



Village of East Syracuse

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Michael Moracco

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

DPW Superintendent

Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement

Christopher Shields

Fire Chief

Christopher Shields

Village Board Meeting

November 1, 2021

6:30pm

Agenda

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

Also Present: Clerk/Manager Moracco, Robert Germain (Village Attorney), Fire Chief Shields, Fire Asst. Chief Dibello, Parks Director Richardson, DPW Superintendent Hughson and Deputy Clerk Zavaglia

Public Hearing: Called to order by Mayor Tackman @ 6:31pm

Mayor Tackman discussed that there is a purposed zoning change for 302 West Terrace St. to be able to operate under general commercial zone. This will eventually be changed to allow all of the properties on West Terrace St. to operate under commercial guidance.

No public comments for hearing.

Motion by Trustee Albanese, 2nd by Trustee Raesky to close the public hearing @ 6:33pm

Polling the Board YES

motion carried

Proclamation presentation by Mayor Tackman:

Mayor Tackman:

We wanted to take a few minutes to recognize a special family from the community. As you know, recently Deputy Mayor Liedka left the Village Board and then prior to my term Mayor Liedka left the Board and certainly their family has been instrumental in everything the Village has been involved in since the day Danny was born here in the Village. We wanted to take an extra moment to recognize all their efforts. Not only from Danny & Kim, but also Luke, Jack and Hannah.

Proclamation:

Whereas the Village of East Syracuse prides itself as a community of care and support for each other which is only possible with the care and support of our residents and community partners working together for one goal. And whereas the Liedka Family has been involved in many different community efforts and events to support the Village and beyond, members of the family have held the following titles within the Village; Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Trustee, Volunteer, Coach, Recreation Committee Member, County Legislator, Teacher and whereas the care and support is also shown by each of the children in the family. Some of the efforts supported by the children include leading the Veterans Park renovation project, raising funds for the American Legion's security system, raising funds for flag replacements around the Village, volunteering at many Village events and programs and whereas their care and support is shown not only in these major projects and rolls but is also shown in their daily activities around

the Village as they are recognized as true friends and family to many around the Village and beyond. For this we are grateful to have them as part of our Community. So now to say thank you to the Liedka Family; Danny, Kim, Luke, Jack and Hannah, I Robert Tackman, Mayor of The Village of East Syracuse do invariably claim today(November 2nd) as Liedka Family Appreciation Day.

Thank you so much to the Liedka Family for your years of service and all of your care and support to this Community.

Motions:

1. **Motion by Trustee Celletti 2nd by Trustee Albanese**, to approve vouchers from 63750-63861 for \$141,245.27.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**
2. **Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd Trustee Albanese**, to approve previous Board minutes.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**
3. **Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd by Trustee Albanese**, to schedule the next Board meeting on December 13th @6:30pm.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**
4. **Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd by Trustee Celletti**, to approve Zone Changes on 302 West Terrace Street to Commercial.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**
5. **Motion by Trustee Albanese 2nd by Trustee Raesky**, to schedule a public hearing to be held December 13, 2021 at 6:30pm to change all the zoning in West Terrace Street.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**
6. **Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd by Trustee Albanese**, to approve the SEQRA for the Zone change of 302 West Terrace St.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**

Discussions:

7. Codes – Director of Codes Chris Shields requested the board to review the salary amounts for the rental inspectors.
Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd by Trustee Albanese, to approve the pay rate increase for Rental Inspectors by \$1.00/hr.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**
8. DPW – Health Retirement Coverage
Trustee Raesky: When the Health Retirement Coverage was changed from 10-15yrs all of the existing employees were not grandfathered in, which they should have been. At that time there

was only one employee who should have been grandfathered in for the 10yr account.

Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd by Trustee Albanese, to allow Randy Hughson to be grandfathered in for a 10yr account Health Retirement Coverage.

