

**PUBLIC HEARING
December 2, 2013**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW
90 Terrace Street LLC
For Syracuse Recycling and Recovery
380 Carr Street**

Mayor Tackman called the public hearing regarding proposed site plan for building reconstruction at 380 Carr Street at 7:00PM

Comments:

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti presented details of proposed construction of replacement building that was destroyed by fire July 2013. Planning Board reviewed this matter at October 21st and November 18th Meetings. Planning Board recommends approval of plans revised and dated 11/7/13.

Jim Brang, property owner, reported that there will be no changes to the footprint. Estimate that will be a 6 months construction schedule. Depends on tenant and being able to re-capture the business.

Trustee Daniel J. Wagner asked if the Fire Department reviewed the plans. Mr. Brang noted that be a better building with sprinkler system.

Mayor Robert T. Tackman asked about the roadway in and if it will be paved. Mr. Brang reports that it will be a gravel driveway.

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti reported that CSX has completed their road and will no longer need to access through this property.

Mayor Tackman thanked the applicant for considering the Village for this redevelopment. Was an unfortunate situation. Very glad that no one was hurt.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Tackman closed the hearing at 7:03PM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of East Syracuse
December 2, 2013**

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, December 2, 2013 to order at 7:05PM.

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

Also Present: DPW Superintendent Ron Russell, III, Parks Director Tom Richardson, Chief of Police Donald Morris, Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby, Fire Captain Michael Cramer, Fire House Caretaker Nate Baker, and Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti.

Approximately 17 Village residents and guests attended including: 380 Carr Street property owner James Brang and Project Manager Matt Napierala, Planning Board members: Robert Murphy, Liz Landry, David Boldt and former Mayor Tony Albanese, ZBA member Patricia Bacon, and Housing Authority Chairperson Sally Seeley. A representative from the *Eagle News* also attended.

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.

Site Plan Review

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - That the Board of Trustees accepts the SEQR determination for Syracuse Recycling and Recovery building reconstruction at 380 Carr Street as a Type 2 action with a negative declaration.

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

Motion – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Para - To approve the site plan for Syracuse Recycling and Recovery at 380 Carr Street, as per the proposal and plans submitted (dated 11/7/13).

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

Recycling – Business License

Last license issued 9/4/12.

Motion – by Trustee Para, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To issue a new license to Syracuse Recycling and Recovery to conduct business of dealer in second hand articles, as per §712 of the Municipal Code, for operations at 380 Carr Street, with condition that:

1. Absolutely NO storage of any materials outside of building
2. Trucks shall back into building to dump their loads
3. Proof of current contract for regular pest management
4. Exterior to be policed daily for litter
5. Dumpsters with trash to be taken off property daily
6. Acceptable Emergency Plan Policy in place in the event that plant fills to capacity; and
7. Building secured during closed hours.

Discussion: Mayor Tackman noted that there was outdoor storage the night of the fire. Asked to make sure that does not happen.

New layout of the building includes inside storage as well as fencing to curtail blowing debris.

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

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

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 49052 through 49189 and Abstract in the amount of \$400,875.54.

Discussion: Includes annual payment for retirement system (\$162,457 PFRS and \$180,207 ERS).

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

Appointments

Mayor Tackman proposes **Tony Albanese** to remain as a member of the Fire Service Advisory Board, for another two year term, to expire December 2015.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Wagner – aye, Trustee Para – aye, and Mayor Tackman – aye. Appointment carried.

Mayor Tackman appoints **Carol Russell** as a member of the Housing Authority Committee, for a five year term, to expire December 2018.

Housing Authority is appointed by the Mayor, Board approval not needed. One member must be a member of the Board of Trustees.

Emergency Preparedness Plan/Policy

Motion – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Carr - To adopt the ***Emergency Preparedness Plan/ Policy***. Purpose of this Policy is to prevent or mitigate disasters and their effects, to provide for an effective response and the facilitate recovery through the development of an emergency management plan designed to meet the needs of the community utilizing available resources.

