



Village of East Syracuse

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Mayor

Lorene Dadey

Deputy Mayor

Mary Albanese

Trustees

Margaret Raesky

Dominic Celletti

Carol Para

Justice

Joseph Zavaglia

Village Clerk

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

DPW

Superintendent

Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement

Chris Shields

Fire Chief

Leonard DiBello

Village Board Meeting

December 4, 2023

6:30pm

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

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

Also Present: Chris Shields, Randy Hughson and Tom Richardson

Excused

Pledge of Allegiance

Motions:

Motion to approve previous Board minutes from November 6, 2023, and minutes from Special Emergency Meetings held on November 11, 2023 and Special Meeting on November 21, 2023

Motion By: Albanese

2nd By: Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Motion to approve vouchers numbered 67398 to 67524 in the amount of \$218,662.07.

Motion By: Celletti

2nd By: Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Motion to schedule a Public Hearing on Wednesday January 3, 2024 for our Annual Organization Meeting.

Motion By: Raesky

2nd By: Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Motion to approve part-time caretaker positions for weekends and holidays.

Motion By: Raesky

2nd By: Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Comments: Committee recognizes the need for care takers on weekends and Holidays. Will offer positions to existing caretakers – maximum of 24 hours

Motion to approve advertising for part-time caretaker positions.

Motion By: Albanese

2nd By: Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Comments: If existing membership does not want the opportunity then we will advertise

Motion to renew Excellus Simply Blue Plus Bronze 4 with HRA Funding plan for 2024.

Motion By: Albanese

2nd By: Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Motion to approve the following wage increase for added training, duties and responsibilities to take effect December 1, 2023.

Chris Smith \$2.00 per hour DPW Foreman

Lynn Kolod \$1.00 per hour

Emily Gould \$1.00 per hour

Bridget Albanese \$ 49,798.00

Renee Stone \$ 58,500.00

All increases retro back to December 1, 2023

Motion By: Raesky

2nd By: Celletti

Polling the board: Yes

Abstention by Trustee Albanese Motion Carried

Motion to rehire Lisa Hubbard, Colin Zwiesler, Brendan Zwiesler for the Ice Rink- Weather permitting at \$16.00 per hour.

Motion By: Albanese

2nd By: Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Motion to wire money from NYCLASS ARPA account into budget line A.5110.0402 in the amount of \$26,729 to cover the cost of the new dump truck box.

Motion By: Albanese

2nd By: Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Motion to enter into an agreement with Solar Simplified, which is a community solar municipality program.

Motion By:

2nd By:

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Comments: This discussion will be tabled until we can get more information regarding the program.

Motion to approve Park and Rec. Holiday break activities and January activities stated below.

Motion By: Para

2nd By: Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Village Election Results 2023:

Shawn Ploudre: 239

Bernard Ment: 177

Jordan Bellassai: 136

Write-Ins: 2

Congratulations to Judge Zavaglia! He will be moving on to family court. Thank you for all your years of service to the Village. You will be missed.

Announcements:

Tree Lighting- Wednesday December 6 at 6pm

January Board Meeting- Wednesday January 3, 2024

Board Member Comments: Mary announced that they will be interviewing for the Village Clerk position. Lorene announced that Mary, Margaret, Lenny, Louie Longo, Jim Brewster, and Scott McGinnis have developed a committee to find a solution for the Fire Department.

Community/Resident Comments:

Department discussion: Ryan Benz sent a letter regarding Parking at the site where he plans to turn St. Mathews School into condos. He is asking that the old bus drop off areas on both W Irving St and W Heman St be turned into additional parking spaces. He currently owns this section of the property but is unaware of that fact because he proposed that he buy the section from the Village for a \$1.00. The concerns come from Randy Hughson, DPW Superintendent and Chris Shields, Director of Buildings & Codes, as it would make it difficult to plow both the sidewalks and the roadway, cars would always be found parking partially on the sidewalk, and other safety concerns of having parking right at the sidewalk without any buffer. Chris indicated that there is a NYS Vehicle & Traffic law that does not allow vehicles to park closer than 30 feet from the stop sign so that would be an issue. There is also a Village Code that does not allow for parking between the sidewalk and curb/road. Randy's concern is that the plows have a wing that rolls the snow. When cars are parked there you cannot plow properly leaving snow in the road. They are required to plow each road curb to curb.

Chris indicated the results of this request won't change the project.

Board member comments are that it is already a tough intersection and that there is a reason for the current codes/local laws.

Robert Germain, Village Attorney: We heard you loud and clear and we will convey the message that this cannot happen due to health and safety concerns.

Fire Department:

I would like to thank the Village Board for setting up a special work session on 11/29 to hear our staffing committee's presentation and always supporting the fire dept as we move forward. The next several months will be one of the big changes for the dept. and having the Village Boards support and cooperation makes it that much easier.

December will be a busy month for the Fire Dept. We will be bringing Santa around the District on 12/17, and delivering Santa to the village, the town and Bishop Grimes at various events.