Polling the Board YES

Motion carried

Village Manger Comments:

9. Insurance update:

Our insurance rate with Blue Cross Blue Shield will be increasing 7-9% and there will be a better breakdown for each of the different programs we offer at the next meeting.

10. Audit fire department:

We sent in some more documentation to Grossman St. Amore today and their goal was to try and complete the audit either by tonight or tomorrow.

11. Audit Village 2020/2021:

Great praise to Terry! She did a phenomenal job organizing the audit information that was needed. The Auditors said that in all the time they've been auditing, that was the only they've been able to do an audit in a day and a half. Usually it takes them 2-3 weeks to do our Village audit.

12. Taxes:

We basically have received all but just a handful of taxes in and we took in \$200,178,483.00 which is about exactly where we were last year. There are still some outstanding taxes still to come in, but it's minimal. That was very smooth this time with the program from the county.

Mayor's Comments:

13. Village Facebook Page:

We're still working through the quirks on going live to get more people on that and give more feedback to the residents. Tonight is our first ever facebook live meeting.

14. Winter Parking Ban - Is now in effect as of 11/01/2021

15. St. Matthews Church Parking Lot complaints- Mainly around St. Matthew's School on West Heman St. and also on Irving Ave. There was a meeting with Mayor Tackman, Mike, Randy and Chris met with the school administration and also the church administration and it was determined that the majority of the work that was needed (almost 90%) was the school property. They did hire a crew to come in and take care of all of the potholes and the Village has agreed to pay for a very small portion of work. The school paid a portion as well and St. Matthew's Church paid the majority of the repairs. It was a good partnership between everyone and has temporarily resolved the issue. They are aware that the repairs will not last forever. They did a hot patch which is only temporary but with winter coming they cannot pave the area.

16. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd from 6:00am-9:00pm.
Mike will be here at 5:30am to open the building and Chris will close the building.

Trustee Comments:

17. **Trustee Albanese:** Budget Committee
There was a meeting on Friday morning. Thank you so much to Terry for being so organized and she had everything ready to go.
For the time being Dominick won't be able to meet for the Budget Committee. In the meantime Margaret will be taking over.
Motion by Trustee Albanese 2nd by Mayor Tackman to take Dominick off the Budget Committee and put Margaret on.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**

18. **Trustee Raesky:**
Fire Department Echo Project Update:
With the help of the Onondaga County Emergency Management Dept., we have been having meetings with our fire Dept. members. We're trying to boost morale, efficiency, brotherhood and cooperation within the Fire Dept. which is a common goal with all Fire Dept. throughout the nation especially at this time. We do have a contract with the Town of Dewitt to do the North end of their town. We're trying to figure out how to get the Firefighters at the Fire Station and to get on the trucks and out. We started with the Chiefs, the Fire Council, Fire Dept. Inc., Line Officers, our Caretakers and then the Membership. We came up with 7 different total issues for ex: staffing, leadership, culture and empowerment. With that we gave some suggestions on what we could start with immediately, short-term and long-term. When it all came together most of the issues were the fact of the administration of the Fire Department so we are recommending that we hire a part-time Fire Dept. Coordinator to help the Fire Chief and the Officers to keep the administration part of it. We would have to go by NY State laws because the Fire Chief does have certain duties that they're required to do. We did come up with some things such as a duty schedule that they would have to maintain.
Mayor Tackman: There is a working job description and the pay wage will be \$22-\$28/hr.
Trustee Raesky: They will have to be flexible with both day and night hours.
Manager Morraco: Was there a goal as to what time we would start to post for this?
Trustee Raesky: As soon as possible.
Motion by Trustee Raesky 2nd by Trustee Celletti to advertise the part-time Fire Dept. Coordinator position.
Polling the Board YES **Motion carried**

19. **Trustee Celletti:** Would like to remind everyone about the Burn Run this Sun.

Department Reports:**Codes:**

Chief Shields: Things will be starting to get really busy for me for the next few months.

