



Village of East Syracuse

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Mayor

Robert T. Tackman

Deputy Mayor

Kimberly Liedka

Trustees

Mary Albanese

Margaret Raesky

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Justice

Joseph Zavaglia

Manager/Clerk

Michael Moracco

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

DPW Superintendent

Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement

Christopher Shields

Fire Chief

Christopher Shields

Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Tackman, Deputy Mayor Liedka, Trustee Albanese, Trustee Raesky, Trustee Celletti

Also present: DPW Superintendent Hughson, Parks Director Richardson, Manager Moracco, Captain White, DeWitt Police, Code Enforcement Officer Shields Village Attorney Robert Germain

Meeting started 6:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- Gale O'Donnell asked if CSX is doing anything to address the noise problem with the inland port loading and unloading of cargo trailers as well as the increase in tractor trailers driving from the train yard.
Mayor Tackman responded that he had not heard back from CSX about ways to reduce the noise, but they said that it would take some time.
Gale O'Donnell asked if the Village would contact Senator Schumer and other local politicians to speed this up.
Mayor Tackman said that he would contact Senator Schumer's office and the others.
- Sonia Ranger expressed that she wanted to see more police presence in the village. Also concerned with people not stopping at the stop signs. Concerned about teens walking late at night throughout the neighborhood.
- Steve Russell expressed that he too was concerned with people driving through the stop signs, cars parking all over the road on both sides, and having to listen to the language coming from nearby homes. In the past five years, he said, the Village is going down and getting worse.
- Robin Evelin talked about neighborhood watch program, that they would be holding more meetings. The mayor expressed that they can use the building anytime to hold a meeting
- Other residents that were present also expressed their concerns with drugs being openly sold near schools and drugs being sold in the Village.
- Captain White from the Dewitt police explained that the call volume within the Village has stayed about the same over the last few years. He will be providing the Village monthly reports on call volume specifically from the village. The highest call volume is from the Walmart store. He explained to the residents that they would address some of their concerns.

Discussions:

1. Public Safety ideas

- The mayor informed the residents that a committee has been set up to meet with the DeWitt police to try to improve the relationship between the police and village residents. Some of the suggestions were developing a joint marketing plan to improve understanding between the police and residents, having more officers more visible to the residents knowing the children, and officers making time to meet with Village families and youth.

2. Email/website domain option with .gov

The board does not see any benefit to change the Village's domain name to .gov.

3. Cannabis Legislation update

The Village has by November of this year to decide if they want to opt in or opt out of the cannabis legislation. If the Village decides to opt out they cannot go back and opt in. This process to opt in will take a year or more to get all of the legislative regulations in place. It will be controlled similar to the alcohol sales license. But again the State has not fully outlined how this program will work.

Motions:

- 4. Motion** by Trustee Celletti, seconded by Trustee Raesky to approve June Board minutes.
Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried**
- 5. Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka, to approve vouchers # 63168 – 63278 for a total of \$92,537.93
Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried R2021-138**
- 6. Motion** by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Raesky, to add a budget line to record revenue from Sidewalk Property Owner.
Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried R2021-139**
- 7. Motion** by to approve allocating funds remaining from 2020/2021 budget for FD to NYCLASS account for Fire Department.
Polling The Board Yes **Motion Carried R2021-140**
- 8. Motion** by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Deputy Liedka to authorize the Mayor to sign a Municipal lease agreement with ESFD Inc. for rental space in the Village municipal building. The agreement is for \$1 dollar each year.
Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried R2021-141**

Village Manager Comments:

- 9. ESFD Inc Annual Audit options:**
- a. Jim Pompo to do a yearly audit for the ESFD Inc., not to exceed \$5,000.

- i. Recommended based on previous work with Village.
 - b. Benn & Company CPA is an option the ESFD Inc. provided.
- 10. Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka to approve hiring Jim Pompo to do the audit for the Fire Department inc.. The fee to do the audit is not to exceed \$5,000.

