



Village of East Syracuse
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Mayor
Lorene Dadey

Village Board Meeting
February 6, 2023

Deputy Mayor
Mary Albanese

Agenda
6:31pm

Trustees
Margaret Raesky
Dominick Celletti
Carol Para

Present: Mayor Dadey, Deputy Mayor Albanese (virtual), Trustee Raesky, Trustee Para, Trustee Celletti

Justice
Joseph Zavaglia

Also Present: Chris Shields, Robert Germain

Village Clerk
Sarah Mrowinski

Start time: 6:31pm
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Pledge of Allegiance

Parks & Recreation
Thomas Richardson

DPW
Superintendent
Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement
Christopher Shields

Fire Chief
Leonard Dibello

- 1. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes and Public Hearing Minutes from January 4, 2023 and Work Session January 10th and Special meeting January 18th, 2023.**

IT IS TO BE NOTED that there was also a work session on 1/31/23 to discuss the Fee schedule. Items discussed:

- **Building permits**
- **Sign permits**
- **Planning and Zoning fees**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes

Motion Carried

- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 65935 through 66074 for \$234,528.85.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board: Yes

Motion Carried

- 3. Motion to approve transferring answering services charge from Communications Group in the amount of \$225.68 account # A.1410.0417 to account # A.5010.0410.**

Motion by Trustee Celletti

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes

Motion Carried

- 4. Motion to approve transferring the senior supply charge in the amount of \$404.33 account # A.7610.0401 to account # A.7610.0401.0001.**

Motion by Trustee Celletti

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes

Motion Carried

- 5. Motion to approve adoption of the LGS-1 retention schedule.**

Motion by Trustee Celletti

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes

Motion Carried

Clerk Mrowinski Comments- Explained that the LGS-1 is the new retention schedule adopted by NYS Archives. Clerk would like to apply for the 2023 Records Management Grant and the Village is required to have adopted this new retention schedule.

- 6. Motion to approve Sarah to apply for the 2023 Records Management Grant.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes

Motion Carried

- 7. Motion to approve these workweek standards:**

Title	Name	Current Term Beg/End	Participates Employers Time Keeping System	Standard Work Day & Work Week
Mayor	Lorene Dadey	1/1/22-1/1/25	No	6hr./wk.
Trustee	Mary Albanese	1/1/22-1/1/25	No	6hr./wk.
Trustee	Margaret Raesky	1/1/20-1/1/24	No	6hr./wk.
Trustee	Carol Para	1/1/22-1/1/25	No	6hr./wk.
Trustee	Dominic Celletti	1/1/20-1/1/24	No	6hr./wk.
Court Clerk	Bridget Albanese	1/1/23-1/1/24	Yes	8hr./day.

Village Clerk	Sarah Mrowinski	1/1/23-1/1/24	Yes	8hr./day.
DPW	Randy Hughson	1/1/23-1/1/24	Yes	8hr./day
Village Justice	Joseph J. Zavaglia	1/1/22-1/1/24	No	6hr./wk.
Associate Justice	Robert Jokle	1/1/23-1/1/24	No	6hr./wk.
Treasurer	Terry Knaflewski	1/1/23-1/1/24	Yes	8hr./day.

Motion by Trustee Celletti

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 8. Motion to authorize and retain F.J. Pompo & Co. certified public accountant to perform an audit of the court's records for time period June 2022-May 2023. As per the agreement not to exceed \$1,850.00**

Motion by Trustee Celletti

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Mayor Dadey: This is the yearly audit that the Court System does.

- 9. Motion to authorize and retain F.J. Pompo & Co. certified public accountant to perform an audit of the Villages record for time period June 2022-May 2023 and prepare the New York State OSCAUD as per agreement not to exceed \$18,000. \$16,250 is for audit and \$1000.00 is for AUD.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Mayor Dadey: This is the normal audit that we have done every year by Pompo.

- 10. Motion to approve retaining the services of Crowley Insurance and designate as insurance agent for the Village of East Syracuse.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 11. Motion to approve the annual elevator contract with OTIS at \$1,100.00 for the year.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 12. Motion to approve giving authorization to the Mayor to sign C&S Engineering contract for 2023 for Hanlon Pool.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

Resident Question Jimmy: What is C&S Engineering doing with Hanlon Pool, it is open and functional.