Would like to thank everyone who attended the Village work session. There were things discussed that needed to be talked about for quite a while. Without the Village Board's support, it wouldn't be possible.

DPW:

TREES-The DPW removed 2 trees 1 on E Ellis at Upton & 1 on E Irving.

SIGNS-Put Back the 2 signs we took out on W Heman at the school No Parking here to corner & No Parking any time. **Comments: There is a gentleman who would like**

a deaf person sign installed on his street, 205 Hartwell. Lorene will reach out to Dan Romeo as this is a county road.

DPW-We got Tr # 9 back from Tracey's and put all the winter equipment on it and had it ready for the storm (crew did a great job with everything). Put up all the decorations on Main St, (we need to look into new ones these are about 10 years old we were told these would last about 6 years) **Comments: Trustee para will look into new decorations for next year.**

LEAVES-We picked up all month long till snow we will see what is left.

SIDEWALKS- Ian & Bob staked out all the vents and hazards for sidewalk plow Ian was in it for the 1st time did well.

PARKS-Helped Tom with the decorations in front of the fire house for tree lighting which is Dec 6 at 6:00.

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Playground Equipment from grant Finally Arrived. Thank you to Dave and Keith, DPW and Willey Lumber for unloading equipment off of Truck.

Over 120 people attended the **Veteran's Dinner** on November 9th at the American Legion. Thank you to everyone that attended and volunteered.

The Children's Annual **Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot bowling Tournament** was held on Wednesday, November 22nd . 20 children participated in the event at Village Lanes.

Letters to Santa began on December 1st .

Christmas Cookies and Cocoa night will be held on

Thursday, December 21st

Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 pm

The Polar Express Movie will be held Friday, December 8th at the Village Hall (2nd floor) beginning at 6:00 pm. Free.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 – 11:00 at American Legion.

Village Board members and Recreation staff will visit House Lighting Participants on Monday, December 11th starting at 6:00 pm Each house entered will receive a participation gift.

Holiday Hayride & Village House Lighting Contest-

Hayride participants will be judging Village house lighting contest on Tuesday, December 12th. Free to enter. Prizes will be awarded for top 3 houses. Forms are available online and at Village Office to register.

Christmas break activities include **Snow Tubing** on December 27th.

A bus trip to **Disney on Ice** will be on Thursday, January 5th.

Seniors attended Parks & Rec Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th. 4th grade students led by music teacher Samantha Darling provided entertainment.

The senior card party was held on Thursday, November 30th at the Village office on the 2nd floor.

Seniors attended Lights on The Lake with a stop at Heid's on Thursday, November 30th.

Seniors will see the Buddy Holiday show at Turning Stone On Thursday, December 7th

Seniors will attend you're a good man Charlie Brown on Sunday, December 10th at the Red House Theater.

The Treble Makers from ESE will perform at the Heman

Street Apts on December 13th for the Seniors at 12:30 pm.
Food Sense pick up is on Wednesday, December 13th
The Seniors Annual **Christmas Party** will be on Thursday,
December 14th.from 10:00 – 2:00 at Heman Stret Apts..
Seniors may still register. Entertainment will be provided
by children from East Syracuse Elementary.

Park Maintenance

Met with Airside for V.O. PM's

Fixed Sheetrock, FD Weight room (result of Electrical
work)

Leave throughout the Park mulch/rake to curb line as
needed.

Cunningham Pavilion put 18 tables away, tennis nets
down/away, blew out & shut off water lines & drinking
fountain with Bob from DPW.

Spaghetti Dinner tasks, Senior cards – cooked lunch. Held
as needed at Senior Luncheons.

Clean Village office

Straightened up Wiz building – ready for ice skating,
painted floor.

Received and stored playground equipment delivery.

Set up for pet photos with Santa, decorate hill on Irving
side (xmas dec)

Litter, trash. Branches & V/O & Park as needed.

Plow on PK1 , shovel/salt/plow 1x V/O Park

December:

Holiday Break Activities:

Chuck E Cheese: Tuesday December 26th-11:00 - 12:30

Cost \$15.00 Village Residents/ \$18.00 Non-Residents

Trivia & Movie Day: Thursday December 28th- 10:30-1:00

Village Office, Cost: Free

January:

Family Roller Skating Day- Saturday January 20th Black
Mamba- \$15.00

Pre-School Prom- Saturday January 27th- Village Office
4:30-6:00pm Cost \$5.00 per child (Adults Free)

Parent & Child Bowling Tournament- Monday January 15th
Village Lanes

Ice Skating Days:

(All Free- Hot Chocolate and Concessions Available)

Kid's Disney on Ice- Saturday January 13th- Ellis Field

Park **Family Skate Night-** Thursday January 25th- Ellis

Field Park **Cosmic Skate Night-** Saturday February 10th-
Ellis Field Park

Motion: to adjourn

Motion By: Raesky

2nd By: Celletti

Happy Holidays