

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of East Syracuse
June 2, 2014**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance **Mayor Robert T. Tackman** called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, June 2, 2014 to order at 7:00PM.

Present: Trustee James E. Carr, Jr., Trustee Carol Para, Trustee Daniel J. Wagner, and Mayor Robert T. Tackman.

Also Present: Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Excused: Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce, DPW Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III, Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti and Parks Director Tom Richardson.

Ten Village residents and guests attended as well as a representative from the *Eagle News*.

Review of Correspondence A record of recent correspondence has been distributed to the Board of Trustees and all department heads to assist in monitoring activities.

Prior to the meeting the Board of Trustees met with Village Insurance Agents John and Jim Crowley to review the annual renewal .

Motion – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Para - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 50223 through 50292 and Abstract in the amount of \$30,631.06.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Trustee Para – aye, Trustee Wagner - aye, and Mayor Tackman – aye. Motion carried.

Motion – by Trustee Para, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To grant permission for **Kevin Kuehner** to use the Municipal Building Court Room for a research project **Wednesday, June 18th from 5:30 to 9PM.**

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Trustee Para – aye, Trustee Wagner - aye, and Mayor Tackman – aye. Motion carried.

Motion – by Trustee Para, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To approve the use of the Municipal Building Court Room on Thursday, June 12th from 8 to 11:30AM by **Syracuse Clearinghouse** for Law Enforcement and Banking issues update.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Trustee Para – aye, Trustee Wagner - aye, and Mayor Tackman – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion – by Trustee Para, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To grant permission for the conducting of the Annual Firemen’s Parade by the East Syracuse Fire Department on **Saturday, June 21st at 6PM** starting on Silver Street to West Manlius to East Manlius and Hartwell Ave to Loomis Field.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Trustee Para – aye, Trustee Wagner - aye, and Mayor Tackman – aye. Motion carried.

Motion – by Trustee Para, seconded by Trustee Carr - To approve the attendance at training for **NYS Chief’s Conference** June 12 & 13th at Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY for the following. Approval is for training only. No expense reimbursement for food, lodging or mileage.

- **Gerard Serlin** – Thursday: Advance Vehicle Extrication (\$235) and Friday: Rapid Intervention/FAST/Survival (\$235)
- **Nate Baker** – Wednesday: Codes Training *Designing with Fire Sprinklers* (\$115 includes light breakfast and lunch)
- **William Cramer** – Wednesday: Codes Training *Designing with Fire Sprinklers* (\$115 includes light breakfast and lunch)

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Trustee Para – aye, Trustee Wagner - aye, and Mayor Tackman – aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

DPW – Superintendent Ron Russell, III

SIDEWALKS – The entire corner area at 418 McCool was rebuilt and damaged panels in the area were replaced. A concrete step hit by the sidewalk plow was repaired at 318 East Ave. New sidewalk panels were poured at 200 East Ave.

MOWING ROUTES – All Village owned properties were mowed on a scheduled basis as well as Fire Station 2. Street shoulder routes were also mowed once.

STREET SWEEPER – All Village streets were swept per MS4 guidelines and the Memorial Day parade route was swept prior to the parade.

SANITARY SEWERS – Manhole risers were installed in various areas of the Village to bring the cover to grade. Broken vents and cleanouts throughout the Village were addressed. Sewer problems at 243 Kinne Street and the Tile & Marble Company on West Second Street.

PARKS & REC – DPW assisted on the rebuild of the Veteran's Park. Site work, concrete work, topsoil and removal of the spoil were some of the tasks. Vandals removed the bollards along the North fence. These were replaced. A toilet was vandalized in the Wisniewski Building and was repaired. The DeWitt Veteran's Memorial at the Municipal Building was cleaned. DPW put out the flags for Memorial Day and furnished barricades for traffic control during the parade. The repaired control board for the pool was installed. The pool cover was removed and cleaned for repair and summer storage. The Fire Department caretakers assisted the DPW with the removal of the cover. All the ball fields as well as the Park were mowed weekly.

WINTER OPERATIONS – Remaining plows and salt bodies were taken down and cleaned for summer storage. Spoil piles from jobs over the winter were hauled to a dump site. The snow dump sites were cleaned of debris that was in snow loaded by DPW on Manlius Street and other sites.

