



Village of East Syracuse
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Mayor

Lorene Dadey

Village Board Meeting

November 6, 2023

Deputy Mayor

Mary Albanese

Minutes

6:30pm

Trustees

Margaret Raesky
Dominick Celletti
Carol Para

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

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

Justice

Joseph Zavaglia

Start time: 6:30PM

Village Clerk

Sarah Mrowinski

Pledge of Allegiance

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

**1. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes from October 2, 2023,
and Special Meeting October 25, 2023.**

DPW

Superintendent

Randy Hughson

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

2. Motion to approve Vouchers 67240 through 67391 for \$21,503.64.

Code Enforcement

Christopher Shields

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Fire Chief

Leonard Dibello

**3. Motion to approve payment to Cummins Sales and Service in the
amount of \$8,781.94 to be taken out of budget line A.3410.0402 for
repairs on Fire Truck Engine One. These repairs were emergency
services to put the truck back on the road.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

4. Motion to approve purchase order request from the Fire Department for Ladder testing from Aerial Testing Company in the amount of \$5,664.50 to be taken from budget line A.3410.0402.0005.

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

5. Motion to approve signing the Agreement for CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program. We are already members. After we return the agreement, they will bill us for the amount of \$3,600 probably sometime in May. This is already budgeted for in budget line A.8540.0430.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

6. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$217.78 from budget line A.3410.0430.0000.0002 to budget line A.3410.0409.

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

7. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$34.24 from account A.0000.0200 to A.7140.0401.0000.0002.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

8. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$34.24 from account A.0000.0200 to A.1110.0402.0001.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

9. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$34.32 from account A.0000.0200 to A.1410.0407.

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

10. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$74.84 from account A.0000.0200 to A.3410.0430.0001.0002.

**Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

11. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$74.84 from account A.0000.0200 to A.3410.0430.0000.0002.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Raesky
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

12. Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$3,550.00 to be taken from budget line A.3410.0418 for the fire department physicals with Mobile Health Appraisal Services. This is the same company that has been used for many years.

**Motions by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**

13. Motion to approve emergency purchase for the fire department from Firematic in the amount of \$4,031.95 for repairs to Truck #1 to be taken from budget line A.3410.0402.

**Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

14. Motion to approve emergency purchase for the fire department from Premier Fire Apparatus Inc. in the amount of \$12,638.13 for repairs to Truck #2 to be taken from budget line A.3410.0402.

**Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**

15. Motion to approve revitalization application for 212 E. 1st Street. The project is to demo the existing front porch to the ground, prep and pour new concrete sidewalks, and set 2 pair of modular stairs on the new sidewalk in front of existing entrance ways in front of the house. Payment comes from budget line A.6989.0400. This project was approved by the revitalization committee on 10/13/2023 in the amount of \$500.

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

16. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$93.55 from budget line A.3410.0430.0001 to budget line A.3410.0403.0001.0002.

**Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**

17. Motion to approve signing renewal of the NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program in the amount of \$6,365.75 for the Enhanced Plan to be taken from budget line A.3410.0405.0000.0001 in the amount of \$6,000, budget line A.3410.0403.0001 for \$348.10 and A.3410.0406 in the amount of \$5.23, A.3410.0430.0000.0000 for \$12.42.

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

18. Motion to approve payment to the Village of East Syracuse from Comp Alliance in the amount of \$1,876.00. This is for being a member of the Member Loyalty Award Program.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Raesky
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**

19. Motion to approve signing a 2-year renewal with Penn Power Systems for the emergency generators.

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

20. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$106.29 from account A.3410.0414 to A.3410.0401.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Para
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

21. Motion to approve termination of Christopher King, DPW Laborer.

**Motion by Trustee Para
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

22. Motion to approve the resignation of Sarah Mrowinski, Village Clerk to be effective November 17, 2023.

**Motion by Trustee Celletti
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

23. Motion to approve advertising for the Village Clerk position.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Raesky
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

24. Motion to approve Mayor Dadey to attend the Onondaga County Mayor's dinner on November 15, 2023, for the amount of \$20.00 to be taken from account A.1010.0409. The meeting is limited to Mayors and Supervisors only to discuss the I-81 project.

**Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board abstained by Mayor
Dadey Motion Carried**

25. Motion to approve a pay raise of \$1.00 per hour more for the following caretakers due to becoming EMT's:

- **Ryan Inglis**
- **Sam Galasso**
- **Lenny Modelewski**
- **Dominic Erard**
- **James Leubner**

**Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

26. Motion to approve reallocating funds in the amount of \$8,272.98. from budget line A.8540.0404.0001 to budget line A.8540.0402.0001 for Basile Rowe Improvements.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Para
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

Mayor Dadey confirmed with Randy Hughson, DPW Superintendent, that Basile Rowe is finally finished!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Discussion regarding Solar Simplified Program

Mayor Dadey has met with the company and explains that this program is a cost savings program for the residents and businesses at no cost to anybody. What they do is get solar farms throughout our community. Residents and or businesses sign up for the program and they will automatically see the savings come off their bill. It will not cost our residents/businesses anything. This is a new program. We are eligible due to our demographics. You will not have to get a new provider; everything comes off of your national grid bill. You do not have to do anything other than sign up. It is a month-to-month contract. If you choose to do it and feel that they are not seeing enough savings or change your mind, you can cancel at any time. Village Attorney Robert Germain has looked at this and advised that this is a service agreement. It will not cost the Village anything. They do give a little incentive as far as after 100 people are involved, they will give back \$50. They are willing to come help residents sign up. Will probably kick off sometime in June or July. Mayor Dadey may get them a table at the Taste of East Syracuse this upcoming year or may have them come to a board meeting.

Chris Shields confirmed that it does not cost the homeowner anything they just need to sign up. He asked if the village will have to do this for other companies if we do this.

Mayor Dadey said this subject will be discussed further and she will be looking into this and will discuss it at the December Meeting.

Trustee Para asked about the solar panels and how the village would be getting this if the village would have to get panels.

Chris Shields commented he wanted to know if they are going to try a different style.

Mayor Dadey said that Chris could meet with them also the next time she meets with them. She said that that was not how it was presented to her. She then responded to Trustee Para that they have solar farms. The Town of Manlius is already doing it, they will not be putting in anything new they already have them. Said any further questions they can email her or Chris Shields.

Deputy Mayor Albanese: She and Mayor Dadey attended the Burn Run that was very well attended with over 408 people. Also, they received an email that there is a group of 15 ladies that meet twice a month in the community room at station 2 that do different projects for different charities. They meet twice a month from 9am-4pm. The ladies are between the ages of 60-90 years old. They asked if they could use the classroom at station 2.

Mayor Dadey asked what impact it would have on the fire department.

Chief DiBello said that as long as they know the date it would not have an impact on the fire department.

Mayor Dadey commented that this is a good way to give to the community.

Deputy Mayor Albanese and Trustee Para agreed.

Deputy Mayor Albanese continued stating that she attended the Planning Board Meeting and there were several residents with concerns and advised that there will be a Zoning Board Meeting on 11/9/23 at 6:30pm.

Trustee Raesky: Thanked the caretakers for doing the EMT certification class. She advised that now the NYS Department of Health

recognizes our fire department as a certified basic life support response agency. It has been a lot of work to get this back.

Trustee Para: The Parks and Rec. Department has a lot coming up. The calendars are available at the village office.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Resident Gail O'Donnell wanted to know if Chris and or Sarah had forwarded her questions regarding whether or not her questions about reports from CSX regarding how many containers are going through the village to the board and if they had made any decisions.

Chris – This is above code enforcement. The information about the trains and how many cars are going through the village does not have to go to the village, it probably goes to the County, but they are protected.

Resident O'Donnell wanted to know how she can get something about this done and or who she should begin contacting. She feels that the impact on the village calls for action to be taken. She is concerned about the impact on the environment, and the noise.

Max Ruckdeschel, Town of Dewitt suggested that since it is a federal issue, he can get her in touch with Senator Schumer's office. He will pass along the contact information to Mayor Dadey.

Resident O'Donnell had another question regarding the water bills. She has information stating that the Town of DeWitt pays less than the village. She would like to know why the village pays more money.