Discussion: Emergency plan was drafted by Chief of Police and reviewed by the Safety Committee.

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

Employee Health and Dental Benefits

Motion – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To authorize the Mayor to execute agreement for all Village participating employees and retirees for BC/BS of CNY renewal for Excellus SAAZ and Low Medicare PPO 1 coverage, for participating employees.

Discussion: Proposal was presented to Employees earlier today by Dan Goetzmann. There is a 7.85% decrease for Health.

Costs for premiums decrease for Families to \$1509.90 (from \$1546.22 currently); 2-Person tier family to \$1059.58 (currently \$1169.06); Singles increase to \$529.79/month (from \$575.89/month) and adding a new tier Employee & Child(ren) at \$900.64/month. Medicare individual premium increases to \$219.65/month (from \$193.33/month).

Village employees (except for PBA) contribute 25%.

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

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To authorize the Mayor to execute agreement for all Village participating employees for Dental Blue (DBOC-12-26/26) for participating employees.

Discussion: There is a 2.11% increase from last year.

Costs for premiums increase for Families to \$104.86 (from \$103.77 currently); 2-Person tier family to \$70.90 (from \$68.52 currently); and Singles increase to \$34.72/month (from \$33.53/month).

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

Employee Handbook

Met with Employees earlier today to review proposed amendments to the Employee Handbook to Sections 706 Earned Leave (eliminates the previous section 706 vacation leave, as well as section 707 sick leave and 708 personal leave); Sections 710 NYS Disability and 711 Worker's Compensation; and 701 Health Insurance. Board of Trustee need further review to incorporate some comments from the meeting. Will wait until next meeting before taking any action. Would like to have in effect before the first of the year.

Police Donations

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To accept donation made to East Syracuse Police Department by Carr Street Generating for \$1000.

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

Motion – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To declare found and/or unclaimed bicycles recovered by ESPD to the CNY Family Bike Giveaway.

Discussion: Mayor Tackman inquired how many bikes there are. Chief Morris reports that have 10 to offer but usually collect 2 a year.

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

Unsafe Structure

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - That a Final Order be issued for the repair of unsafe structure at 106 Upton Street requiring compliance within ten (10) days, as per Municipal Code §700.36 (Final Notice); and furthermore upon failure to comply action shall be taken to compel compliance, as per §700.5.

Discussion: **Mayor Tackman** thanked Bill Cramer. He did a nice job. Looks good for a boarded up building.

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

Code Enforcement training

Motion - by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To approve the attendance at training for **Bill Cramer** to attend Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Official Association 2014 Annual Education Conference March 3rd through 6th, in Lake Placid, NY. Cost include: Registration (\$250 for 24 hours in-service training to maintain certification), 4 nights at Crown Plaza hotel (\$103/night for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday nights) plus meals (only breakfast, 3 lunches are included with registration – provide for: 1 lunch @ \$15 each; and 4 dinners @ \$20 each = \$95.00). Will take Village vehicle and gas card. Approximately total is \$757.

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

Annual Service Agreements

Municipal Building

Motion – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To authorize the Mayor to sign annual service agreement with:

- o **911 Generators** for 1 year term for Emergency Generator and transfer switches for \$426.60 (same as last year);
- o **abj Fire Protection Co.** for Sprinkler tests for \$184;
- o **Integrated Facility Systems** for Delta Controls direct digital control system for Municipal Building HVAC system for \$5300 (same last 4 years);
- o **Otis Elevator** for periodic maintenance and inspections for \$2195.77 (5 year agreement – 2012 was \$2091.31). As part of this agreement, also approve **NEIS** to perform routine inspections 2 times a year at \$65 each time;

- o **Alarm Services of CNY** to provide monitoring, and annual inspection of Municipal Building fire alarm system for \$906. [same as last year] (Typically five year agreement with annual evaluation – 5th year);

- o **Chuck's Fire Equipment** for equipment maintenance and inspection for \$1749.50 (last year's \$1605);

- o **Woodcock & Armani** for Municipal Building heating and cooling maintenance and inspection, includes filters will be changed twice/year and fan belts replaced as needed for \$2270 annual contract.