SIGN WORK – Signs were repaired and replaced throughout the Village. A stop sign that was damaged at Welch & First Street by an unknown vehicle was repaired.

DRAINAGE WORK – A catch basin was repaired at McCool & East Irving Street. Work was started on a damaged basin at 101 West Second Street. A plugged drainage culvert at First Street & Bagg Street was cleaned.

DPW also did all other normal duties such as trash & yard waste pickup, tree work, assist other departments etc. The DPW continues to operate 1 man down due to a work related injury. The employee's return to work date is unknown at this time.

Police Department – Chief of Police Donald Morris

The ESPD had the following statistics for the month of May:

25 Arrests
61 Traffic Stops
1 DWI
30 Traffic Tickets Issued
5 Parking Tickets Issued
17 Motor Vehicle Crashes Investigated

498 Incidents

Justice Court – Court Clerk Bridget Albanese

Judge Jokl has been doing a great job as Village Justice.

New laptop computers are all set on the bench and traveling laptop also. Unified Court has supplied court with two new laptops and have been set up with new programs. Returning old ones back to Unified Court. No cost to village.

No Court on June 24th due to elections being held in Court Room.

Will be having visitors this Thursday, June 5, from East Syracuse Elementary School - second graders. Also will visit Police and Fire Depts also.

Parks & Recreation – Director Tom Richardson

Hanlon Pool – Will open for summer on Saturday, June 7th Extended summer hours begin on June 27th.

Swimming lessons- Sign-ups for Village residents will be held on Thursday, June 5th. 6:00 – 7:00 at Village office (2nd floor Court room)

Registration for Water Aerobics has started. Call 463 – 6714 to register.

Parks Brochures are available. Brochures will be emailed to those interested. Brochures will also be available at Village Office, Hanlon Pool and the library.

Pavilion rental is very popular so far. Weekend rentals are filling up quickly.

Seniors – Year end picnic for Seniors & Children from ESE will be on Wednesday June 11th at Ellis Field Park. Picnic lunch at 12:00 noon. Children will be putting on a Flag Day Show.

List of summer day trips are out. Itineraries are available at the Village office and at Hanlon Pool

Food sense deadline this month is Friday, June 13th. Call Tom Richardson at 952 – 0038 for more info

Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby

Tax Levy

Village property taxes went out June 1st, payable without penalty by July 1st. The bills were again run by the County and mailed by the County at a reduced postage rate (10 ¢ less).

The tax levy will be based on taxable value of 181,831,176 (\$6,236,024 less than last year's 188,067,200) to raise \$2,968,805 (\$118,175 less than last year \$3,086,980) for the general fund. The sewer fee will raise \$ 150,364 (\$112,884 less than last year \$263,248). Total taxes are **\$2,968,805**.

The tax rate for general fund is \$15.50/assessed 1000 and \$.70 for sewer (overall down 8.6%).

Treasurer's Report

I am cautiously optimistic looking at very preliminary year end numbers. Revenues are slightly higher than anticipated, due to greater than expected receipts from the County, increased property tax penalties, and business and occupational licenses. Gross receipt tax, Court fines & fees, and STOP DWI income were all under achievers.

There seems to be a bit of last minute/year end spending but most Department expenditures appear to be close to budgeted appropriations. There were unanticipated repairs and fuel expenses, as well as snow removal (it was a tough winter) and utilities.

Projects

Contract No 1 – Wet Weather Tank and Pumping Station – Job is complete. Minor issues were discovered during a heavy rain event in March. All issues have been resolved.

Contract No 2 – Sanitary Sewer System Improvements – D E Tarolli completed the manhole repairs. Ran into problems with connects and grinder pump at Second Street. Should be completed before summer.

Need to meet with EFC and US Rural Development to determine funding allocation for Contract 1 & 2. Would like to expand Contract 2 repair work if funds are available.

Short-term financing through NYS EFC and NYS Clean Water Revolving Fund has been extended to May 26, 2016.

Contract No 3 – Phelps Street Pumping Station – was awarded to Grant Street Construction based on their low bid of \$448,000. Met with Community Development on May 8th for pre-construction approvals as they are contributing \$50,000 in HUD Block Grant funding towards this project. This project is funded with NYS EFC but not USDA Rural Development.

