



**Village of East Syracuse**  
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**Mayor**  
Lorene Dadey

**Village Board Meeting**  
**October 2, 2023**

**Deputy Mayor**  
Mary Albanese

**Minutes**  
**6:30pm**

**Trustees**  
Margaret Raesky  
Dominick Celletti  
Carol Para

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

**Also Present: Clerk Mrowinski, Chris Shields, Randy Hughson, Tom Richardson**

**Justice**  
Joseph Zavaglia

**Excused: Trustee Raesky, Chief DiBello**

**Village Clerk**  
Sarah Mrowinski

**Start time: 6:30PM**  
**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 September 11, 2023.**  
**Motion by Trustee Celletti**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 67141 through 67235 for \$101,516.70.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Celletti**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 3. Motion to approve re-coding \$16,068.12 from A.1990.0430 to A.3410.0430 in the 2022 budget.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Celletti**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 4. Motion to approve re-coding \$92.85 from line A.7140.0401.0001.0004 to A.7140.0401.0000.0001.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

- 5. Motion to approve re-coding \$50.56 from A.1410.0417 to A.1325.0417.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2nd by Trustee Para**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 6. Motion to approve moving \$2,657.18 from A.7140.0101.0000.0002 to A.7140.0103.0000.0002.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2nd by Trustee Para**  
**Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried**
- 7. Motion to approve moving \$1,230.22 from A.7140.0101.0000.0002 and \$554.78 from A.7140.0104.0000.0001 to A.7140.0102.0000.0002.**  
**Motions by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Celletti**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 8. Motion to approve moving \$150.00 from A.7140.0430.0000.0001 to A.7140.0425.0000.0001.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2nd by Trustee Celletti**  
**Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried**
- 9. Motion to approve the purchase from Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. for the dump box replacement for truck #9 (DPW) in the amount of \$26,729. This was discussed at last month's board meeting.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Randy Hughson explained that the dump box was loaded and as they were unloading it the box slid off the tuck. Randy attempted to get multiple quotes however, for safety reasons no one would attempt to repair it because of all the rust. It's a 2007 so its 16 years old. Tracy Road Equipment was the only one that had a box that would fit the truck and change the board under the county contract.**

**Mayor Dadey and Trustee Celletti commented that this repair is necessary because our DPW needs this truck and**

now because we are getting into the weather where it is necessary.

- 10. Motion to approve transferring funds in the amount of \$11,335.74 from A.8540.0404.0001 to account A.8540.0402.0001 for payment to DE Tarolli for contractor cost of Basile Rowe drainage project.  
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2nd by Trustee Celletti  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Randy Hughson announced that the Bazile Road Drainage project is finally complete!!**

**Mayor Dadey thanked Randy, Steve Snell and everyone involved in getting this accomplished. She knows that all the businesses will be very appreciative. Randy Hughson, and Steve Snell has signed off on all of the paperwork and we have it budgeted for.**

- 11. Motion to approve Renee Stone to attend the Introduction to Governmental Accounting class online through the New York State Comptroller's office 11/15/23 – 11/16/23. The amount of the class is \$85.00 to be paid out of budget line A.1325.0409.  
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2nd by Trustee Celletti  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 12. Motion to approve reallocating \$696.36 from A.9785.0608 for installment payment for truck mounted sidewalk plow to account A.9785.0708 interest for truck mounted sidewalk plow.  
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2nd by Trustee Celletti  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 13. Motion to approve accepting the resignation of Michael Pusz DPW Laborer to be effective 10/13/23.  
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2nd by Trustee Celletti  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Carol Para stated that Tom Richardson and his crew did a great job handling all of the people that came in over the weekend at the fall festival, keeping everything moving so that it did not seem too crowded. There were a lot of people there.**

**Deputy Mayor Mary Albanese commented on her and Mayor Dadey had visited a couple of residents that had sent a few letters and it was good that they did that. She regretted not attending the fall festival, she was at the Clemson game. The office did their training, and the girls couldn't say enough about it, it was money very well spent.**

