

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**June 3, 2013**

**RE: Proposed Local Law No. 3, of 2013**  
**Amend Municipal Code §700.8 Open Fires**

**Mayor Tackman** called the Public Hearing regarding proposed local law No. 3 of 2013, a local law to amend Municipal Code §700.8 Open Fires, to order at 7:00PM.

**Local Law No. 3, of 2013** reads as follows:

Current Municipal Code

**Section 700.8 “Outdoor Fires” states:** Outdoor fires are permitted subject to the regulations and requirements of the Fire Code of New York State.

Proposed Change:

Outdoor Fires, Bonfires and Recreational Fires are prohibited in the Village of East Syracuse. Open Burning is permitted with the following conditions:

- 1- No less than 15 feet (4572mm) from a structure
- 2- In approved containers determined by the Authorities having jurisdiction (Code Enforcement Official, Police Department and Fire Department)
- 3- Open Burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 of the New York State Fire Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

**Prohibited Open Burning**

Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

The Codes Enforcement Office, Police Department and the Fire Department have the authority to determine a fire unsafe or a nuisance and can order the fire be extinguished.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Tackman closed the public hearing at 7:01PM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Village of East Syracuse**  
**June 3, 2013**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance **Mayor Robert Tackman** called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, June 3, 2013 to order at 7:02PM.

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: Parks Director Tom Richardson, Chief of Police Donald Morris, Police Officer Peter Hooser, Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby, Fire Chief Robert Russell, First Assistant Fire Chief DJ Brewster, and Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti.

Excused: DPW Superintendent Ron Russell

Approximately 45 Village residents and guests attended, as well as representatives from the *Eagle News*, *CNY Central Channel 3*, and *YNN Your News Now*.

**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 met with Insurance agents Crowley Insurance regarding renewal and workers' compensation coverage.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

**Lucy Forkhammer** noted that last year \$10,500 was spend from the budget for flowers – what happen to the planters? What about the brackets? Will there be any flowers on Main Street?

Mayor Tackman reported that they are in storage.

**Ms. Forkhammer** continued noting that the Village of Syracuse has nice flowers that are maintained by volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Quonce reported that the Chamber use to supply flowers but business owners did not take care. Village hasn't been successful with just volunteers help.

Suggested that planters be available for those businesses that want to plan their own flowers.

**Pat Bacon** asked if the business banners would be put up again.

Deputy Mayor Quonce reported that it's on the list for the DPW but they were diverted because of the storm clean-up.

**Wayne Cunningham** noted that most people got their Village tax bills Saturday. Astounded by how much it went up. Been in business here for 37 years – never seen the Village in such bad shape. Started the East Syracuse Chamber of Commerce in 1986 to improve the Village, but East Syracuse is losing businesses. Now this increase in taxes will drive more out. The Village has to find a way to save money. Cannot keep raising taxes – its killing business in East Syracuse.

Last year there was talk about Police merger. That's a win/win situation for everyone. As a business owner I couldn't vote, but we need to bring this to referendum again. Know the Police. This is not personal, this is what we have to do to save the Village.

People in the Town of Clay are happy with the change in Police services. It works in Town of Manlius for the Villages of Fayetteville, Minoa and Manlius.

It's not an issue about safety. People that live in Park Hill are just as safe as everyone in the Village.

Bring up the referendum again!

**Nathan Andrews** here tonight for Morse Manufacturing. Everyone may know his father, Bob Andrews. He has retired but he's here as the third generation in business. Morse Manufacturing has been at the current location for 60 years. Manufacture products that are sold all over the world. 25 cents for every dollar is spent here locally. Business continues to grow. Looking to expand or relocate. This increase in tax levy hurts our chances of staying. The Village has to reduce this tax burden.

**Lisa Somers** spoke as a resident, a tax payer and a home owner. Have to look at the facts and look at the numbers. We were warned about tax increases. Now here it is 22%. Ask that the referendum to abolish Police Department be considered again. East Syracuse is not a rich Village. We can't sustain this. People already can't afford to pay their taxes. How are we ever going to bring in more business. Property values will decline.

By law the Town will have to come in. We will have the same public safety as everyone else in the Town. They have 36 Officers. Not worried about public safety.

Need to focus our efforts on the rental properties to transform this Village. Instead worried about bankrupting the Village.

