REGARDING APARTMENT REGISTRY

Trustee St. Germain made a motion to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Apartment Village. Discussion was held regarding an updated scope of services for the Apartment Registry. This registry would allow Codes and the Fire Marshall to visit and inspect apartments (including Airbnbs) regularly. Trustee Bolton opined that while he believes the registry is a good program and would be beneficial to the Village, the time and expense should not be spent on doing this now. He made the Board aware that if this were to come up as a vote, he would vote "no". Trustee Wilmer stated that he has not had a chance to review any of the information yet; he is in favor of the registry himself but would like a Public Hearing to be held because he wants to hear what the residents have to say. Trustee Wilmer is hopeful that the answers to the questions he sent Larry recently are included in the information he received. Trustee St. Germain stated that the registry would not only benefit Codes, but also Police and Fire. She is concerned that if this is removed from the budget, the entire software package that Codes uses for permits, fire inspections, violations, property history, etc. would be removed. She believes the registry is a life saving tool and is unclear why anyone would not want to promote the safety of the village.



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Codes Enforcement Officer and Village Legal Counsel put the Local Law language together. Trustee Bolton interjected that the current proposed motion has nothing to do with Codes Department not being able to do their job. Trustee Wilmer seconded the motion. It was agreed that the Public Hearing will be held prior to the start of the next Village Board Meeting (May 14, 2026 at 5:29pm: Local Law #3 – Adding Rental Registry Fee Schedule). The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Bolton did not approve.

DISCUSS CHANGES MADE TO BUDGET AFTER 4/13/26 WORK SESSION

After last Board Meeting, the Board went back and “scrubbed” the budget based on feedback received. They were able to reduce the budget by about \$27,000 (to a 14% increase). Deputy Mayor Robinson noted that he was striving to maintain the Village services as they are; however, that is not possible while also reducing the budget. The decision was made by him to arbitrarily reduce each department’s budget by 5%. This will bring the budget down to an approximate 9% increase.

RESOLUTION # 80-26

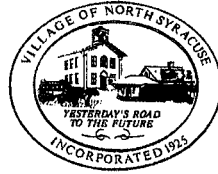
DISCUSS/APPROVE UPDATED MODEL 3 OF 2026/2027 BUDGET

A motion was made by Trustee Wilmer to approve the updated Model 3 of the 2026/2027 Budget, with the 11th hour addition of each Department 5% budget reduction. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton, with discussion. Trustee Bolton wanted to confirm that his email was received from earlier in the day stating that the Fire Department could decrease their budget further by \$80,000 by removing the capital expense of purchasing a new vehicle this fiscal year with the caveat that the Village agree to place \$15,000 into a “Reserve Account” now to be used to order that vehicle in the fall because it will not be delivered until 2028. Deputy Mayor Robinson confirmed that if the 5% reduction was accomplished with Trustee Bolton’s explanation, no additional funds will need to be taken from the Fire Department’s budget. Trustee St. Germain advised that she spoke to Codes Director, Larry, and he could remove \$1,500 for iWorQ Apartment Registry, and an additional \$300 he could give up. Additionally, he would give up \$4,000 for a vehicle if he could get the vehicle that the Fire Department was going to give up but since they are not getting it this year, that will not be an option. She believed there was a vehicle for Codes that ended up going to the Fire Department. Codes vehicle needs a new transmission and power steering pump (neither can be rebuilt). Deputy Mayor Robinson reiterated that some Village services will be lost and this budget reduction of 5% per department will require management by the Department Heads. Spending decisions need to be challenged. Discussion was held regarding whether the budget could be passed as is, with a 5% reduction for each department included, or if the budget could not be voted on until the 5% reductions were finalized/itemized. Board requested that semi-retired former Clerk-Treasurer, Dianne Kufel (in the audience) assist to which she advised that the budget has never been submitted with a vague “-5%” for each department; she would think that the budget should list specific line items that the reduction will come from. However, as long as the 5% comes from accounts other than contractual agreements, salaries, etc., the budget could be passed at this meeting. The motion was approved: Trustee Bolton, Trustee Wilmer, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same. Trustee St. Germain did not approve.

RESOLUTION # 81-26

APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Trustee Bolton made a motion to create a \$15,000 Reserve Account for the purchase of a new Fire Department Chief’s Vehicle to be ordered in the fall of 2026 and delivered in the 2027/2028 budget year. Deputy Mayor Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.