Rental Registration- mailers will be going out at the end of the month. Bennett Manor will start getting their first rental inspections that they've ever had. We never used to do Bennett Manor and we promised this year we're going to start. They're doing some things internally that have to be done before we get in there so we will be starting that in December.

New Zone Maps- After the zoning changes that we make for West Terrace St. I'm going to be getting pricing on having new zoning maps created. We haven't had zoning maps created since 2007 and there are a lot of updates that have to be made.

Winter parking ban-started yesterday between Dewitt Police and myself there are several hundred tickets that get done every winter and unfortunately it will probably be the same this year. I'll start going out from 2:00am-6:00am.

105 West Henrietta St- Has been condemned and the house sale closing will be this week. The plan is to get it closed up and heated before the winter to prevent further damage inside. His plans are to fix it up and move family into it.

Fire Chief and Codes vehicle- I will have vehicle information finalized. We will not be going with the Durangos due to the long wait. We will be going with the 2022 Ford Explorers instead.

Storm water flooding- Geiger Automotive, where Fayetteville Dodge is being built on West Manlius St. We ran into some storm water issues with that big storm we had. Randy, Steve Snell (Village Engineer) and myself had a meeting over there and with some right-a-ways that we're working on will probably get that issue resolved. A lot of the water issues over there continue to stem from some issues on CSX's property which is causing the flooding on Manlius Center Rd., Basile Rowe, Butternut Drive, Galster Rd. and Wilber Rd.

Manager Moracco: Randy and I got ahold of Maurice, who has been a great contact for us at CSX. His response was that he would be reaching out to his newer staff that is there now to take care of this immediate problem, so we are thankful at this point.

Fire Dept. Halloween Night- There were about 175 kids that came by Fire Station #1.

Apparatus PM's- Annual Fire Inspections and repairs. We're currently waiting on parts for repairs so we've switched trucks. Truck #1 is now at Station 2 and Truck #2 is now here in the Village.

Zoning for Cannabis sales: There seems to be interest in zoning information for cannabis sales in the Village however, we are not at that point in the process yet.

DPW:

Superintendent Hughson- I wanted to thank the Board for grandfathering me in. We will be milling and paving the 100 block of W. Ellis and the 100 block of W. Heman which will commence next Monday. Those roads are terrible and this will be a full

rehab where we will mill it down and repave with hot blacktop and hopefully we will get some longevity out of those 2 blocks. Next year's forecast will be to extend into the 200 block of W. Heman.

CSX- I spoke Maurice and he will be getting a hold of their engineer. I spoke to Rocci (D.O.T.) and he mentioned possibly volunteering some equipment to see if they can get down the track by Tracey Road Equip. and unplug that pipe to temporarily get this moving until we have a more permanent solution between D.O.T. and CSX. There is also another pipe between a retention pond behind the plaza to the right of Tractor Supply. I provided D.O.T. with an aerial map to show that this pipe extends across the New Inland Port and out to their yard. The Department of Conservation was holding that up for the past 3 months because they saw an oil sheen. They have now written a letter of forgiveness and they will go ahead and open up that pipe which will create another relief spot for the water to drain.

Parks and Recreation:

Director Richardson- Last Tuesday we had the Halloween Party at ESE.

Thursday we had the Hayrides at the school as well as the House Decoration judging.

****Tuesday November 9th will be the Veteran's Spaghetti Dinner at the American Legion 5-8:00pm**Free for Veterans and +1's****

\$3.00 for Individuals and \$10.00 for families.

If anyone wants to stop by everyone is welcome! (We could also use volunteers if anyone is interested in volunteering.)

Public Comments:

One resident asked about an update with the ARPA funds. Mayor Tackman said the board is still coming up with ideas and hopes to have a committee assigned to help figure out a plan for the funds soon.

Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Albanese 2nd by to Trustee Raesky to adjourn the meeting @7:21pm.

Polling the board YES

Motion carried