



# Village of East Syracuse

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Thomas Richardson

## DPW Superintendent

Randy Hughson

## Code Enforcement

Christopher Shields

## Fire Chief

Christopher Shields

## Village Board Meeting

September 8, 2021

6:30pm

## Agenda

**Present: Mayor Tackman, Trustee Albanese, Trustee Celletti, Trustee Raesky**

**Also present: Fire Chief Shields, DeWitt Police Captain White, Parks Director Richardson, Fire Asst. Chief Dibello, Deputy Clerk Zavaglia.**

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Motions:

- 1. Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to approve previous Board minutes  
**Polling the board YES                      Motion carried**
- 2. Motion by Trustee Celletti, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to approve vouchers numbered 63454 to 63603 in the amount of \$455,351.25.  
**Polling the board YES                      Motion carried**
- 3. Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Celletti** to approve Randy to attend the NYCOM Public Works Training Oct. 18–20 in Saratoga Springs. The cost is \$865.00. Randy will use a Village vehicle to travel to the training.  
**Polling the board YES                      Motion carried**
- 4. Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500 from East Syracuse Chevrolet at the price of \$43,197.70 from the Sewer budget.  
**Polling the board YES                      Motion carried**
- 5. Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to approve the FD to use Rescue Tool Technology LLC for extrication training on 9/25 & 9/26. Cost is \$2,000.00.  
**Polling the board YES                      Motion carried**
- 6. Motion by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Trustee Albanese** to approve the Parks and Recreation fall and winter events attached to this agenda.  
**Polling the board YES                      Motion carried**

## Discussions:

- 7. Village Covid Policy changes/review-Keeping the plan up to date with the state, county and the CDC. The board will review and follow up at future meeting.**

8. North Center Street Park – Naming celebration-The board has determined the official name of the new park will be The Sterling Park after Mr. Sterling who has worked for the Village in many areas and has been a strong supporter of the Fire Dept. There will be a naming celebration in the next couple of weeks. The sign is now done.
9. Caretaker staff classification recommendation- William Browne has requested to go from a seasonal employee to a full time employee. He no longer wants the two months off that he originally requested as a seasonal employee and just include regular time as any other full time employee. Mayor Tackman recommends moving him into full time classification effective the day he was rehired (April 5, 2021). All of his personal vacation time will be accumulated from that day and any time off since then will be taken off accordingly.

**Motion by Mayor Tackman, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to change William Browne's employment classification from seasonal to full time.

**Polling the board YES**

**Motion carried**

**Mayor's Comments:**

10. NYS Senator Mannion visit-Senator Mannion came to visit and met with Mayor Tackman and Trustee Albanese. Subjects covered are the concerns that the Police Department has regarding recruiting and some of the concerns with the teenagers in the community. There also was a conversation about the mayor's concerns with state grants. Although they are great to get and usually high dollar volume they do take a long time to pay us. For example, the park across the street was a state grant and we probably won't receive the funds from that grant for about 2-4 years and he was very receptive. County grants do not take as long and usually only take 30-60 days.
11. Cannabis Public Hearing reminder- Tue Sept. 21 at 6:00pm there will be a public informational hearing for the cannabis laws. Advertisements will go out to The Eagle and online for the village residents to share their views, concerns and opinions.
12. Mayor Tackman's term is ending at the end of the year and will be putting together a 90 day plan of goals and things he would like to see done before his term ends. He will include a transition plan as a part of that plan also to ensure that the new mayor comes in with support.
13. Mayor Tackman also does not feel that filling the vacancy on the board is necessary for the next 3 months. Department liaison for the Village office will be moved to Trustee Albanese and the Fire Department to Trustee Raesky. Police Commission liaison shall remain whoever the mayor is at the time.

**Trustee Comments:** None

**Department Reports:**

14. FD: Chief Shields- Mike Hunter, Colby Pratt and Phil Angel are the names of the 3 new members who were voted in.

**Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to approve Mike, Colby and Phil as Fire Fighters.

**Polling the Board YES**

**Motion carried**

Chief Shields- PM's are in progress with the apparatus. As you know, we send all the fire apparatus out for PM's annually. The new company that we've switched to prefers not to do the pump tests on the engines and trucks during the winter months so PM's will now be during September and October.

Truck 1 went out for repairs 2 weeks ago. Penn Detroit found that there was a significant crack in the charge air cooler which turns out to be \$7,000.00, half the cost of what was originally expected and are looking to sell this truck next year.

At least one fire apparatus will be at the parks Fall festival on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shalinda will be helping to schedule discussions in the schools during Fire Prevention Week for the Kids.

Quotes on the interior of the fire bay. We've been receiving quotes but it's unclear if it has to be prevailing wage or not so we are waiting for some guidance from Robert Germain's office on this issue.

Mayor Tackman- It might have to go to bid if it is going to over 30,000.00.