Discussion: Noted that many are long term contractors with some new ones this past year. **Deputy Mayor Quonce** thanked Janet for working with all the contractors. Takes time and effort.

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

Hanlon Pool Building

Motion – by Trustee Carr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To authorize the Mayor to execute service agreement for preventive maintenance of the heating and cooling system at Hanlon Pool Building with **Skurpski Air Conditioning** for \$1900 for two inspections per year. Other work as needed will be charged at \$90/hour labor rate for service M-F 8AM to 4:30PM; \$135 M-F after 4:30PM and Saturdays; and \$180 all other times.

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

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To approve service contract with **Tru-Green** for single application of pesticide to right-of-way areas on West Manlius Street and authorize the Mayor to execute agreement (cost for service is \$337.05) and for 5 times/year treatments for corner lot at East Manlius and North Center Street for total \$374.22.

Discussion: Questioned if need this service. DPW Superintendent Russell noted that it would cost more to get certified to handle pesticides than these services.

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

Parks Activities

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To approve the offering program senior trip to **Turning Stone Casino** on Thursday, **January 23rd** and Tuesday, **February 25th** for adults 21+ years of age. Cost for Village residents is \$13, \$15 for non-residents. Trip includes motor coach transportation (Quality Coach), \$15 free play or \$15 BINGO Bucks, and \$5 lunch coupon. 22 spots will be reserved for Village residents, with 20 for non-residents. Pre-registration required. Payment due at sign-up. \$5 fee charged for all refunds. No refund unless spot on bus can be filled. Bus leaves St. Matthew's Church at 9:45AM (pick-up Bennett Manor at 9:30AM) returns approximately 5PM.

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

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To participate with **CNY Karate** for a youth 4 week session starting **February 7th** through **February 28th**. Village of East Syracuse will receive a portion of fee for all who register through the Village.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

DPW Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III -

TREE WORK – Numerous trees were trimmed or removed in various parts of the Village. 35 “bare root” trees were planted in the Village. Trees approved by National Grid planted under their overhead wires will be reimbursed \$50 under Grid's 10,000 Trees ... and Growing program. Special pickups of branches that came down during several high wind events were performed. Numerous stumps were ground where trees were removed and will be filled with topsoil when work schedule permits.

LEAVES – Leaf pickup was performed almost daily during November. Leaves were picked up with the vacuum unit as well as the sweeper. The leaves were hauled to a dumpsite to be composted. There were no tipping fees due to the generosity of Mojo's Lawn and Landscapes a local contractor.

PARKS & REC – Flags were put up on Manlius Street in observance of Veteran's Day and as a thank you to all our veterans, The pool cover was removed and reinstalled with assistance from the FD after repairs were made. DPW checked the buildings and park area for “winter shut down”.

SWEEPER – Streets were swept complying with MS4 regulations.

WINTER OPERATIONS - Plowing & Salting of Village streets and parking areas due to snow events resumed.

PAY-LOADER – The pay-loader a 1993 model developed mechanical issues. Due to quick observation of a problem by employees the machine was shut down until inspected. Repair estimates were \$2500 and towing charge as the machine was inoperable. Repairs & towing came in at less than \$2000. If the employees had not noticed the problem, per the vendor, repair costs would have been much higher. The problem is common with machines that age during normal use.

DPW operations for December will be weather related. Repairs to equipment and buildings will be part of our duties during the month. Leaf pickup will continue if weather allows. All other DPW duties and assistance to other Village departments will be performed as needed.

Mayor Tackman thanked the guys – the lights look nice.

Police Department – Chief of Police Donald Morris

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

- 17 Arrests
- 64 Traffic stops
 - Traffic tickets issued (Not available prior to the meeting)
 - Parking tickets issued (Not available prior to the meeting)
- 17 Motor vehicle crashes investigated
- 422 Incidents

Reminder that parking is prohibited from November 1st until April 1st.

Residents are also reminded to lock their vehicles and never leave valuables in plain sight within a vehicle.