Answer by Mayor Dadey: C&S is the engineer for the pool, Arcadis does not handle pools that is why C&S handles the pool. The amount of money goes towards the hourly wage they receive to come in just in case we need them. We have to have it we don't have a choice.

- 13. Motion to approve the 46th Annual Ronald A Russell Jr. Community Concert & Fireworks to be held on Saturday, July 8th (Rain date – July 9th).**

Motion by Trustee Celletti

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 14. Motion to approve hosting a concert by the 198th Army Band on Monday, July 17th 6:00 pm in the Auditorium at ESM Highschool.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

Tom Richardson: They are out of Rochester. We got notice they were interested in doing a tour. There are 30 people in the band. We got the high school auditorium because there isn't enough room at the park. They will play for about an hour.

Resident Jimmy Comment: Since the ESM high school is in the Town of Manlius and the Village of East Syracuse is Town of Dewitt why is the Village of East Syracuse Funding that whole thing?

Answer by Mayor Dadey: We are not funding it

Answer Tom Richardson: Its Free

Answer Mayor Dadey: it's a free event and they contacted us.

Resident Jimmy comment: just wanted to know why something for the Town of Manlius is going through the Village of East Syracuse Board.

Answer Tom Richardson: There are 30 people have to put them in a big place to fit all the people.

Answer Mayor Dadey: They contacted us and asked us to host the event and we do not have a venue large enough to hold that.

- 15. Motion to approve Changing the date of Winter – Spring festival (March 4th) to Spring Festival – April 29th 11:00 – 2:00.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 16. Motion to approve the promotion of Jim Brewster to the position of Caretaker Supervisor with a pay increase of \$2/hour.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 17. Motion to approve moving money from the uniforms budget line to 3410.0414.0001 for Jim Brewster's pay increase.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 18. Motion to approve a pay raise of \$1/hour for Ian Duquette beginning on 1/31/23, the day he passed his CDL test.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

Randy Hughson commented that they learned a lot during this process and moving forward it will be an easier process.

- 19. Motion to approve adopting the policy that all wage increases are to be considered at the beginning of the budget**

process. Only with circumstances such as promotions or extra duty request will a wage increase be considered during the year.

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes

Motion Carried

20. Motion to approve the following items to be donated, sold or recycled by the fire department:

2023 Surplus List

Turnout:

17 – Coats

14 – Pants

Hazmat:

14 – Boots

5 – Rope rescue helmets

3 – Air vent for confined spaces

2 – Cold water rescue suits

7 – TFT combination nozzles

7 – Hazmat suits

4 – Hazmat jump suits

1 – Reeves EMS

28 – Tychem Suit

2 – MSA SCBA

18 – Rubber gloves

3 – Hazmat vests

7 – Tripod

Electronics:

4 – Fujitsu Tablets

9 – Lifebook Fujitsu computers

11 – “Lind” auto adapter

8 – Pager base station

4 – pager

5 – Four gas meters

1 – CO meter

1 – HCN meter

1 – HS2 meter

3 – CL2 meters

2 – NH3 meters

1 – HP ProDesk computer tower

2 – HP Laptops

4 – Dell Laptops

1 – Fujitsu laptop

1 – HP Deskjet 6940 Printer

1 – Cannon Printer

1 – Optimus tape recorder/player

1 – Brother Intellifax 770

1 – Universal laminator

20 – Verizon Jet pack mobile hotspots

3 – Pairs of computer desk speakers

Miscellaneous

- 1 - stern box
- 2 - "Scout" meters
- 2 - "Entry Rae" meters
- 4 - Haz-Alert Model 100T's
- 2 - Haz-Alert Model 990's
- 1 - Roll up stretcher
- 2 - Half back carrier
- 1 - 8mm handy cam
- 1 - cellphone /fax
- 1 - pediatric immobilization system
- 3 - light bars (vehicle)
- 1 - Andax portable spill pack
- 1 - Command post
- 1 - Hazmat leak kit
- 2 - Leak kits
- 3 - Task force tips max foam
- 1 - Whiteboard w/ doors and corkboard
- 2 - Life guards
- 1 - Multi Rae PLU
- 7 - Mounting brackets
- 1 -K950 K12
- 1 - K650 K12
- 2 - 6' fiberglass
- 1 - 8' fiberglass
- 6 - Misc. seats and consoles from vehicles
- 1 - Box misc. camera parts
- 10 - Tubs of outdated valves, fittings, and connections
- 1 - Box of old Highrise straps
- 4 - Confined space escape bottles
- 3 - Confined space tripod
- 1 - Rockland custom box for 2016 Ford E.
- 1 - Master Mechanic Generator
- 1 - Electric chainsaw
- 1 - Tripod winch
- 1 - Windless
- 1 - Portable hydrant
- 1 - Trailer winch
- 2 - Beam fall protection
- 3 - Mirrors
- 8 - Light lenses
- 2 - Rolls of plastic tarp