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DISCUSS BOARD ACTION RE: COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC SYSTEM

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve an HVAC bid for the Community Center air conditioning repairs. Discussion was had regarding having an HVAC Company come to the Community Center and provide a quote to fix the quite broken system. The air conditioning must be fixed if the building is to be used in the summer. The quote provided was \$32,000; funds are available in the current year budget. Trustee Wilmer explained that when the new furnaces were installed, it messed up the coils for the air conditioning (compressor) upstairs. Additionally, all of the ductwork needs to be replaced (it needed to be replaced 30 years ago). Other quotes have been solicited. Deputy Mayor Robinson asked for a motion to repair the air conditioning, not to exceed \$32,000. If a lower quote is received, that company will be used. Current quote company (P &J) would not be able to begin work for four to six weeks. Trustee Bolton asked for clarification on the issue and also expressed concern that only one bid has been received. That one bid does not include the size of the compressors, size of new coils, size of the ductwork, cost to have an electrician connect it. Since due diligence was not done when the furnace was replaced (one furnace quote was also received), it ended up costing the Village a lot more money. Trustee Wilmer withdrew his motion as he preferred to reach out to the bidder and get clarification on the concerns Trustee Bolton raised.

INFORMATIONAL

CHESTNUT ST. PIPE REALIGNMENT TO TAKE PLACE 4/28/26

Precision Group will be completing the pipe realignment job under Chestnut Street starting April 28th. This should take one to two days. The street will not be closed, but there will be DPW flagmen controlling traffic.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 82-26

APPROVE HIRING OF RECREATION SUPERVISOR M. FREYTAG

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve hiring new Recreation Supervisor Michael Freytag effective May 5, 2026 (full-time effective May 13th) with an annual salary of \$43,680. The Village went through the canvassing process to fill the tested position. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 83-26

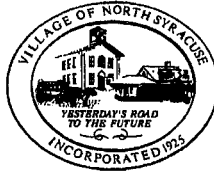
APPROVE HIRING P/T POLICE OFFICERS P. KNITTEL & M. GABRIELL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve hiring Part-Time Police Officers Phillip Knittel & Michael Gabriell effective April 29, 2026 at the current CBA payrate. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 84-26

APPROVE DEPUTY MAYOR SIGNING DASNY POLICE CREST GRANT - TASERS

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve the Deputy Mayor signing a Municipal Site Control Certification Form from DASNY as a requirement for the \$55,000 CREST Grant for tasers from Senator Ryan's office (\$13,500 in FY 25/26). Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.



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RESOLUTION # 85-26

BOARD REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF 4/20/26 FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Bolton made a motion for the Board to review and accept the April 20, 2026 Fire Department appointments. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 86-26

APPROVE RETURN OF S. GRATIEN AS NSFD FIREFIGHTER

Trustee Bolton made a motion to approve the return of Scott Gratién as a Firefighter at North Syracuse FD. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 87-26

APPROVE DEPUTY MAYOR SIGNING STREET SWEEPER CONTRACT

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to sign the contract for the previously approved Street Sweeper Rental for use by the DPW. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 88-26

APPROVE DEPUTY SUP'T G. STEVENS ATTENDANCE AT 2026 HIGHWAY SCHOOL

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to approve DPW Deputy Sup't Gil Stevens attendance at the 2026 Highway School in Ithaca (June 1-3, 2026). This is an opportunity for Gil to learn and network and was previously attended annually by past Superintendents. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bolton. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

RESOLUTION # 89-26

APPROVE REHIRE OF G. WILMER AS P/T DPW SUMMER LABORER

Trustee Wilmer made a motion to rehire DPW Part-Time Laborer Gary Wilmer for the summer. Gary is a former DPW employee who comes back seasonally as a part-time hire; he takes care of the flowers, amongst other things. He also recently became certified to handle poison ivy. Motion was seconded by Trustee St. Germain. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same. Trustee Wilmer abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION # 90-26

DEPUTY MAYOR READING & SIGNING 2026 ARBOR PROCLAMATION

Trustee Bolton made a motion for the Deputy Mayor to sign the 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation ahead of the Arbor Day Ceremony on April 24th, 1pm at Ferguson Park. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wilmer. The motion was approved: Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, Trustee Bolton, Deputy Mayor Robinson all voting in favor of the same.

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a day be set aside each year to plant trees, calling it Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

Whereas, Mr. Morton believed that each generation takes the earth as trustees and should bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have consumed for our benefit so that even when we are gone, our good works may be enjoyed by future generations to come; and



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Whereas, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business areas, beautify our community and expand green space while creating an enduring symbol of civic pride; and

Whereas, the Village of North Syracuse has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices; and

Whereas, as we enter 2026 and mark the nation's 250th Anniversary, communities across New York have a unique opportunity to celebrate our shared history while creating something meaningful for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Robinson, Deputy Mayor of the Village of North Syracuse, New York, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day** in the Village of North Syracuse, and I encourage all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Furthermore, I urge all citizens to plant a Liberty Tree in tribute to America's 250th Anniversary and care for trees for the well-being of this and future generations.