Mayor Tackman thanked the Officers for the special detail at WalMart on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

Code Enforcement Office – Director of Operations Randy Capriotti

- I. Rental Inspections
 - A. Initial inspection – 53 units
 - B. Re-inspections – 6 units
 - C. Total potential rental UNITS – 913; Currently rental UNITS – 811
 - D. Registered 2013 – Roughly 334 STRUCTURES as of 11/30/13
- II. Fire Inspections- 9
 - A. Place of Assembly – 5

- B. Commercial – 4
 - C. Multi-families;
 - 2 structures
 - 16 units
- III. Housing Court
 - A. Court Order to Inspect - 0
 - B. Rental Inspections - 6
 - C. Ordered to apply to ZBA for use variance – 0
 - D. Ordered to register – 0
 - E. Outdoor Storage – 1
 - F. Nuisance Vehicles – 1
 - G. Parking Violation - 0
 - H. Property Maintenance - 0
 - I. Illegal Signs -0
 - J. Zoning -0
 - K. Container Location- 0
- IV. Notices/Violations Cited
 - A. Outdoor Storage – 4
 - B. Nuisance Vehicles – 1
 - C. Grass – 0, Ordered cut - 0
 - D. Property Maintenance – 0
 - E. Signs – 0
 - F. Pools – 0
 - G. Rental Reg. – delinquent notices - 0
 - H. Communication Towers – 0
 - I. Sprinkler Inspections – 9
 - J. Stop Work Orders – 0
 - K. Order to repair/demolish - 0
 - L. Disruptive Conduct Notices Mailed – 0 Eviction Proceedings - 0
- V. Uniform Code Complaints – 2 Corrected/Unfounded – 2 Pending - 0
- VI. Planning Board – 380 Carr Street & 326 W. Second Street (Pat White)
- VII. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting
- VIII. Building Permit Plan Reviews – 11, Permits Issued- 2
- IX. Appearance Tickets Issued - 8

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti reports that still have 35 – 40 inspections yet for 2013. Had 11 people in Court last week to secure their compliance. Ready to start 2014 in January. Kerry will continue to be busy.

Parks and Recreation – Director Tom Richardson

Youth Programs

Family Night Bingo was held on November 15th at East Syracuse Elementary. Approx. 30 people attended.

The Children's Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot bowling Tournament was held on Wednesday, November 27th 67 children participated in the event.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the American Legion from 9:00 – 11:00

Senior Programs

50 seniors attended the trip to Seneca Niagara on November 7th

24 seniors filled the 3rd floor Community room on Friday, November 15th for the Monthly card Party. . Next party will be Friday, December 13th

For the monthly intergenerational program at Knights of Columbus, 2nd & 3rd grade students and seniors celebrated Thanksgiving with homemade pumpkin cake , Students performed the ABC's of Thanksgiving.

40 Bennett Manor residents attended Parks & Rec Luncheon on Tuesday, November 26th. A Thanksgiving meal was served. Next luncheon will be January 21st

30 Seniors will be attending Lights on Lake on Tuesday, December 3rd

34 Seniors will be attending the Texas Tenors Christmas Party on December 11th

Seats are still available for Disney On Ice- Passport to Adventure on, Thursday, January 2nd

The Seniors Annual Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 19th from 10:00 – 2:00 at the American legion. Seniors may still register. Entertainment will be provided by children from East Syracuse Elementary.

Ellis Field Park

Benches, tennis nets, garbage cans put away for winter

The Christmas decorations at Ellis Field Park are up for the Season.

Deadline for **Food Sense** is Friday, December 6th. Call Tom Richardson at 952 – 0038 to get your order in.

Director Tom Richardson noted they will be collecting food at St. Matt's this weekend. Appreciate all donations. Will also collect cans & bottles.

Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby

TREASURER – The Annual Financial report for fiscal year ending May 31, 2012 has been filed with the NYS Office of the Comptroller.