Grants

Brownfield Opportunities Areas

Awaiting Department of State comments on draft final report. Once reviewed the report will be presented to the public. Primary goal is to progress to Step 3 for additional funding opportunities.

NYS EFC GIGP (Green Innovation Grant Program) – Roof Drains and Sump Pumps

There was an issue with asbestos at St. Matthew's School. Once these issues are resolved O'Brien & Gere will prepare a report with recommendations, costs and time schedules. Plan to bid in late spring/early summer. Part of a \$279,000 grant through NYS EFC.

Onondaga County WEP Suburban Green Improvement – DPW Garage

Ran into problems with the soil investigation that showed that the pervious pavement is not feasible. Going back to the sand filter as in the original proposal. Reviewing design options with DPW Superintendent. Contract award is \$115,000.

Village received verbal notice that the 2013 project for sewer infrastructure repairs and improvements was approved.

Other Committees and Boards

Zoning – Nothing for June.

Planning – Nothing for June.

Safety – Will meet again July 8th. Did not meet in April.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee James E. Carr, Jr. was unable to attend special meeting where new part-time Police Officer was hired. Inquired what the implications will be for impact bargaining. Village Attorney Robert Germain expects impact to be small. Proposal discussed offered lump sum for part-time Officers to be distributed by Union by their formula amongst all part-time Officers.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Robert T. Tackman thanked all that came out for the American Legion Memorial Day Parade. Was a perfect day. Dedicated the new memorial Park.

Recognized the Fire Department. Had a major fire over the weekend. Red Cross is assisting the family. Mattydale assisted. Kept a bad situation from being worse.

At NYCOM discussed way of identifying Public Officials at an emergency scene. Will meet with Chief of Police on this.

Trustee Daniel Wagner noted that could use more Fire Police for crowd control and direct traffic.

Mayor Tackman asked everyone to come out and support the Fire Department at their annual Field Days June 19th, 20th, and 21st.

Congratulated the Fire Department on All Time trophy award at County Convention competition this weekend.

Close to launching the new website. Started loading information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Court Cancelled: **June 24th, July 1st and July 29th**

7th Annual Taste of East Syracuse Wednesday, **August 6th** at North Center Street from 5:00PM to 9PM. Food and refreshments will be sold by area business organizations. **Noisey Boys** will be the entertainment. 3rd Annual Cook-off will be at 6:00PM.

38th Annual Community Weekend with Ice Cream Social at Loomis Field Friday July 11th from 5:30PM to 8:30PM and Community Concert with **Dan Elliott & The Monterays** and Fireworks on Saturday, **July 12th** at ESE School Field 6PM to 9:30PM.

Concerts in the Gazebo at Ellis Field Wednesday evenings 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Food and refreshments will be sold.

July 2 nd	<i>Fab Cats</i>
July 9 th	<i>Letizia and the Z Band</i>
July 16 th	<i>Just Joe</i>
July 23 rd	tbd
July 30 th	<i>Thunder Canyon</i>

Senior Day Trips

Wednesday, June 11 th	Ellis Field Park Picnic Picnic lunch	\$3/person
Friday, June 20 th	All Shook Up, Cortland Theater Lunch at Orchard Vali, bus transportation, show ticket	\$36 residents \$41 non
Tuesday, July 1 st	Alexandria Bay	\$40 residents, \$45 non

Uncle Sam's Boat Lines

Picnic lunch, winery tour
Bus transportation

Tuesday, July 8th **Picnic – Onondaga Lake Park** \$10 residents \$12 non
Picnic lunch, BINGO,
Bocce ball

Tuesday, July 22nd **Mount Airy – Poconos** \$27 residents \$32 non
\$25 bonus, \$10 in food
Motor coach transportation

Thursday, August 7th ***Acme Mystery Company*** \$30 residents \$32 non
Spaghetti Warehouse Dinner Theater
Bus Transportation

Tuesday, August 19th **Saratoga Gaming & Casino** \$27 residents, \$32 non
\$25 free play, \$5 food coupon
Bus transportation

Tuesday, August 26th **New York State Fair** \$2.00/person
Bus transportation, free admission