Those that voted to keep the police may change their minds now. The Friends of East Syracuse group did a disservice to the Village by spreading lies. Need to re-visit this issue. Take the emotions out and look at the facts.

**Mike Cramer** noted that we heard from two businessmen, want to speak as a single family home owner. Have a tax bill over \$2000, \$450 more than last year. It's ridiculous. What is his family supposed to give up to be able to pay their taxes? Those that voted to keep the Police really stuck it to us. The renters don't pay taxes, the senior's don't pay school taxes, what do they care? The Board should bring this back up for a vote!

**Larry Mosley** told of an incident on his block – wasn't the Village Police that showed up but the Town of DeWitt Police. They do it in the Town of Manlius and those Villages have the coverage they need. Why does the Village of East Syracuse with only 1.6 sq. miles need two cars on every shift to cover this small area.

Chief Morris spoke on the findings of a DCJS report that determined that level as the most efficient and effective coverage for East Syracuse based on calls for service. Comparing the Village of East Syracuse to Chittenango is not the same. Chittenango doesn't have the commercial businesses or criminal activity.

**Lucy Forkhammer** was surprised by the turnout. Did not realize this meeting would discuss Police issue. Feel that the call for another vote disrespects those people who did come out to vote in October. Should we call for another vote for Mayor – that was a closer race.

Lived in this Village since 1945. Was not surprised by tax increase. Knew taxes would go up and knew by how much. Problem is not Police. Problem is in the Town too. Should have a Committee to help attract new business. There are other ways to solve the problem.

**Bernie Ment** has been a renter here for 16 years. The Village should be ashamed of a 22% tax increase. Some renters may see a double digit increase in their rents too. No one can afford that either.

The referendum vote was marred by a lot of mis-information. The mis-information is that mergers don't work – they do. All we have to do is look to Town of Manlius. Here we are completely surrounded by the Town of DeWitt. They have to drive

through the Village to get to the northern portion. Why do we need a separate police department?

Need to revisit the proposal for police abolishment. Need to find a way to give property owners, renters and businesses some tax relief.

**James Swem** lives at 220 Kinne Street. Had the big tree fall on his house last Wednesday. Thanked the Police and Fire for being there to help. Thanked the Mayor and the Board for stopping by too. Everyone did a phenomenal job. Didn't see anyone from DeWitt. Saw our guys – Police & Fire.

**Pat Bacon** is the Chairperson for Neighborhood Watch. Our Police are at every meeting. Blaming the wrong people. Former Mayor Danny Liedka said on the Jim Reith Show that he saw this increase coming yet he did nothing about it.

**Unidentified Gentleman** said you can't blame the Police. Abolishment is the wrong move. Can't listen to some of these speakers – they don't even live here.

**Ray Usiatynski** has a family owned business here and lives in the Village. It's not about getting rid of the Police but taxes are too high, you have to do something. No one can bear a 22% tax increase. Trying to renovate business to upgrade the Village but something always interferes. It's not Mayor Liedka's fault. Problem has been building for 20 years. Like the Police and don't want to see anyone lose their job but can't afford a 22% increase.

**Unidentified woman** lived in Village for 15 years but before that was in Collamer. See Police in Village as much as she did in Collamer. Actually felt safer in Collamer. Was glad to see issue put out to the people for a vote. But with all the mis-information and confusion people didn't have time to understand the implications. Would like to see it brought up again but with time to digest and understand the information.

**Unidentified Gentleman** some things people are saying are right. If taxes are too high, business will leave. Have to do something. But with Police need to right-size the services or abolish the entire Village. Problems from the city are going to seep into the Village. Without Police crime rate will go up. Need to take the emotions out of this and look at what really needs to be done.

**John Paninski** as a business owner he cannot vote. Why can't he vote here?

Mayor Tackman responded that it is based on voter registration not property ownership.

**Fire Chief Robert Russell** asked what people pay for Fire Protection in the Village? No one knows. He knows what he pays in the Town but in the Village they pay nothing. So leave the Fire Department out of this discussion.

