



Village of East Syracuse
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**Mayor
Lorene Dadey**

**Village Board Meeting
July 10, 2023**

**Deputy Mayor
Mary Albanese**

Meeting Minutes

**Trustees
Margaret Raesky
Dominick Celletti
Carol Para**

**Present: Mayor Dadey, Deputy Mayor
Albanese, Trustee Celletti, Trustee Para**

Also Present:

**Justice
Joseph Zavaglia**

**Excused: Trustee Raesky, Tom Richardson,
Clerk Sarah Mrowinski, Chief DiBello**

**Village Clerk
Sarah Mrowinski**

**Start time: 6:35
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 from June 5, 2023, and Public Hearing minutes from June 5, 2023 with the following revisions: Comment from resident Herb Schrayshuen should read property owner Herb Schrayshuen
Motion by Albanese
2nd by Celletti
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**
- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 66654 through 66693 out of the 2022 budget for \$82,047.83.
Motion by Albanese
2nd by Celletti
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**
- 3. Motion to approve change of wages for successful certifications, and equipment operator, for the following:
With Bob Chamberlain retiring this provides an incentive to keep the great crew that we currently have and bring on new hires.
Chris Smith Crew Leader \$23.24
Ian Duquette Large Machine Operator \$19.54
Luke Maxwell Certified Welder \$17.50**

**Increase due to recently becoming
certified in Pool Safety and Operations
Dave Delpiore \$21.96
Keith Caiello \$45,427
Tom Richardson \$71,053
All increases retro back to July 2, 2023**

Motions by Albanese

2nd by Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 4. Motion to approve the transfer of funds into NY Class account
#01-0610-0006 from Key Bank checking account #A.0000.0200
In the amount of \$100,000.**

Motions by Para

2nd by Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 5. Motion to approve splitting the cost with the fire department
INC. for the stove at station one which is used by both the fire
and parks department in the amount of \$8,350.00 split between
both budgets.**

Motions by Albanese

2nd by Dadey

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 6. Motion to approve payment to Crowley Insurance for the
amount of \$85,447.44.**

Motions by Albanese

2nd by Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 7. Motion to approve payment from the 2022 budget in the
amount of \$11,164.75 for Excellus.**

Motions by Albanese

2nd by Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

8. Presentation by Captain Brenton White regarding The Flock Safety Program

This is an advanced license plate reader which would allow us to do more with less people. This provides only information regarding vehicles not people. Asking us to consider 1-4 cameras to be located throughout the village. Cost per camera is between \$150-\$600 installation and then \$3,000 per year, which includes the cost of operating, electricity and maintenance.

Mayor Dadey asked if we get to decide where they are placed. They would make recommendations as to where they should be placed and then we would decide. Their goal is to have a total of 15 cameras for the area, with other businesses participating. They have approached Lotte, Wegmans, Walmart, the Jewish Federation, local banks and car dealerships.

Motions by Dadey to approve two cameras to be further discussed once other agencies have decided to participate.

2nd by Para

Polling the board: 3 Yes, Albanese, Dadey, Para, 1 No from Celletti Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The village wide garage sales will be held the last Saturday in July. For people that would like to participate this will be July 29, 2023. The hours will be up to the individual households.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Albanese wanted to say thank you to the Fire Department for arranging the lecture with Brad Pinski on August 14th.

Trustee Para thanked everyone for a successful Ice Cream Social and Fireworks

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

VILLAGE CLERK: Terri Knaflewski has officially retired as of June 27, 2023.

Deadline for taxes was on July 3rd. Few payments coming in after the deadline.

DPW:

Trees: Tree landers came in and removed 2 dangerous trees at Silver and West Heman, stumps were ground, and we removed the grindings, put down topsoil, homeowners were very thankful for the fast service we did for them.

Signs: We put up the dedication signs where they needed to go. Change the no Parking sign in front of 303 W 2nd street. It was faded, the homeowner asked to have it changed.

DPW: Did some in house safety, went over some equipment uses, safety, operation of tools and equipment.

Sweeper: Had the sweeper out for the parade with general sweeping of the village. Ian is doing a great job in it.

Basins: Fixed the basin on the corner of Manlius and Hartwell before the county came in and milled and paved the road.

Sidewalks: We dug, formed, poured two walks at 319 Highland Ave & 102 Schrouder. It was a lot of work the crew did a great job got, got it done in a timely manner.

Grass: Keeping up with mowing, weed wacked the bridge, Station 1 and Station 2 were mowed.

PARKS:

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Parks and Recreation brochure is available on Village web site, or you may pick one up at Village office or at Hanlon Pool.