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling Board Yes

Motion Carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Dadey: Thanked everyone for their cooperation with all the snow and weather.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Resident Gail: Discussed any efforts the Board is doing to prepare evacuation plan for Trail Derailment. Asked if the Board has any plans to contract CSX and or any other government agency.

Mayor Dadey asked Robert Germain if he had any thoughts as she feels that we should be looking into contacting CSX.

Comment Robert Germain: Has a contact at CSX and he will reach out to them.

Resident Gail Comment: She would also like to know if there is anything the residents can do to encourage CSX.

Mayor Dadey: We will start with Robert Germain reaching out to CSX, after that we will looking further action and including the residents.

Resident Jimmy comment: Asked for a continuance on the topic, he knows that the Town of Dewitt reevaluated everyone's houses and the people near the railroad property value has gone down because of all the noise. They built the railroad right on the outskirts of the village. No-one wants to buy the property now.

Mayor Dadey asked Gain to give Clerk Sarah her email and contact information so that we can communicate on this topic.

Resident Herb Comment: Speaking regarding a letter sent to the mayor and board with new information regarding his concerns about the tree. He understands that the mayor and board did not have time

to adequately review the documents sent as they only received them today. He wanted to provide an overview of the letter. He stated that he brought this to the Village's attention 5 years ago. The Village at that time thought there would be an issue and took some action but the result did not come through. In the letter is new information that he had gotten through research and FOIL request. He had information from NYCOM regarding training re Village Law obligation of the board to preserve the safety health, comfort and general welfare of residents. He believes that that State law conflicts with the tree law that the Village has passed. He would like the Board to reconsider their decision based on the new information that he has provided which included; clarification under state law of their job duties that they have sworn to uphold, He took a look at the weather history and the wind speeds and percentages. He looked at a 5 year period 2018-2022. He found on a monthly basis. He also provided pictures of the tree and how the leaning of the tree has changed between 2018-2019. Robert had provided a letter to him regarding the tree rule voted on a year ago. He went to the Town of Dewitt and asked them to make a tree committee in the Village. He stated that he is not asking for us to enter the property but to use the powers and tools the board has to address the tree issues. Would like to board to reconsider their decision.

Mayor Dadey: She has not read documents in their entirety.

Randy Hughson comments: He has looked at his research and pointed out all the trees that have damage from the wind and with the danger and national grid and they have put on every homeowner. Their obligation was 5 ft now its 8ft.

Resident Herb would like Randy to complain to national grid. Eh has made an offer to the property owner and he did not respond. So He revoked the offer and submitted and demand and the owner declines. He feels the tree could affect 6 different properties.

Resident Jimmy comments. Regarding sidewalks. NIMO will not fix sidewalk where they tunneled over and move all the gas gages. And resident have to pay a percentage of the sidewalk. Trees have been taken out. Trees in everyone's back yards with new wind standard they are catching more wind. All you can do is cut tree limbs hanging on your property and stated that they cannot make it the Village's responsibility if not in 25 ft from center of road. That is village code.

Resident Herb comments: that is general rule most tress have not been investigated by experts. This tree is different the danger is well-known.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:
VILLAGE CLERK:**

No new updates at this time.

DPW:

SNOW: Salt Trips-13, Plow -1, Sidewalk-1, Parking Lots-1

CHRISTMAS: Take down all decorations on Main Street and around the municipal building.

X-MAS TREET: Picked up trees for the month and hauled them to the recycling center to be made into mulch for future use. (About 100 trees collected).

SIGNS: Going through the Village we are replacing, repairing, straightening up signs &

poles, making a list of street signs that need replacing from Kinne Street west. As per budget request.