**Chief of Police Donald Morris** stated this is not a Police issue, it's a Village matter. Police is not responsible for the 22% tax increase. Overall Department spending went down in the department for the fifth straight year. Police Department was here last year, yet the budget went up. What caused the 22% increase. Need to look at everything and figure this out. When they do he will be at the table.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS – Mayor Robert T. Tackman** changed the agenda to offer his comments. Was not at last month's meeting but wanted to update people on what has been happening:

- Bristol project is winding down Spoke with the General Manager and estimate that by mid-August most will be cleared and restoration of lot will begin. Will plant trees and bushes once all debris is removed.
- Brownfield Opportunities Area Committee will host a Public Workshop on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to bring everyone up-to-date on plan and proposals to improve the Village under the DOS grant. Open House will be from 6:30PM to 8:30. Will look at the draft proposals and take comments on ideas moving forward from the Vision plan to improve Village.
- Attended award program where Officers Wolfe and Barhite were recognized for saving a resident from a burning house fire.
- Agree with comments that the tax rate is just too high. Need to look at entire operations and see what the Village can do. Been visiting other Village's and talking with them to see things differently and learn from them. Visited Owego May 14<sup>th</sup> and talking with Village of Liverpool and Village of Minoa Mayors. Next year things will be different.
- Habitat for Humanity is building a home for a veteran on Yates Street in a house that was vacant for 20 years. Veteran and his family will live there. Looking for volunteers that can help.
- Thanked everyone that came out for the Annual American Legion Memorial day Parade.
- Last week's storm took a hard hit on East Syracuse. Haven't seen anything like that, but the Police, Fire Department, DPW, the Board and even residents were all out helping where they could. Thanked everyone for pitching in. Was out past midnight waiting for National Grid. Between 5:15 and 10PM the Fire Department responded to over 35 calls. Police called in extra staff. DPW worked exceptionally hard to clear roads and move debris. Thanked the Town of DeWitt and Onondaga County for sending in crews to help. Strange how severe some areas were hit and others got nothing.

- At last Saturday's Minoa Firemen Field Days East Syracuse Fire Department took first place honors. Great job.

## **Fireworks**

**Mayor Tackman** read report from Save the East Syracuse Fireworks Committee that with two sizable donations will meet their fundraising goals for the July 13<sup>th</sup> Fireworks celebration.

Mayor Tackman read the following letter from County Legislator Danny J. Liedka:

*Good afternoon,*

*A few weeks ago, I heard from Trustee James Carr, Recreation Commission Chairwoman Mary Albanese, and Parks Director Tom Richardson in regards to the status of this year's fireworks, and a plea from all of them for help.*

*First off, I completely understand how important this event is to the local community organizations and their fundraising efforts. I also understand that the Village Board is in a tough position from a budget stand point, and could not approve this expense. Given the short amount of time from the fireworks being removed from the budget, and the actual date of the event, it did not give the community groups an adequate amount of time to raise money to carry on this great tradition.*

*With that being said, in my position as County Legislator I have secured \$7500 to ensure this event will happen this year. \$7500 is not enough to cover the entire cost, however a substantial corporate sponsor for this event will be named later this week. This \$7500 is a one-time band aid to a tough situation, I hope the community will rally as of TODAY to ensure next year's event happens. Moving forward these groups are now on notice that funding for this event is squarely on them, and not on Village taxpayers.*

*As a former Village Mayor, and now the County representative for the Village and the Town residents this event benefits, I am proud to be a part of such a great event. I look forward to joining everyone watching the best fireworks show in this part of the state come July. If I can help anyone, do not hesitate to call upon me.*

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*Sincerely,  
Danny J. Liedka  
County Legislator-District 7  
Cell: (315) 403-0291  
Leg: (315) 435-2070  
Fax: (315) 435-8434*

It was suggested that at the event ask for donations as many people from outside the Village attend to collect money for the next year's event.

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Carr - To accept the donation from Greater East Syracuse Chamber of Commerce and East Syracuse Recreation Committee for annual community fireworks celebration.

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

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with **Zambelli Fireworks** for July 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Days celebration display, for \$8500 (paid for by the generous donations from the community).

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

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

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 47870 through 48040 and Abstract in the amount of \$99,497.46 for fiscal year 2012/2013 and vouchers numbered 48041 through 48047 in the amount of \$43,112.66 for fiscal year 2013/2014.

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

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Para - To adopt a resolution approving Local Law 3 of 2013 of the Village of East Syracuse, a local law to allow the Village of East Syracuse to amend Municipal Code §700.8. Said Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

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

#### **Fourth of July**

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Carr - That Village Offices will be closed Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> (following the Fourth of July Holiday).