The 2012/2013 budget was adopted on April 13, 2012. The total budget (for all funds) was \$4,914,018, with revenues of \$1,854,246. This was a decrease of \$52,553 from prior year (\$4,966,571). \$2,742,947 was the amount to be raised by taxes, with \$417,435 appropriated from fund balance.

The General Fund (A) budget for 2012/2013 totaled \$4,752,603. This decreased by \$28,823 from prior year 2011/2012 fiscal year. The General Fund 2012/2013 budget included \$1,854,246 in non-property tax revenues, \$2,480,922 in tax revenue and \$417,435 in appropriated fund balance.

The non-property tax sources included payments in lieu of taxes, interest earnings, fees, Court fines, franchise fees, fire protection contract, CHIPS, sales tax, state aid and grants. The 2012/2013 revenues are \$118,349 less than 2011/2012.

Wages and benefits comprised 57% (\$2,705,695) of the general fund, with payroll representing 37% (\$1,743,862) and benefits 20% (\$961,833). There was no increase in wages offered to employees.

The 2012/2013 tax rate was \$13.50 per \$1000 of assessed value (for the fifth straight year).

The 2012/2013 Sewer Fund (G) budget was \$161,415 with \$262,025 supported from taxes (anticipated fund surplus of 100,610). The overall expenditures in the sewer fund budgets were \$23,730 less than 2011/2012. The sewer rate was \$1.20 per \$1000 of assessed value, same as the last four years.

Debt is the major portion of the sewer fund including sewer construction, capital construction projects (Municipal Building and Hanlon Pool Building) and on-going remediation efforts under a NYS DEC Consent Order.

Statement of Activities

General Fund	General Fund	
	<u>5/31/2012</u>	<u>5/31/2013</u>
Revenues		
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,917.2	\$ 2,808.3
Non-property taxes	\$ 472.6	\$ 178.5

Departmental Revenues	\$ 53.0	\$ 34.2
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,233.2	\$
1,202.4		
Use of money and property	\$ 2.5	\$ 1.3
License and Permits	\$ 126.0	\$ 54.2
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 44.4	\$
40.7		
Revenues from State sources	\$ 115.4	\$
270.1		
Revenues from Federal sources	\$ 104.1	\$ 0
Miscellaneous	\$ 57.8	\$
36.6		
Total Revenues	\$ 4,926.1	\$ 4,626.3
Expenses		
General Support	\$ 746.1	\$ 725.4
Public Safety	\$ 1,349.5	\$ 1,373.1
Transportation	\$ 576.9	\$
682.2		
Culture and recreation	\$ 155.5	\$
137.2		
Home and Community Service	\$ 561.5	\$ 1,711.7
Employee Benefits	\$ 861.1	\$ 992.3
Debt Service	\$ 928.4	\$ 728.0
Total Expenses	\$ 5,179.1	\$ 6,349.9
Revenue over/under		
Expenditures	\$ (253.0)	\$ (
1,723.6)		

Note: Total may not add due to rounding

The 2012/2013 fiscal year revenues decreased by \$299,800, and property taxes decreased by \$108,300.

State Aid increased by \$154,670 from prior year. The Village experienced a decrease in general support and culture and recreation but an increase in public safety, transportation and community services expenses.

HEALTH & DENTAL BENEFITS – As reported earlier the Village will be enrolling in a new plan with Excellus/Blue Cross Blue Shield for health benefits. With changes made at the federal level our plan was cancelled. The closest comparable plan is the Platinum SAAZ package. Currently there are 27 participants (8 single, 9 2-Person, and 10 Families) with annual premiums of \$355,382.88 (a 7.85% decrease from last year). Annual premiums for dental increased 2.11%.

ELECTIONS – The Village will not have General Elections this year (Tuesday, March 18th). With four year terms for all elected officers our next election will be March 2015. The Village will no longer conduct their own Registration Day or maintains a separate registration roll. We will rely on the Onondaga County Board of Elections roll. To be eligible to vote in all Village elections you must be registered with the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

SEWER PROJECT – Contract #1 for the Wet Weather Storage Tank has been completed. The pre-construction meeting for Contract #2 sewer line installation along West Second Street and manhole repairs was November 8th. Some work may be delayed until spring.

BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITIES AREA – The Steering Committee met with the Consultants November 13th. Work is wrapping up with final drafts of plan to be reviewed in December with completion of the nomination plan soon thereafter.

PLANNING BOARD – Activity appears to be picking up with site plan review completed for 90 Terrace Street LLC and the rebuilding for Syracuse Recycling & Recovery. Pat White has returned with plans for construction of new warehouse on West Second Street and Clearwood is looking to add a building on their lot on West Manlius Street.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Daniel J. Wagner thanked all the Departments. Doing an excellent job.

Trustee Carol Para wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Judge Benack will be taking Court tomorrow night. Court is cancelled the rest of the month.

Trustee James E. Carr, Jr. extended holiday greetings and wishes for a safe holiday.

Prepared to bring up abolishment of the Police Department issue again:

Motion – by Trustee Carr, seconded by Trustee Wagner – To schedule a public hearing on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00PM to consider Local Law No. 4 of 2013 To Abolish the East Syracuse Police Department, as follows:

The purpose of Local Law No. 4 of the year 2013 is to abolish the Village of East Syracuse Police Department pursuant to Section 8-800 of NYS Village Law.

Section 1. Abolishing the Village of East Syracuse Police Department pursuant to Section 8-800 of New York State Village Law.

And to transfer the function of the Village Police Department with the Town of DeWitt Police Department and further enter into a proposed contract with the Town of DeWitt for the extension of additional police services with the Village of East Syracuse.

This Local Law is subject to a permissive referendum and will be put to the qualified voters of the Village of East Syracuse at a special election to be held and conducted on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

This Local Law shall take effect upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Mayor Tackman stated the reason for his change on the matter is that from working on the budget see no other alternative for making inroads on reducing the tax rate. Always said that if came to this point that would support putting the matter out for the people to decide.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Tackman noted that the website is down. Working to get it back up. In the meantime, if have any concerns or questions asked to call the Village Office.

Happy to welcome a new family to the Village – the owners of the Veteran's Habitat for Humanity Home. They were to be in the home by Thanksgiving.

Key Bank changes look good. Nice to see activity on the main street.

The Board of Trustees continues to meet to look over items in the budget. Making some progress before consider department's budget requests.

Thank all those that helped out with the storm. Hoping that this winter is not as harsh as predicted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Court Cancelled: December 24th, and 31st

Senior Trips

Tuesday, December 5th

Lights on the Lake

Wednesday, December 11th

Texas Tenors at Turning Stone Casino

Thursday, December 19th

Senior Christmas Party

Thursday, January 2nd

Disney on Ice: Passport to Adventure

Youth trips and activities:

Saturday, December 14th **Breakfast with Santa** at American Legion

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Lucy Forkhammer asked what the procedure is to compel a Board member to resign.

Mayor Tackman offered to check with the Village Attorney or NYCOM.

Ms. Forkhammer continued stating that Mr. Carr does not understand that the people voted two to one to keep the Police. People are willing to pay extra in taxes to have the Police.

Brian Powers said that people cannot afford them.

Pat Bacon said that DeWitt Police get paid more.

Bernie Ment reported on passing petitions to compel the Board to revisit the matter of Police abolishment. Collected over 350 signatures, over 80 admitted they voted to keep them but have changed their minds now that they know it came with a tax increase. People are not happy with the tax rate.

Sally Seeley commented that the Veteran's house is a nice addition for the Village.

Mayor Tackman agreed, noting that this was the first time Habitat for Humanity built outside the City of Syracuse. Hope that they will look to East Syracuse again.

Sally Seeley returned to the subject of the unsafe house on Upton Street. Property has been a problem for a long time. Why did it take so long for something to be done about it?

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti reported that the property is held up in foreclosure. Was extremely difficult to find who is paying the bills.

Mrs. Seeley continued noting that this property is very visible for anyone coming into the Village. Other vacant properties that need attention

Mike Cramer reported receiving a letter from Village to Town saying that will not be moving forward with the Fire District. When did the Board vote on this?