**Mayor Dadey thanked Randy Hughson again for all of his work on Bazile Rowe, all of the businesses and residents will be happy. She mentioned that Clerk Mrowinski has been getting a lot of calls regarding this issue. Mayor Dadey thanked her and is happy that now Clerk Mrowinski will be able to give them good news and they will be happy. She thanked Chris Sheilds for always pitching in wherever it is necessary.**

**Mayor Dadey announced that today 10/2 there was a press conference in front of the village office, Ryan McMahon came regarding the money that will be spent on Main Street. Almost a million dollars and 6 properties are involved. It is a project where the State gives money, and the property owner adds in 25%. Work is beginning at Twin Trees; she believes it windows. The Red wood diner is included in the project, Bottle and Can place, the hair place, the tax place, tattoo parlor, and the Property Orange place are all involved. Mayor Dadey hopes this is just the beginning for Main**

**Street businesses.** She also went to the Fire Department extrication weekend yesterday and it was phenomenal. They had instructors there from all over, had many different fire departments attend. She said that it helps her as a board member better understand why the fire department needs all of the tools and equipment that we need in order to get everyone out of the highways, especially now with the expansion of 481. That will definitely have an impact on our village, the fire department, and emergency services.

#### **RESIDENT COMMENTS:**

#### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

##### **DPW:**

**TREES:** Went through Village again trimming branches. Having the State coming in to look at the trees on E. Manlius Street, there is 1 dying & they need to be trimmed back from the buildings.

**SIGNS:** Put up 2 new signs on 1<sup>st</sup> street at S. Center St. due to cars parking there and tractor trailers could not make the turn to stay on the truck route.

**DPW:** Cleaned up ditch by Monroe Muffler and may swale for water flow. We went around the village filling potholes and made a list for milling & paving which we started on the west end first.

**BASINS:** We cleaned the basin on Basile Rowe and jetted them out for the project that is going on and reduced the cost of the project.

**SIDEWALKS:** We dug, formed, and poured a sidewalk at 413 E. Irving. It was a last-minute decision because of a misunderstanding with the

owner. The guys did it all in one day because I have a great crew!

Keeping up with the mowing at Station 2, all entrances, signs, tanks Center & Bagg Street Park, DPW garage, bakery, and Old Bridge St.

**PARKS:** Assisted Tom with covering the pool and will help out for fall festival.

To the Mayor & Board Members: I received a quote to replace the dump box on truck #9 from Tracey's. It is \$26,729.00 per Onondaga County contract 0010914. (3 different companies looked at it, no-one wanted to touch it because of the liability for safety).

**PARKS:**

**Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson**

Pool is covered and closed for winter. Thanks to DPW and Fire Dept. for helping pull cover over pool.

Grandparents' day was held on Sunday September 10th at Park with a cookout and bingo.

The 7th annual fall festival was held on Saturday, September 30th. Thank you to everyone that participated and volunteered.

The Seniors will be going to Owens Apple Orchard tomorrow, October 3rd and to the Turning Stone Casino on Sunday, October 15th.

The Keeners Seniors and Students from ESE had their intergenerational picnic on Wednesday, September 20th Ellis Field Park

The senior card party was held on September 21st at the Village office.

The Seniors will watch The Wonderful on Thursday, October 5th.

Afterschool Activities will continue at Ellis Field Park Monday - 2:45 – 4:00 until October 26th.

Family game Night continues in October with Parent/child Cornhole on October 3rd.

Archery at park will be on October 11 at Park from 5:30 – 7:30

Family fishing day will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Ryder Park from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Teen Movie night will be held on Friday, October 20th at the Village office.

Pumpkin carving will be held on Monday night, October 23rd at Ellis Field Park.

Halloween House Lighting Contest and Hayride will be held on Thursday, October 26th.

The Rec Staff will be giving Hayrides to ESE Students on Thursday Morning, October 26th.

Halloween Movie Night will be held on October 27th.

Youth Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31st at East Syracuse Elementary School.

Food Sense Program continues this month. People have until Friday, October 7th to register and pay fee for October food supplies. Pick up date is Wednesday, October 19th. Call Tom Richardson – 463-6714 for more information.