The Swimming Pool Inspection by the Health Department was held on July 3rd.

We passed with Flying colors. No violations All programs are in full swing. Swimming lessons (completely full) and water aerobics started last week. Thank you to Becky for doing a great job with lifeguards and pool programs.

Opening Park Picnic was held Monday, June 26th. 100 kids attended

Thank you to the Fire Dept. for bringing the truck and setting up a big sprinkler for the kids to run thru on Tuesday, June 27th

Daily events include Arts and crafts, archery, Tennis, pickle ball and Basketball.

Check Parks brochure for days and times.

Special Events will be held every day at 11:00

Community Weekend was a big success. Ice cream social was well attended and enjoyed by all ages. A special Thanks to my staff and the many volunteers who worked throughout the night

Fireworks on July 8th were spectacular

again this year. Thank you to Zambelli Fireworks for another great year. 46 years and running. This is the reason we stick with them every year.

Thank you to everyone involved with the Fireworks: Parks & Recreation staff which was at field from 7:30 am – to 11:00, Town of Dewitt police, Sheriff's , Dept., Fire Dept., DPW, Eaves, Verdad Security and all the organizations that participated. Also thank you to all the sponsors that helped make the event possible.

Ellis Field Park Concerts in Gazebo started on June 27th with a show by the Shylocks. .Concerts will continue on Tuesday evenings for the month of July and part of August (Get a complete listing of bands on Village web site.)

July 11th will be a Hawaiian Luau during the concert by PG Unplugged. July 18th will be a clam bake and concert by the Showtime Trio.

The Park will be host to special Olympic softball again this year. They will be starting July 26th

Taste of East Syracuse will be on August 1st . Stop out for the 11th annual cookoff between Mayor Lorene Dadey and a Wegmans Chef starting at 6:00 pm

Seniors – The seniors have been busy. The picnic at Ellis field Pavilion on June 14th was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to students from ESE for putting on a great

show for seniors. A picnic at Onondaga Lake will be held on Thursday, July 13th. Deadline for food sense is July 14th this month.

CODES:

Walmart – they will be relocating their online order pick up area so that the workers bringing groceries to the vehicles do not have to cross in front of the buses. The online order pick-up is moving to the parking area across from Lawn & Garden.

BJ's – has recently done a traffic study regarding the traffic issues that their gas station is creating with cars lining up along Chevy Drive. Hopefully changes will be coming soon once they research the traffic findings.

Tractor Supply – My office was contacted by Tractor Supply stating that the site plan that has been approved by both the Village Planning Board and Board of Trustees is changing. I have not received the new site plans as of yet, but when I do a Planning Board meeting will be scheduled.

FIRE:

Chief Dibello apologizes for not being able to attend the meeting in person, the fire department council meeting is being held at the same time. He will be in the building if there are any questions.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the board meeting this month due to our council meeting being held on the same day and at the same time.

- ☐ **The new floor is now complete, and the final inspection has been done, the new lockers have been installed and our new hose rack has been assembled and put into service. These few**

things have made the bay area look great! We continue to receive compliments on the way the bays are looking.

- ☐ We are coming close to completing the bylaw update that we started several months ago in a joint project with the corporation. The department membership will be doing a first review of the new bylaws tomorrow night at our monthly business meeting.
- ☐ We have a member that has signed up to run for the open 2nd asst chief position. Paul Haynes has stepped up and put his name up to run for 2nd asst chief (car 3). Paul is a past captain of our dept and a Lieutenant in the City of Syracuse fire dept as well as a state fire instructor. He will make a great addition to the chief's line. I ask that the board approve him as 2nd asst chief pending his election by the membership. I plan to keep John Morgan as car 4 as well. Having a full chief's line and a car 4 will allow us to get even more accomplished.
- ☐ I am in the process of scheduling a lecture put on by Brad Pinsky. Our Mayor and Asst Chief Bob Russell attended this lecture at the town of Dewitt last month and both feel it is a lecture that all of us should hear, including the village board. I am working on scheduling this for the month of August to be held in the community room at station 2. We will be inviting other depts and municipalities as well. The mayor can give more insight into the topic of the lecture.
- ☐ Last but certainly not least, this month Past Chief Jim Brewster celebrates 50 years of active service in the East Syracuse Fire Dept. He continues to work on improving the dept and getting it prepared for the future. Jim is a great asset to the dept, bringing his years of experience to numerous truck committees, building improvements, and the mentoring of the younger firefighters, officers and chiefs, myself included.

Motion to go into executive session to
discuss a personnel matter by Albanese
2nd by Para
Polling the board Yes Motion carried

Adjourn time: 7:29 pm