**Discussion:** Employees will be required to use personal earned benefit time for this day.



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

### **Building Maintenance agreements**

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Para - To cancel prior agreements, and authorize the Mayor to sign service agreement with **Woodcock & Armani** for:

- HVAC preventive maintenance - \$3270 per year reduced to \$2270 with NYSERDA incentive;
- Sprinkler System inspection – (subcontract ABJ Fire Protection) \$180 one annual inspection each June.

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

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To cancel prior agreement, and authorize the Mayor to execute agreement with **Elevattitt** for elevator service and maintenance for \$125/month (\$1500 annually) from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Use of Village Property**

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Para - To grant the request for use of Village property located at corner of East Ellis and North Center Street for **Church of the Resurrection** to conduct summer program activities July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> from 12Noon to 7PM.

**Discussion:** They will clean up after event and provide supervision. A sound system for presentations and entertainment will be used.

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

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To grant permission to **ESM Pop Warner** to conduct “ESM Eagle Walk/Run Event on July 21<sup>st</sup> with the Walk/Run starting at 11AM at the ESE Field.

**Discussion:** Walk/Run will require several streets around the Field to be shut down and closed to vehicle traffic during the event. Event will also have games and food after the run at the Field.

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

### **Change Order – Wet Weather Tank project**

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by trustee Para - To accept Change Order No. 2 in the SSO Mitigation Contract #1 Wet Weather Tank project to include additional restoration and paving in the amount of \$ 6359.

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

### **Fire Department Training**

**Motion** – by Trustee Carr, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To approve the attendance at training at National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> for Leonard DiBello, Todd Rhoades, Ryan Russell, Nathan Baker, David Brewster, Paul Haynes, Jr., and John Schiebel. Cost per person is \$183 (\$115 registration and \$68 food & lodging) total \$1281.

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

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To approve attendance at training at NYSAFC Annual Conference at Turning Stone Resort, for **Tim Raesky** for Flashover on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> (Cost is \$125) and Aggressive Interior Fire Attack (8 hour session) Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> (Cost is \$385).

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

### **Summer Pool/Park**

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To authorize the Mayor to execute agreement with **C&S Companies** to provide engineering services in connection with the Village of East Syracuse Hanlon Pool Facility. Services will consist of: analyzing and correcting problems associated with all functions of the

Hanlon Pool swimming facility, advising pool staff of corrective measures and maintaining the facility in accordance with NYS Health Department Part 6, subpart 6-1 Swimming Pools Rules and Regulations. Contract is on an hourly basis.

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

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Wagner - To make an offer of employment, to the following, conditioned upon background investigation. All positions will start after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pool opens June 8<sup>th</sup>. Offer is made contingent upon successful completion American Red Cross Water Safety training, proof of certification and Pool Head Instructor test, where appropriate:

- To **Debra Abreu** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.) and Instructor (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **Lindsey Scott** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.) and Instructor (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **David R. Marsh** for Pool Supervisor (at \$8.50/hr.).

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

#### **CNY RPDB**

**Motion** – by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Para - To adopt the following Resolution in support of and participation in the CNY Stormwater Coalition:

#### **Resolution Supporting Participation in the CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program**

Resolution authorizing the items listed below pursuant to requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit.

WHEREAS, **Village of East Syracuse** herein called the “Municipality”, after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and consideration of available information, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in Attachment A, herein called the “Project”, is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, herein called the “Board”, has provided program planning and implementation assistance pertaining to the requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Stormwater Phase II General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operators since 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Board has proposed staff and education assistance services in support of sustaining the CNY Stormwater Coalition and to provide a regional public education,

outreach and training compliance program to reduce municipal staff burdens, ensure consistency, provide widespread priority audience targeting the most efficient use of limited municipal funds by distributing total program costs over a number of entities within a twelve month timeframe as outlined in Attachment B;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY **Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees:**

1. That **DPW Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III** or such person's successor in office is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality's governing body in all matters related the Project;
2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the program cost in the amount of \$3,600, and that those funds will be made available to the Board upon receipt of invoice.
3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution will be prepared and sent to the Board upon adoption.
4. That this Resolution takes effect immediately.