Polling the Board: **Mayor Tackman** Yes
Deputy Mayor Liedka Yes
Trustee Albanese Yes
Trustee Raesky Yes
Trustee Celletti Abstained **Motion Carried**
 Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried** **R2021-142**

- 11. Motion** Trustee Raesky, seconded by Trustee Albanese, to approve applying for State funding through Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter for \$268,000.00. To cover the following projects:

- a. Salt shed at DPW (\$85,000)
- b. Clark street Bridge repairs (\$168,000)
- c. Electric Street signs (\$15,000)

Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried R2021-143**

- 12. Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky to approve applying for the CFA grant to repair Hanlon pool. Applying for \$250,000

Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried R2021-144**

Mayor's Comments:

13. ARPA Federal Funds Update

Mayor Tackman informed the Board that the Village received notice from New York State Division of the Budget that we would be receiving total ARPA federal funds of \$596,538. This will be paid to the Village in two payments of \$298,269.

14. Bagg Street Park project update:

Community development informed the Village that approval of the grant funds of \$50,000 was promising, but official word will not be coming out until November.

15. MJ Commercial Properties

CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING:

Move the adoption of a resolution calling a public hearing commencing at 6:30 pm local time on August 2, 2021 to consider the application of MJ

Commercial Properties, Inc. for a zone change from Residential to Commercial District for properties located at 201 Bagg Street (Tax ID No. 008.-06-09.2) and 201A Bagg Street (Tax ID No. 008.-06-09.1). Said properties are commercial in nature and continued use, but were re-zoned to Residential by the Village along with several other parcels as part of a larger re-zoning initiative in 2007.

SEQRA: form will be needed, Manager Moracco will fill it out.

16. FD Apparatus purchasing process update – Sourcewell

Sourcewell will competitively solicit and award contracts following procurement procedures. In Sourcewell's agreement with the Village it states that they will follow state and local procurement statutes and rules.

17. Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Raesky to proceed with Sourcewell.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-145

18. Onondaga County Mayors' Association meeting – July 21st.

Attending the meeting will be Mayor Tackman, Deputy Mayor Liedka, Trustee Albanese and Trustee Raesky.

19. State Covid Emergency Orders over – no more virtual meetings

Trustee Comments:

Trustee Albanese and Deputy Mayor Liedka both thanked Parks Director Tom Richardson and DPW Superintendent Randy Hughson and their staff for a great job they did for this year's fireworks.

Along with Trustee Celletti they also thanked both Randy Hughson and Tom Richardson for the clean up they needed to do from the large recent storm.

Department Head Reports:

Office – No update

FD – No Update

Codes – Request for approval for owner at 325 West 2nd street to be able to put up a pole barn at this location. The Planning board has approved it.

Motion by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Trustee Celletti to approve that a pole barn can be built at 325 West 2nd Street.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-146

Parks – No update

20. Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Albanese to Approve the following :
for **All Sports Day Camp** to return to park for 2 one-week session August 2nd – 5th & August 9 – 12. Steve Graham the Director. 50 max per session. Allow to swim in afternoon for \$1.00/per camper per day.

to approve: Senior trip to Spaghetti Warehouse, date tba, for **Acme Murder Mystery Theater Dinner show**. School bus transportation. Cost is \$35.00 for Village residents and \$37.00 for non-residents.

to approve: Senior trip - **Erie Canal Cruise and Lunch**, Herkimer, New York, Thursday, August 19th Cost 35.00 Village Residents & 37.00 for non-residents -School Bus Transportation.

to approve – Senior trip to New York State Fair, Tuesday, August 24th, School bus transportation, Free for seniors 65+

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-147

DPW – Superintendent Randy Hughson has contacted CSX about the drainage problem causing flooding. CSX has notified Randy that they will be looking into this and taking care of the matter this month.

Court – No Update

Public Comments:

Nso additional public comments were given at this time

Executive Sessions:

21. Personnel Matter

22. Personnel Matter

Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka , seconded by Trustee Albanese to go into executive session at 8:15pm

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried

23. Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka seconded by Trustee Celletti to go out of executive session and back to the general meeting.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried

24. Motion by Deputy mayor Liedka seconded by Trustee Albanese to approve a special meeting to be held on July 29 at 6:30pm

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-148

**25. Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka seconded by Trustee Raesky to
Adjourn @ 8:55pm**

Polling the board: Yes

Motion Carried