DPW: Keeping up with defensive driving Bob C. completed his course, Ian Duquette completed driving certification and passed his road test. He now has a CDL.

Mayor Dadey question: now that Ian has his CDL do all of our DPW have their CDLS

Randy Hughson Reply: Yes

PARKS:

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

The First Lego team from ESE (the Cheetahbots) presented to the East Syracuse Parks & Recreation their presentation on geothermal energy project, creating energy efficient solutions in cooling the control room to keep the pool open during the summer months.

The 2nd annual Pre-K Prom was held on Saturday, January 28th from 4 – 6 pm at the Village office. Approx. 25 children attended with their parents, grandparents, guardians. Everyone had a great time.

Date Change – Spring Festival Fest is taking place on Saturday, April 29th from 12:00 – 3:00 pm at Ellis Field Park. See website for more info.

The inter-generational program between East Syracuse Elementary students and the Keener Seniors continued in January. Students played bingo with the seniors and celebrated January birthdays.

Seniors will be attending monthly trip to Turning Stone on February 20th .

Senior Valentine's Day Party –The ESM Highschool Chorus will be performing at Heman St Apts on February 14th during the senior luncheon. Bingo at 11:00 am, lunch at 12:00 noon, entertainment at 12:30.

The Parks & Rec had a learning Technology class at Heman Street Apts on Wednesday, January 18th . Keith instructed seniors on use of cell phone apps, lap top issues any anything else the seniors came up with.

16 seniors played pitch in the monthly card party on Thursday, January 19th. Next party is February 16th

The Movie Elvis was shown to seniors on Thursday, January 26th at the Village office 2nd floor . The next movie is February 9th .

A trip to the Harlem Globetrotters was held on Thursday, February 2nd.

Teen Movie Night will be on Friday, February 10th at the Village office 2nd floor. From 6:00 – 8:00 pm The movie Black Adam will be shown.

Build it with Lowes will be held on Saturday, February 18th from 9:30 – 11:00 at the Village hall. Monster Jam trucks will be built.

Sled Fest (weather permitting will be held on Saturday, February 25th at Fremont Elementary from 11:00- 1:00 pm.

Ice Skating Rink – Unfortunately weather has not cooperated. Looks like we will open at end of week it cold spell continues.

Kid's Disney on Ice – (Weather Permitting) will be held on Saturday, February 11th at Ellis Field Park from 12:00- 2:00 pm

EAVES will be holding a Baby Sitting course on Tuesday, February 21st from 9 – 11:00 at the EAVE Building. Cost is \$50.00. Register at Village office.

Registration is underway for February break youth activities (February 21 – 24) . Forms are available at Village office and online. Activities include Sky Zone, Chucke cheese, bowling, bingo & Movie , 3 on 3 basketball Tourney, Intramurals.

Family Trivia Night will be on Tuesday, February 21 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm on 2nd floor of Municipal Building.

13 orders were taken for food sense in January. Orders for February Food Sense due before or on February 10th. Call Tom Richardson at 952 - 0038 for more information.

Park Maintenance –

Pool Building

Prepped floor for annual painting (in Feb)
Cleaned floors, caulked joints, reattached new trim. Polyurethaned window sills, dusted HVAC vents, spot painted walls thru- out building,

Installed new shower hose (Women's Handicapped shower), Painted lockers (rust) Hung exit plan signs, fire ext. signs, secured light housings in pool building, secured lockers in family changing rooms, secured men stall dividers.

Setup pool ID System for summer

**Took down/put away xmas Decorations
Retrofitted outdoor lighting fixtures (6) and replaces photo eye sensor.**

**Replaced 2 outdoor bathrooms lights/
installed new paper towel dispenser**

Installed new door closer hinge on concession door.

Setup Wis Building for ice skating (benches , mats, skates).

Project: for the fireworks and Manlius st Festival and Taste of East Syracuse, W always have rented stages that have always be from Utica and cost \$400 went up this year by \$1100 more. Tom went to Willie Lumber who is going to build a stage for us for approximately \$900. They will work on where they will be storing it.

Resident Jimmy comment: There is a whole field that the fire department uses for storage. Wanted to know why the fire department can store everything there but no longer available to residents they will get a fine. Not open to everyone only fire department.