Park Maintenance:

Mow/trim, trash, yard waste weekly, check park and perimeter daily.

Closing pool - all equipment taken out and put away (ladders, benches, steps, ropes etc.)

Empty all chlorine, return, pool closing procedures) closing of sprinkler crayon (pump, antifreeze etc.)

Leak at V.O. kitchen sink, judge's bathroom toilet, fixed

Washed all outdoor garbage cans, green and black.

Removed all components of old spiral slide, secured area, reviewed new slide manual, made installation plan/idea.

Repaired items as needed. (ex. games, plow marker).

Take out fall festival items, check, address as needed.

Organize and tidied Wisneski Casino, pool building, concession stand, shed.

2 ground bees nests sprayed, rake rubber mulch around equipment to ensure proper dept/coverage.

Other tasks as needed (intergenerational picnic, yard games to/from ESE- welcome back picnic.

#### **CODES:**

Chris Shields reported that Tractor Supply renovations have started he is going over there tomorrow for inspections. We will see the outdoor area is going to be more like a greenhouse area and the inside of the store is going to be renovated so it will look new. Caliber Collision build is going along good over on Erie Blvd. so far there has not been any issues.

The developer in contract with St. Matthews School has reached out to him. He has both the Planning Board and Zoning Board applications, neither have been submitted as of today. Should be expecting them soon. Once they are received Chris will reach out to the Planning Board and get that scheduled and then Sarah will reach out to the Zoning Board once Chris receives the Zoning Application to get that scheduled. The Zoning Board will be after the Planning Board meeting because the Zoning Board likes to hear what the Planning



Board has to say, however we could do them both in the same week.

Good news, the County has opened bids to demo 240 Car Street. That is the old garages over the bridge coming into the village.

For Buildings, all the work approved for the generator and the computer system that runs the 4 HVAC systems on the roof of the municipal building, everything has been ordered.

The Village electrician will be here this week he has to fix a broken switch in the jury room and an outlet in the deputy clerks' area.

Mayor Dadey noted that she had a compliment about him from somebody that has been working with him: He is a pleasure to work with".

Mayor Dadey stated that she also has a meeting with the developers from St. Matthews. She asked for clarification as to whether they were buying the entire building. Chris confirmed that they are.

Mayor Dadey asked if they have to get permission for use at the Zoning Board for the use as a gym, due to the fact that it is zone as R1.

Chris Shields said no matter what, it has to go in front of the zoning board. The plan is for it to be used as apartments which need to get a use variance, they are putting in for an area variance for parking if they need parking. The plan for the gym is to lease it to another agency, which would then again have to request a zoning variance. This will be both a use variance and area variance. Our attorney Robert Germain has advised that they are unable to legally do what they want to do with this space. If they wanted to use it as a gym for the tenants of the apartments, they could do

that. They cannot legally rent it out to a separate business. Chris advised the developer and suggested he submit everything to the zoning board and let him know that our attorney does attend the meetings and will be able to answer any questions that he has.

**FIRE:**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Chief DiBello will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, the fire dept council meeting is tonight, he is in the building and available for any questions if needed.

Thank you to Lorene for attending our extrication weekend this past weekend. With the 481/81 project now underway, this training is more important now than ever. 481 will eventually be increased to 3 lanes wide, which will increase the amount of traffic coming through our district.

We are currently working with OCC to donate some of the surplussed equipment that we have in the basement, this will be used by the bunkin program at OCC. There is a process with OCC to make the donation, we are working on that now. Once it is complete, we will be posting it.

The committee that was formed to look into our staffing issues and alarm coverage had its first meeting. It was a great meeting, very productive. We will be meeting again on October 16th.

**Motion to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para  
Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried**

**Adjourn time: 7:03 PM**

Meeting Reconvened at 7:45PM

**14. Motion to approve accepting vouchers 67182-67203 for \$194,605.73.**

**Motion by Trustee Para  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Motion to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para  
Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried**

**Adjourn time: 7:59 PM**