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

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

##### **Police – Chief Donald Morris**

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

24 Arrests  
02 DWI arrests  
148 Traffic stops  
81 Traffic tickets issued (will be higher once tickets are electronically uploaded)  
14 Parking tickets issued  
18 Motor vehicle crashes investigated  
732 Incidents

The ESPD had the following unusual occurrences in May:

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the ESPD arrested a suspect for Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. The suspect was in possession of 95 wax paper packets containing heroin. The ESPD and the OCSO executed a search warrant in the Village that resulted in the arrest of suspects for Criminal Sale of Controlled Substances.

On May 27<sup>th</sup> the ESPD investigated the theft of several storm grates from Santaro Industries. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of the suspect for Grand Larceny.

##### **Court – Judge Donald M. Benack, Jr.**

Nothing new to report other than surcharges will be increasing on certain traffic matters. Also starting June 1, 2013, cell phone and texting tickets will carry five points on your license.

Having Jury Trial starting this Wednesday morning.

### **Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson**

Hanlon Pool – Will open for summer on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Extended summer hours begin on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Hanlon Pool building – walls were painted and touched up where need. Floors are being scrubbed down and will have a new coat of anti-slip coating put on them.

Swimming lessons- Sign-ups for Village residents will be held on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

5:30 – 7:00 at Village office (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Court room)

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

Parks Brochure will be available on Web site this week. Brochures will be emailed to those interested. Brochures will also be available at Village Office, Hanlon Pool and the library.

Web site – Park programs will be listed on the Village web site along with forms for pool registration, pool rental and pavilion rental

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 12<sup>th</sup> at Ellis Field Park. Picnic lunch at 12:00 noon. Children will be putting on a Flag Day Show.

27 seniors attended card party at 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Village office on May 17<sup>th</sup> Next party on June 21<sup>st</sup>

Bennett Manor monthly luncheon was well attended. 36 residents attended. Next luncheon will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>

List of summer day trips are out. Itineraries are available at the Village office and at the web site

### **Code Enforcement – Deputy Director Randy Capriotti**

- I. Rental Inspections
  - A. Initial inspection – 63 units
  - B. Re-inspections – 19 units
  - C. Total potential rental UNITS – 910; Currently rental UNITS – 806

- D. Registered 2013 – 330 STRUCTURES as of /31/13
- II. Fire Inspections
  - A. Place of Assembly – 6
  - B. Commercial – 4
  - C. Multi-families;
    - 8 structures
    - 33 units
- III. Housing Court
  - A. Court Order to Inspect - 0
  - B. Rental Inspections - 0
  - C. Ordered to apply to ZBA for use variance – 0
  - D. Ordered to register – 0
  - E. Outdoor Storage – 0
  - F. Nuisance Vehicles – 0
  - G. Parking Violation - 0
  - H. Property Maintenance - 0
  - I. Illegal Signs -0
  - J. Zoning -0
  - K. Container location - 7
- IV. Notices/Violations Cited
  - A. Outdoor Storage – 3
  - B. Nuisance Vehicles – 0
  - C. Grass – 26, Ordered cut - 4
  - D. Property Maintenance – 4
  - E. Signs – 0
  - F. Pools – 0
  - G. Rental Reg. – delinquent notices - 0
  - H. Communication Towers – 0
  - I. Sprinkler Inspections – 4
  - J. Stop Work Orders – 0
  - K. Order to repair/demolish - 1
  - L. Disruptive Conduct Notices Mailed – 0 Eviction Proceedings - 0
- V. Uniform Code Complaints – 6    Corrected/Unfounded – 5    Pending - 1
- VI. Planning Board – No meeting
- VII. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting
- VIII. Building Permit Plan Review – 6, Permits Issued - 4
- IX. Appearance Tickets Issued - 7

## **Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby**

### **Tax Levy**

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

The tax levy will be based on taxable value of 188,067,200 (\$4,103,829 more than last year) to raise \$3,086,980 for the general fund, plus additional charges of \$414 for sidewalks, \$1050 for rental registration, \$2780 grass cutting, and \$385 trash for a total of \$4629. The sewer fee will raise \$263,248. Total taxes are \$3,354,857.

The tax rate for general fund is \$16.41/assessed 1000 and \$1.20 for sewer.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A very preliminary look at year end is not good. I expect that revenues will be less than expected by approximately \$200,000. This is primarily due to the contract with the Town for Fire Protection being less, and gross utility charges below expectations.