**Chief Shields**-911 ceremony is Sat. at the Town of Dewitt at 2:00

Mayor Tackman-3 Bullard Eclipse Thermal-cams with chargers, 2 Bullard thermal-cams, 2 MSA 5000 Thermal-cams as surplus. These were just recently replaced with new ones 2 months ago.

Chief Shields- We might be working on a trade with a local department who has portable lights that we were going to purchase for \$1,200.00-\$1,300.00 per light which would turn out to be very beneficial for the department.

**Motion by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Trustee Albanese** to declare the 7 thermo-cams as surplus.

**Polling the Board YES**

**Motion carried**

Mayor Tackman- Chief Dibello is recommending that right away we put Rescue 2 out for surplus as well.

Chief Shields- I would like to see this go online to see what we can get for it

**Motion by Trustee Celletti, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to declare Rescue 2 as surplus.

**Polling by the Board YES**

**Motion carried**

Mayor Tackman- We did budget for a new Chief car. Have we started to look into a new chief car?

Chief Shields- We are looking at Dodge Durango's because a lot of police departments and fire Departments are switching from Ford Explorers to Dodge Durango's. We are going to have Fayetteville Dodge being built in the Village so it makes sense to be able to go right to the dealership for repairs.

Mayor Tackman- Captain, you are switching to Dodge Durango's also?

Captain White- Yes

15. Codes: Chief Shields- Dominick and I met a couple times and went through the whole codes book. We dissected it into things that are great and also things that the board should look at and make a decision on whether or not they want to drop something or have something added to it. There are a lot fines that should be updated. Vendor fees for example are too high and have to be brought down. There are also some things that legal has to look at and DPW has to look at. There are things that we are going to have to request Robert Germain's guidance on.

Violations- The eviction moratorium has been extended to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Many landlords are frustrated with the state to the point that they no longer care if they are being written a violation. They haven't been paid in over a year and refuse to spend money on these fixes to bring these rental properties up to code. Mainly, referring to minor violations. For example, inspectors have been focusing on all kitchen outlets being GFCI.

Cannabis mapping for Robert Germain- If we do allow dispensaries in the Village it's not going to be in a residential zone. It will only be allowed in a commercial zones or along our main street zone which is East Manlius or West Manlius Street. It cannot be 500 feet from any school as well as 200 feet from a place of worship according to NY State laws.

Trustee Celletti- are we going to have to update our current licensing and fees?

Mayor Tackman- Yes, once it comes from the State. The State will have to design their criteria and then we can continue from there.

16. DPW: None

17. Parks & Rec: Mayor Tackman- We have approved all of Tom's events.

**Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky** to move Becky Scott to an on-call Parks Supervisor position at \$14.00/hr and continue to maintain Dequan and Madison as well for the fall season.

**Polling the Board YES**

**Motion carried**

Director Richardson- We will be putting a brochure out to everyone in the Village. We have a nice variety of events going on for the community.

18. DeWitt Police: Captain White- I just got the numbers for last month. Total calls for service for the month August was 357.

36 traffic stops

18 larcenies

1 burglary

0 robberies

1 overdose

15 total arrests

We finished the upstairs project and should be moved in by the end of the week.

Officer Parker completed his field training and he'll be on the road on his own.

Officer Miller completed his training in early August.

2 individuals currently in the Academy and they're about halfway done.

Mayor Tackman- Perfect. Thank You Captain.

**Public Comments:** 112 E. Ave. is having issues with neighbors who live at 114 E. Ave. who have been dumping raw garbage off the side of their deck onto the border between their 2 lawns. It is now beginning to attract wildlife because of the smell of rotting food as well as turning into a health hazard. Chris Shields is well aware of this problem and Mayor Tackman will be contacting Robert Germain for his input on how to resolve this issue.

**Executive Session:**

19. **Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Celletti** to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee @ 7:34pm.  
**Polling the Board YES** **Motion carried**
20. **Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Celletti** to exit Executive Session @ 8:16pm.  
**Polling the Board YES** **Motion carried**
21. **Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Celletti** to re-convene the general meeting @ 8:18pm.  
**Polling the Board YES** **Motion carried**
22. **Motion by Trustee Celletti, seconded by Trustee Albanese** to approve Robert Russell to return to active service with the fire department, pending a fully executed Last Chance Agreement.  
**Polling the Board:**  
**Mayor Tackman: Yes** **Motion carried**  
**Trustee Albanese: Yes**  
**Trustee Celletti: Yes**  
**Trustee Raesky: Abstained**
23. **Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Celletti** to authorize the mayor to execute the Last Chance Agreement between the Village and Robert Russel.  
**Polling the Board:**  
**Mayor Tackman: Yes** **Motion carried**  
**Trustee Albanese: Yes**  
**Trustee Celletti: Yes**  
**Trustee Raesky: Abstained**
24. **Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky** adjourn the general meeting @ 8:27pm.  
**Polling the Board YES** **Motion carried**