CITIZENS VOICE (This is the second of four meetings in a trial period to move the Citizens Voice after Roll Call - and Public Hearing(s), if applicable - and then again after Old & New Business being discussed, before Department Head or Attorney Reports.)

Pat Ferguson (215 S. Main) Stated the following:

- Thanked Deputy Mayor for signing Arbor Day Proclamation. Encourages all who can attend the ceremony tomorrow at 1pm. Bartlett Tree Company will be there with saplings to give out and plant.

Carol Murphy (Slindes Woods Circle) Stated the following:

- Disgusted by what she witnessed today at this meeting. It is outrageous. The Board is voting on what they want, not what the residents want, and they are the ones paying for it.
- Thinks it is time to eliminate it and let the areas go to their respective municipalities. There are more trucks and people there – zoning and planning.
- She is still waiting to find out what happens to 118 Grove St. and she has lived here 15 years. They are letting a garbage pit carry on down at 101; no one does anything about it. But if anyone does anything wrong in Slindes, Zoning is right there, "where is your permit?"
- Thinks it is time to let the village go; it is only a name. Taxes will be lower, will get almost all of the services. Eliminate the village.

Carol Wall (formerly 121 Watson/currently Slindes Woods) Stated the following:

- Has become more concerned as she attends more meetings. Appears that the village is spending money they don't know if they have.
- Hard cuts (services) need to be made. No checks and balances.
- Numbers in the budget do not match.



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Ken Ryan (211 Herman Drive) Stated the following:

- Wanted to thank Trustee Bolton for clarifying about Codes – everything will not stop if Apartment Registry is not initiated.
- He was in court again and Larry did not show up again. Many issues with Codes; he would cut Codes right now and save the Village a bunch of money right there. He provides wrong information.
- Wants to know who is watching Codes. He has watched him spend half a day in the firehouse cleaning his gear from his other fire department. He has watched Larry outside the village, eating for hours. He has kept his eye on Larry.

ATTORNEY REPORT (N/A)

ENGINEER REPORT (N/A)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PARKS DEPARTMENT (D. RADELL) Stated the following:

- Clarified that P & J came in initially just to diagnose HVAC issue, not to bid on job.
- Thanked Gil & DPW for helping install swing set at Centerville Park.
- Saturday is Earth Day and Village Shred Event (10-12 at Community Center, free for residents).
- Former Mayor Butterfield rescheduled the caucus for Tuesday 4/28/26.
- Regarding Kennedy Park – Don wants to dig up all mulch and lay down new, possibly make smaller mulched area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (CHIEF J. ASZTALOS) Stated the following:

- Regarding New Business Item A – this is the additional territory that North Syracuse protects outside of the Village. On average, NSVFD responds to approximately 900 calls per year; split 300-300-300 between Village and Towns of Clay & Cicero. This means that they respond to 600 additional calls beyond the village, and 2/3 of the budget (\$600,000 - \$700,000) comes from those two fire protection contracts. Village residents only pay apx \$350,000 for fire protection.
- Wanted to clarify that the two Chief's cars in question earlier (Cars 2 & 3) were not purchased by the Village, they were purchased by and must be returned to the Firemen's Association per that agreement.
- Thanked Trustee Bolton for having breakfast with him and coming up with a plan and a solution. Appreciates the Trustees placing money into a reserve account so they can future plan for the replacement of the Chief's car. No deposit was made last year and was not going to be this year. Mutually beneficial working together.
- Recruit NY was held at the LEGO Store (East Circle Drive).

DPW (SUP'T G. STEVENS) Stated the following:

- First round of Bulk Brush finished in March. Hauled 93,380 pounds.
- Started and finished April's Bulk Trash. Hauled 30,864 pounds, 13 mattresses.



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- Centerville lights all in working order.
- Dug out stumps in Fergerson Park; got that ready and planted tree for Pat for tomorrow.
- Put downpayment on generator. An appointment will be made by them as soon as they can to install it. Original quote was \$13,800 but they forgot to take out taxes so it is actually \$12,658. Should only take one day to install.
- New truck (16) was taken out and there are issues. Back mud flaps installed by Viking were installed wrong; Tore back two tires (\$1,642.04), bent mud flap brackets, and tore mud flaps off the truck. Has been fighting with Viking and company where truck came from for past month – Viking will pay for tires, brackets, mud flaps. Then will be sent to Alliance to fix air cans, airlines, etc. There will be no cost to the Village.
- Brush truck went down again. This means more people need to be sent out, as well as loader and dump truck. Special hose that rotted out needs to be ordered- will take up to a week to get that in.
- May 4th starts second round of Bulk Trash. Please be patient.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (CHIEF C. FIELDSON) Stated the following:

- No specific report but wanted to reiterate important of local police. Some calls he heard just today:
 - Heritage Park – a dog was dropped off (Chestnut side), person attempted to circumvent cameras. Active investigation. If anyone recognizes the dog or owner, please make contact with PD.
 - Drug overdose – citizen engaged Narcan several times before PD arrival. Individual survived.
 - South Bay Road- erratic individual in the road stopped a vehicle, stated the children in the car were not the drivers'. Female proceeded to the Community Center parking lot and entered the building during the day. She was transported away from the Community Center.
 - Officers responded to a domestic at a multiple occupancy housing close by.
 - Officers responded to a dirtbike or 4-wheeler in the roadway on Church St.
 - Officers responded to a dispute at a local business today.
- Officers are doing community related work; they often know the individuals involved which means they are more capable of solving crimes than an agency that may not have a relationship with the person(s). Ability to better de-escalate.
- Fraud Prevention talk was done this week. There is an increase in fraud - a couple of victims lost thousands and thousands of dollars. One involved Venmo. Please be cautious – do not answer calls from unknown phone numbers. Verify information when possible. Do not pay bills with gift cards. Contact North Syracuse Police if assistance or information is needed. An ounce of prevention...

CLERK-TREASURER (N. ZARZECKI) Stated the following:

- Village Garage Sales are May 15, 16, 17. No permit needed, reach out to Judy at Village Hall to sign up.
- Flowers for Main St. total almost \$4,0000 donated from local businesses (almost a record).

CODES DEPARTMENT (L. NESTELL) Excused

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEES REPORTS



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TRUSTEE BOLTON Stated the following:

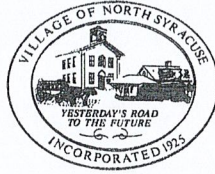
- Took Ellen Block (new Onondaga County Representative) on a Village tour – met at Village Hall, met and talked with Chief Fieldson, showed her the Village Parks and Veterans area, met with DPW Superintendent, met with Fire Chief, talked with Don about Parks. Everyone had opportunity to tell her what the Village is like and how the county can help the Village. He will be partnering with her on any projects they can help with financially or provide support to.
- Met with Congressman Mannion. He handles a lot of the federal things that occur in the area. Talking to him about Federal Grants.
- Went to Fire Department recruitment event at the LEGO Store.
- He will be at the Shred Event on Saturday. Bring stuff down, they will get it shredded.
- Heard a lot from citizens tonight. Appreciates that. Wants to clarify:
 - Citizens Voice is held twice per meeting; cannot stop during the meeting to answer questions, listen to comments. They do want to hear them though.
 - Budgets are tough. Auburn was 28%, Solvay was at 27%, Buffalo was close to 30%. Board and Department Heads deserve credit for taking the Village budget from 16% and cutting it to 7%. That is a huge cut. Was not easy, will affect services. Strategically looked at where savings could come from.

TRUSTEE ST. GERMAIN Stated the following:

- Codes Officer is in class (for Codes). His report:
 - 209 Herman Drive – as of 4/14, she has a contract with Cannon Pools subcontractor. Has purchased liner. The Village has a copy of the signed contract. Pool will be going forward.
 - 118 Grove St. – have a permit done for the work. Working to finalize paperwork transferring ownership to Mr. Decker.
 - Per Legal Counsel – it is not a requirement for Codes to show up in court every time. Sometimes counsel goes, but also not a requirement unless a judge requests it.
 - Codes Officer is out there doing his job. Perhaps not the best choice of words to say you are “watching” him; he does have to eat, do other things. He is often working when we do not see him.
 - From January to present, have taken in \$7,505.
- Trustee chose to live in a Village because of the services provided. Police respond to calls that other agencies do not even go to – preventative.
- It was many years in the Village with no Codes Officer, now we have one and he does not seem appreciated. Not positive for someone to come to work in those conditions. He does not live in the Village, therefore does not “have a dog in the race”, he wants to do what is best for everybody.
- Special services are the reason people live in the Village. Countless hours and days have been spent on the budget; no one and nothing was disregarded. Cannot make all happy but try to do their best.

TRUSTEE WILMER Stated the following:

- Both other trustees have said everything he would like to say.



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DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Robinson Stated the following:

- Appreciates everyone's comments; he will be working with Mike Beckett to establish a Citizens Advisory Committee. Would like to have Carol on the committee; tasking her with investigating the details of not having a Village. What do they have to do? What do we lose? What do we gain? What does it cost? Get others to head up other investigations about losing services so that they can be brought to the Board and Trustees. There are things that the Board needs the community to help with.

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:25pm to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was approved; Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

In attendance at the Executive Session were Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton. A motion was made and seconded to end Executive Session and move to Regular Board Meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:31 P.M. The motion was approved: Deputy Mayor Robinson, Trustee St. Germain, Trustee Wilmer, and Trustee Bolton all voting in favor of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Zarzecki
Village Clerk-Treasurer