Overall expenditures exceeded appropriated spending by approximately \$100,000. These differences will be made up with fund balance. At the end of last year unassigned fund balance was \$579,000. No funds were taken from fund balance for fiscal year 2013/2014.

### **Projects**

Contract No 1 – Wet Weather Tank and Pumping Station – Construction continues. Job completion is still set for September 2013. Total contract for Henderson Construction is \$1,459,244 with full funding available with EFC and US Rural Development.

Contract No 2 – Sanitary Sewer System Improvements – Village Engineers, Village Attorney and Mayor met with property owners but still waiting on easements. Contract was awarded to D E Tarolli based on their low bid of \$120,612. EFC and US Rural Development grants are available for this project as well.

To date, received \$1,210,078 from NYS EFC with \$579,028 net available.

**Mayor Tackman** reported on meeting with Village Engineers, Village Attorney and property owners concerning the need for easements. Only received response from one. Will meet with Engineers to change project to move forward.

Contract No 3 – Phelps Street Pumping Station – was approved by Community Development for \$50,000 award.

## **Grants**

### Brownfield Opportunities Areas

The Public Workshop tentatively scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to allow time to prepare materials regarding the ten sites targeted for development.

### EFC funding – Roof Drains and Sump Pumps

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Capriotti has contacted the property owners for access before proceeding in engineering design.

### Onondaga County WEP Suburban Green Improvement – DPW Garage

Contract award is \$115,000.

Village applied for second round of funding for 2013 for sewer infrastructure repairs and improvements.

## **Other Committees and Boards**

Zoning – Nothing for June.

Planning – Nothing for June.

Safety – Chairperson Randy Capriotti attended the Annual PERMA Conference May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Bolton's Landing. The Committee will meet again in July to continue to review claims and loss history and consider changes to improve performance. The Village has seen significant improvements in 2011 and 2012 but there is always more that can be done.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Trustee James E. Carr, Jr.** thanked all the departments that responded for the storm. Good showing of community supporting each other. Thankfully no one was hurt.

Thanked the East Syracuse Chamber and the Committee for raising money for the Fireworks. Thanked County Legislator Danny Liedka for securing funds to keep this great event alive.



**Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce** also thanked the departments and the citizens. The entire Board was out helping where they could.

Great that we will still have Fireworks.

Heard that the Parade was wonderful. Also great to see community come out and support our Veterans.

Thanked the girls in the Village Office and Janet for looking up the information and making the calls for the contracts. Seems like a small amount but \$2500 will help. Each Board member has been charged with working with their department assignments and looking for ways to save money and do things better.

**Trustee Carol Para** asked that people give us a chance. The Board was out there during the storm to help. All pulled together. Board is working to find a way to make changes and they will do it if given the chance to.

Thanked all the departments for the response to the storm.

**Trustee Daniel J. Wagner** thanked all the Village employees and residents. Nice to see the turn-out tonight and hear the comments. All working to make this Village a great place to live and work.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Parks and Recreation - Trips & Events**

Sixth Annual *Taste of East Syracuse* - Wednesday, **August 7<sup>th</sup>** at North Center Street from 5:00PM to 9PM. *Noisey Boys* will be the entertainment.

Annual Ice Cream Social - Loomis Field Friday **July 12<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30PM to 8:30PM.

**Concerts in the Gazebo** - Ellis Field Wednesday evenings 6:30PM to 8:30PM.

July 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dan Elliott – Great American Song Book</i>
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Nick Mulpagano</i>
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Letizia and the Z Band</i>
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Thunder Canyon</i>

### ***Senior Trips***

Wednesday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ellis Field Park Picnic</b>
Saturday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Vernon Downs</b>
Friday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cortland Repertory Theater</b>

Tuesday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Buddy Holly Story</i>
	<b>Picnic – Carrier Pavilion</b>
Thursday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mohegan Sun – Poconos</b>
Thursday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cooking with Calamari Sister</i>
Wednesday, August	<b>Erie Canal Park – Dinner Cruise</b>
Tuesday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New York State Fair</b>

### **Summer Pool programs:**

Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pool Party #1 10AM – 11:30AM</b>
Thursday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Pool Party #2 10AM – 11:30AM</b>
Thursday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Way Out Water Games</b>
Saturday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Swim Night</b>
Tuesday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pizza Pool Party</b>

### **Swim Lessons Schedule**

Session I	July 1 <sup>st</sup> thru July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday – Friday 8:30 to 11:30
Session II	July 29 <sup>th</sup> thru August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday – Friday 8:30 to 11:30
Saturdays	June 29 <sup>th</sup> thru August 17 <sup>th</sup>	mornings 9 to noon
Mon & Wed	June 24 <sup>th</sup> thru July 17 <sup>th</sup>	evenings 6 to 7:30
Mon & Wed	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> thru August 14 <sup>th</sup>	evenings

**Water Aerobics** - Monday & Wednesdays 11:30 to 12:30PM, and Tuesdays & Thursdays 6PM to 7PM, June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Archery** - Tuesdays and Thursdays June 25<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1PM to 2PM.