Summer Pool programs

Friday, June 27th **DJ Youth Pool Party** Free – residents/\$2non
1PM to 3PM

Friday, July 18th **Family Swim Night** Free- residents/\$5non
6PM to 8PM

Friday, July 25th **Way Out Water Games** Free – residents/\$2non
1PM to 3PM

Tuesday, August 12th **Pizza Pool Party** Free
12Noon to 2:30PM

Registration for Swim lessons: 6PM to 7PM Municipal Building

Village residents and Pool Members is Thursday, June 5th

Non-residents Thursday, June 12th

Session 2: at Hanlon Pool

Village residents and Pool Members on Tuesday, July 22nd

Non-residents on Thursday, July 24th

Outdoor Movie Night on Wednesday, August 20th at Ellis Field Park from 8:00 - 10:00PM. Free.

East Syracuse Youth Day picnic at Ellis Field on Saturday, August 24th from 10AM to 2PM. **Event is entirely free.** Community Groups providing free back packs (with school supplies) refreshments and entertainment.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Lisa Wojtaszek heard on scanner that had problem contacting the Code Enforcement Officer at the Fire.

Sally Seeley noted incidents of people blowing grass and debris in the streets. How can we help Code Enforcement and let residents know the rules about such things?

Pat Bacon noted that many residents place garbage out early too. Sometimes the day before.

Mayor Tackman offered to put on website when available. Will try to put out more public information.

Pat Bacon asked if the bench was coming back or trees planted at the Veteran's Memorial.

Mayor Tackman reported not at this time. Project was sponsored by others.

Sally Seeley reported that Code Enforcement is addressing several issues at Bennett Manor. Stressed the need for us to stay close to that organization. The Village is the Bond holder for the building (matures 2021). Need to be involved.

Mayor Tackman suggested that may set up a time to meet there with some of the Village's Department heads.

Mayor Tackman reported that there has been a lot of comment lately about materials transported via rail. Attending meeting tomorrow evening with County East representatives and CXS on this hot topic.

At 7:25PM Mayor Tackman accepted a Motion to enter into Executive Session concerning an employee matter.

The Board of Trustees met in Executive Session until 8:00PM when they exited and immediately adjourned the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk

Minutes were distributed **unapproved** to Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Tuesday, June 03, 2014.

Review of Correspondence

5/15/14	PKY Associates; RE; Service Award plan valuations;
5/19/14	EMG; RE; project condition assessment for 3133 Erie Blvd. East;
5/19/14	US HUD; RE: certificate of completion;
5/21/14	CNY RPDB; RE: training courses for MS4s
5/21/14	Auctions International; RE: sale of surplus;
5/22/14	Village Clerk to Fire Secretary; RE: fire department membership;
5/22/14	Village Clerk to C&S Companies; RE; Hanlon Pool agreement;
5/22/14	Village Clerk to CNY Regional Planning & Development Board; RE: CNY Stormwater Coalition;
5/22/14 agreement;	Village Clerk to Computel Consultants; RE: expanded services
5/22/14	K. O'Brien; RE: request for meeting minutes;
5/23/14	Bloomberg; RTE; request for financial statements;
5/23/14	Village Clerk to Debreque; RE: flower pot placement;
5/23/14	Town of DeWitt; RE: Field of Dreams fundraiser;
5/28/14	Mayor to BOA Committee; RE: project status update;
5/28/14	Village Engineers; RE: Notice of Award;
5/28/14	County Comptroller to Mayor; RE: previous report;
5/28/14	Mayor to Village of Liverpool; RE: cooperative agreement expires;

5/28/14	Village Clerk to NYS DOS; RE: BOA payment request;
5/29/14	Village Clerk to Mayor; RE: Bennett Manor concerns;
5/29/14	Village Clerk to Mayor; RE: insurance renewal;
5/29/14	NYS EFC; RE: executed finance agreement;
5/30/14	Agreement for fire protection services;
5/30/14	Web Inquiry; RE: fireworks
5/30/14	Web Inquiry; RE: fireworks
5/30/14	Government Modernization weekly update;
6/2/14	Village Clerk to M. Nelligan; RE: easement;
6/2/14	Code Enforcement Officer to Bennett Manor; RE: property maintenance violation;
6/2/14	Code Enforcement Officer to Bennett Manor; RE: outdoor storage violation;