Mayor Tackman commented that a vote was not necessary and no formal action was required. At this time the Village will continue to work with the Town to resolve and issues concerning the fire protection contract.

Mr. Cramer continued asking why the Fire District proposal can't be included in any referendum voting.

Mayor Tackman repeated that at this time the Village is not interested in a separate Fire District. Reminded that once the decision was made by either the Town or the Village not to proceed the membership was going to drop the issue.

Trustee Wagner offered that the proposed costs for the Fire District of \$1.24 versus the Village's costs of \$1.30/assessed 1000 aren't compelling enough to pursue. The Town is not interested in another Fire District and this Board is not interested either at this time.

Mike Cramer suggested that any savings to the tax payers should be considered, even a penny.

Trustee Wagner stated that the numbers presented don't show any savings and there are questions and variables still to be considered.

Mayor Tackman concluded this discussion by stating that at this time the Village will work with the Town for fire protection services.

Mike Cramer inquired if any action has been taken concerning his letter of complaint.

Mayor Tackman reported that the situation is being researched and will be followed up with.

Mike Cramer stated he appeared before Grand Jury under orders of a subpoena for a fire incident in Mattydale. This required him to lose time from his regular job. Understands that he is an uncompensated employee for the Village as a firefighter but doesn't feel he should be penalized the loss of a day's pay because of it.

Mayor Tackman appreciates the volunteer efforts and will check with Village Attorney on this situation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM..

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk

*A copy of these minutes were provided **unapproved** to Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.*

Review of Correspondence

10/29/13	NYS EFC; RE: Engineering Agreement acceptance for GIGP Roof Drains grant;
11/6/13	Village Clerk to Crowley Insurance; RE: service of summons and complaints <i>Stevenson v Village of East Syracuse</i> ;
11/6/13	NYS EFC; RE: acceptance of MWBE Utilization plan for GIGP roof drains grant;
11/6/13	Web Inquiry; RE: fire department
11/7/13	Village Clerk to CNY SPCA; RE: annual dog control agreement;
11/8/13	Web Inquiry; RE: drainage on East Ellis;
11/8/13	NYS EFC; RE: wire transfer GIGP roof drains project;
11/8/13	Mayor; RE: dedication ceremony for Veterans house built by Habitat for Humanity;

11/10/13 Trustee Wagner; RE: comparative tax rates;

11/12/13 DPW Superintendent; RE: loader repairs;

11/12/13 Mayor; RE: Chief of Police waiver;

11/12/13 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Planning; RE: referral for Interlock Management project on West Second Street;

11/12/13 Village Clerk to Planning Board; RE: revised plans for 380 Carr Street;

11/12/13 Village Engineers OBG; RE: EFC short term financing program;

11/12/13 Mayor to NYS Civil Service Commission; RE: waiver;

11/12/13 District Attorney; RE: grand jury subpoena regarding Mattydale fire investigation;

11/13/13 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Personnel; RE: canvass for Chief of Police;

11/15/13 Mayor to Town of DeWitt; RE: Fire District;

11/15/13 Carr Street Generating; RE: donations to Police and Fire Departments;

11/18/13 Village Engineers OBG; RE: comments on proposed warehouse;

11/18/13 Village Attorney; RE: comment concerning no need for formal resolution;

11/19/13 Village Clerk to Solvay Bank and PKY; RE: fire service award disbursement;

11/19/13 Village Clerk to Department Heads; RE: employee meeting;

11/20/13 NYMIR; RE: recommendations following inspection;

11/22/13 NYMIR; RE: National Grid Notice of Claim;

11/22/13 OBG; RE: site plan comments for 380 Carr Street;

11/23/13 Web Inquiry; RE: property tax collection;

11/25/13 Trustee Wagner; RE; budget discussion options;

11/25/13 C. Card; RE: ash tree on James Street Manor;

11/26/13 Onondaga County Planning; RE: recommendations for 326 West
Second Street;