Chris Shields comments: That property is privately owned it is not owned by the East Syracuse Fired Department it is owned by the East Syracuse Fire Department Inc. which is a private organization. The Village has no say over that property. They do sometimes let the Village Fire Department train on it.

Resident Jimmy comment: They store their personal equipment there. He understands they re volunteer.

Mayor Dadey Comments: That is a benefit for a volunteer gets. They do volunteer a lot of their time.

Resident Jimmy comment: There is no money coming in from that property any longer.

Mayor Dadey Comment: Has nothing to do with the Village. We have no jurisdiction of the Inc. and they bought the land.

CODES:

Caliber Collision – Introduction

Allen Yager: Be relocated to the Village. 1700ft building. They will be needing Site plan approval, subdivision and 2 variances. Will be going before the planning board and zoning board.

Parking will be needed for approximately 44 cars. Will employ 15 people full-time will only need 24 parking instead of the 74 per Village code.

Resident Jimmy comment: Asked if contain any drainage for leaking vehicles.

Response from Allen: Yes, they do in the back.

The Potter's House Syracuse

Re: Leasing space at 212 E Manlius St
Matt Stowell

Chris Shields: Wants to open a church it is currently vacant. Needs to go before the planning board due to code.

Matt Stowell: The last time we went in front of the planning board they approved without exceptions for use of the building, but they wanted some concerns address regarding the traffic.

Next meeting with the planning board Monday the 13th.

Only concerns they have is regarding traffic which Matt feels they can address.

Mayor Dadey asked about the size of the congregation:

Matt says its about 15 people, 5 vehicles. The plan is to grow. Lease is only for 2 years. Hours will be during off-peak hours.

FIRE:

Due to scheduling conflicts, I am not able to attend tonight's board meeting, the fire council is meeting this evening. I am in the building if I am needed. I would like to offer the following info for the meeting. Between Friday 2/3/23 and Monday 2/6/23 we responded t0 26 alarms, 14 of those were due to broken pipes/water issues.

Submitted for board approval:

A list of equipment that can be surplussed, some of this will be donated, some will be sent to auction and some will be recycled, This equipment has not been used in over a year and will not affect our daily operations.

Myself, Asst Chief Morgan, Capt Browne, Lt Talarico, and FF Lyman have applied to attend the National Fire Academy on 3/31-4/2. We have not been accepted yet, when apps are accepted, we will be billed.

We are applying for an Assist to Firefighters grant with Dewitt Fire to replace our portable radios.

We are continuing to improve our relationship with the Minoa Fd. There will be a joint super bowl party at station 2.

We are hosting the Onondaga County Fire Chief's roundtable on Feb 22 at our station 2. This will be attended by depts from across our county.

Our staffing program continues to attract new members and mutual aid riders. We

had an in-service training on 1/22/23 and put 4 guys into service.

We are working with 2 past chief's from the North Syracuse Fire dept. They have a long range plan that they use to keep their budget in line and to help forecast the bigger expenditures, vehicle maintenance, and replacement, building maintenance, etc.

On January 7th, our in-house crew responded to a full arrest call at 604 N. Highland ave. Squad 2 responded with FF/emt Knierman, FF/emt Armstrong, FF Tim Diglio and Eng 4 with FF/emt Tremont, ff Alex Knierman, and FF Angle. I have attached a write-up from the crew for you to read at the meeting. This type of early intervention is what makes our decision to change to a staffed duty crew response the right way to go.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Resident Jimmy comments: He has a lot of experience. He wants to address the hiring of engineers. Feels we should have someone that has knowledge of the village and how the issues originally happened.

The other issues is the manipulations of contract and family members of village employees getting contracts.

Issues with drainage and usage of the pond by BJS.

Mayor Dadey Comments: Some of the ponds over there are the relocation of wetlands. Jimmy feels that has created a bigger drainage problem.

Randy Hughson advised him to go through DEC.

Resident Jimmy comments: He feels he has to go through local government, and they should bring it to DEC.

He mention his issue with the police department being gone now, and they do not drive down our streets.

Mayor Dadey Addressed that and said as a resident he can go to the Town of Dewitt and advise them of his concerns.

**Motion to Adjourn by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Trustee Para
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

Adjourn time: 7:30 pm