### **Special events and activities at Ellis Field**

Monday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Park Picnic	12 Noon
Wednesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bubble Gum Hunt	1PM
Wednesday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Hounds	1PM
Wednesday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Way out Water Games (in Pool)	1PM
Wednesday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Truck Day	1PM

**Movie Night** - Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Ellis Field Park from 8:00 -10:00PM

**Adult Summer Basketball League** - Ellis Field Park on Thursday Nights. Games 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00PM June 6<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To enter into Executive Session to discuss and employee matter.

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

The Board of Trustees exited the regular meeting at 8:20PM and met in Executive Session until 8:45PM. The meeting was adjourned promptly upon exiting Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby  
Village Clerk

*Minutes were distributed **unapproved** to Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Tuesday, June 04, 2013.*

### **Review of Correspondence**

4/29/13	WEP; RE: documents required for Review of Sanitary Sewer Extensions within Onondaga County Sanitary District;
5/6/13	SPC; RE: New construction program application Hanlon Pool
5/7/13	Church of the Resurrection; RE: Proposal for summer program;
5/8/13	Village Clerk to O'Brien & Gere; RE: payment application #2;
5/8/13	Chief of Police; RE; monthly expense report;
5/8/13	Village Clerk to Police; REL: ice cream vendors;
5/8/13	Village Clerk to Fire Department Secretary; RE: new members;
5/8/13	Village Clerk to American Legion; RE: annual parade;
5/8/13 reports;	Village Treasurer to Department Heads; RE: monthly expense

5/8/13	Village Clerk to NYS EFC; RE: advance #8;
5/8/13	Village Clerk to EAVES; RE: annual agreement;
5/8/13	ESFD; RE: Field Day Parade
5/9/13	Web Inquiry; RE: East Syracuse Pop Warner Football;
5/10/13	Village Clerk to Fire Department Secretary; RE: new members;
5/10/13	Village Clerk to Onondaga County Personnel; RE: part time police officer certification;
5/10/13	Trustee Wagner; RE: use of other personnel to assist DPW;
5/10/13	Public Service Commission; RE: 315 area code changes;
5/11/13	Web Inquiry; RE: fireworks fundraiser;
5/12/13	Web Inquiry; RE: tree at East Irving Street;
5/13/13	Web Inquiry; RE: Memorial Day parade;
5/13/13	Village Clerk to NYS Unified Court System; RE: Judge's oath of office;
5/14/13	Time Warner Cable; RE: changes to channel line up;
5/14/13	CNYRPDB; RE: stormwater training;
5/15/13	Resident complaint; RE: tax increase & cancelling fireworks;
5/15/13	Village Clerk to Wright Risk Management; RE: affidavit;
5/15/13	Village Clerk to O'Brien & Gere; RE: MS4 Annual Report;
5/16/13	Professional Auction Services; RE: 2008 Crown Victoria for \$1605;
5/16/13	NYMIR; RE; renewal notice;
5/16/13	O'Brien & Gere; RE: wetland sampling report;
5/19/13	Web Inquiry; RE: fireworks and field days;
5/20/13	Excellus Blue Cross; RE: annual health benefits survey;

5/22/13 Village Clerk to Rural Development; RE: SSO Mitigation project Budget and tabulation sheets;

5/23/13 O'Brien & Gere; RE: amendment to owner-engineer agreement;

5/23/13 Village Clerk to Crowley Insurance; RE: Slingerland claim against the Village of East Syracuse;

5/24/13 Web Inquiry; RE: Gold's Gym program;

5/28/13 Village Clerk to EFC; RE: advance #9;

5/28/13 Rural Development; RE: acceptance of amended agreement;

5/29/13 Web Inquiry; RE: swim lessons;