Randy Hughson commented that the Town residents do not pay less. Their rates have gone up drastically.

Councilor Ruckdeschel advised that the prices that OCWA and Syracuse have charged them has gone up drastically which is why the rates have gone up.

Resident Jordan Bellasari thanked everyone that helped with the rooster. He no longer hears it! Reminded everyone to vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

DPW:

TREES: We had Tree landers come in to take three trees that were dangerous, stumps ground & trimmed out some that had dead limbs and were hanging down.

SIGNS: Replaced some faded & damaged signs, added no parking winter signs as you are coming down East 2nd St. from Bridge St.

DPW: Finished up some work on the parking lot at DPW, paving that area potholes, and crack sealed everything. Repaired manhole in front of the office with a new frame & risers made so the plow would not hit it. Cleaned up some summer equipment and put it away for storage. We always service all things before being put away.

BASINS: We cleaned the basin of leaves to keep water flowing. Sweeper has been a life saver against the leaves, Ian is doing a great job with that! (the leaf sucker is down, we are waiting for a part, should be this week)

SIDEWALKS: We dug out the sidewalk from tree damage at 317 Highland Ave., put in blacktop for the winter, will concrete in the spring. We started removing some zombie sidewalks that is one are ones that don't go anywhere. 1 is on Williams and 1 on S. Center St.

GRASS: Keeping up with mowing, at Station 2, all entrances, signs, tank, Center, and Bagg St. Park, DPW garage Bakery, and Old Bridge St. This may be the last time.

Village Offices will be closed 12/23/23 thru 12/25/23 and will return on 12/26/23 to observe the Christmas Holiday.

PARKS: Helped Tom with the Halloween Hayride.

PARKS:

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Family Fishing Day was held at Ryder Park on Saturday, October 14th.

Pumpkin Carving was held at Ellis Field Park on Monday, October 16th.

The Parks & Rec Department provided hayrides to all the students at ESE on Thursday morning, October 26th.

On Wednesday evening, October 25th Parks Staff and Village board members stopped at Houses entered in Halloween house lighting contest and passed out participation prizes.

The Halloween House Decorating Contest and Hayride was held on Thursday, October 26th. 11 Village residents participated. Hayride participants voted on the houses. The winner was 304 East Yates, 1st place – 120 W Yates, 2nd place – 409 Highland Ave and 3rd place – 304 e Yates.

The Village Annual Children's Halloween Party was held on Tuesday, October 31st. 70 children attended the event. Children had the opportunity to play games and make crafts at East Syracuse Elementary. Children and staff paraded down to the Village office (2nd Floor). Each child got cider and donuts and a bag of candy.

After school activities ended at the park on Thursday October 27th.

Family Halloween Movie Night was held on Friday, October 28th at the Village office 2nd floor.

Adult Trivia night was held at the Village office on Wednesday, November 1st.

East Syracuse Parks & Recreation Night at the Syracuse Crunch will be held on Friday, November 10th for adults 21 years and older. Includes pregame party at trappers, bus to game.

Cookies and Hot Coco Party will be held at the Village office on Wednesday, November 15th.

The Children's Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Bowling Tournament will be coming up on Wednesday, November 22nd at the Village Lanes.

Letters to Santa will begin on December 1st.

Family Movie Night will be on Friday, December 8th at the East Syracuse Municipal Building at 6:00 pm. Movie TBA.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 9th at East Syracuse American Legion from 9:15 – 11:15.

Snow Tubing at 4 Seasons will be on Wednesday, December 27th.

Disney on Ice will be on Friday, January 5th. Great seats available with bus transportation.

Food Sense orders were due on Friday, November 3rd. Call Rec. Department on 463 – 6714 for December info.

The 3rd floor Community room was filled on Thursday, October 20th with 20 seniors for the Monthly card Party. The next Party is on Thursday, November 16th.

A senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 12:00 at Heman Street Apts. Senior Center. Cost is \$3.50. Pre-registration Required. There will be entertainment from the ESE treble-makers.

Children from ESE continued the intergenerational program involving youth and seniors at the Heman Street Senior Center. Mrs. McGinley's & Miss Albanese's classes attended the senior program on Monday, October 30th.

The Senior Citizen Annual Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 14th at Heman Street Apts. Upcoming trips include Lights on Lake on November 30th, Buddy Holly Story on December 7th You're a good man Charlie Brown on December 10th.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 pm at the East Syracuse Municipal Building.

Rec Staff and Village Board members will stop at Houses entered in The Christmas House Lighting contest on Monday, December 11th and pass out participation prizes.

Village of East Syracuse Christmas House Lighting Contest and hayride will be on Tuesday, December 12th. Registration Forms are available at the Village office. Hayride participants will vote for their favorite houses.

Community Events

Serving those who serve us Veteran's Dinner – Thursday, November 9th - 4:30 – 7:30 pm American Legion.

Pet Photos with Santa- Saturday, December 2nd – Ellis Field Park - \$5.00 (photo with frame and dog treat).

Park Maintenance

Clean up and put away fall festival related items.

Install New Slide (sitework prep, concrete footings, install slide, fix fabric, and rubber mulch.

Pitching screens/batting cage put away/taken down for off season.

Hayrides ESE/Village (set up trailers, pallets, and fire clean up, plan driving route, house # signs, clean and return trailers.

Close Ray Pavilion (collapse & stack tables, cover with tarp, empty charcoal can.

Minor electrical work (replace covers on 3 outside outlets).

Help as needed (Food sense pick up and deliver), crossing, Halloween party, Pitch lunch).

Fix broken curb section at Sallyport (remove old, dig/form, pour finish, strip).

V/O Kitchenette sink Faucet (remove old, leaking, install new)

Weekly – Mowing/mulching fallen leaves, checking for fallen branches/put out yard waste, trash litter.

Other misc. tasks – portable hoop down, pump down pit in pump house, water cover near dugout, dog decoys, “100th banner”.

CODES:

Chris Shields announced that there was a planning board meeting for the project at St. Matthews School and that there will be a Zoning Board meeting on the 9th of November. He said that at the end of the Planning Board Meeting there was also an informal presentation from Landscape Architect Marc Weiss and owner of 304 West 2nd Street. The project is to redevelop his property. Several buildings all together are apartments. Almost all tenants have already been released. They wanted to bring their project before the zoning board to see if it was something that they would think the project would be good for the village before they spent a lot of money on the project. Chris said the presentation went very well. The project is to create indoor outdoor Pickle Ball courts, would have locker rooms, and a bar up in the mezzanine that overlooks the courts. After the discussion the planning board agreed that it sounds like a good idea and they should move forward with their

plans and bring a site plan back to the planning board and more in depth plans.

Mayor Dadey asked if they had enough parking.
Chris Shields responded that they do.

Chris Shields announced that the planning board will be holding their regularly scheduled meetings every 2nd Monday so they know when their meeting will be. There is nothing coming up right now. They are going to be holding a workshop 11/13/23 at 4:30pm to discuss the recreational sales of Cannabis in the Village. They will work on creating zoning laws for sales.

Last week he received a building permit application for the interior buildout of the Rise medical dispensary 671 Manlius Center Road. That will be starting soon.

Buildings – He is working on quotes for the overhead doors. Also have a new service call one of the doors is not going down all the way.

Chris Shields asked for the status of hiring a new custodian for the village offices.

Mayor Dadey assured him that they are looking. The village is running into the same problems that everyone is having hiring new employees.

FIRE:

October was one of our busiest months, 123 calls, several fire prevention details, multiple trunk or treats, celebrated Carl Sterling's 100th Birthday and handed out candy for Halloween.

Yesterday, Nov 5 was the annual Burn Run, firefighters from across the state joined local runners to raise money for the Burn foundation. They had 408 people attend this year.

Assistant Chief Paul Haynes and I attended the inaugural Fire and Emergency Services Leadership and Management Conference at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls this past weekend. Joining firefighters from across New York State to attend seminars and workshops on leadership and development.

Mayor Dadey said that they had a conversation with Coca cola regarding partnering next year with the village for the Burn Run and they are looking to work with our fire department.

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

Adjourn time: 7:40pm