

PUBLIC HEARING
Village of East Syracuse
January 4, 2010

6:00PM RE: Public Hearing – 326 West Second Street

Mayor Liedka called the public hearing regarding the application for proposed development at 326 West Second Street to order at 6:03PM.

Comments:

Village Engineer Tom Compoli reported on plans for construction of 2688 sf warehouse with metal clad siding and roof for storage of landscape equipment. Site is located at west end of West Second Street, not far from Storage facility. Property has been vacant for at least 10 years. Hard area to build in. Planning Board reviewed proposal at January 13, 2009; February 10, 2009, March 10, 2009 and December 8, 2009 meetings and recommends approval, with changes to water line and added hydrants for fire flow. Fire Chief Cramer is satisfied with changes.

Application must still be forwarded to the Onondaga County Health Department and OCWA.

Shannon Walters, Architect for property owner **Patrick White** commented on proposed development. Site is almost to end of street, where Ley Creek turns to the south. 2700 sf building will be used for warehouse, but still have an office space. There are 7 parking spaces including 1 handicap. Will have asphalt paving in front and gravel in the rear, for better run off.

Sanitary sewer line will run from Phelps Street with easements from Ley Creek.

A new waterline will run down West Second from the 8" main to the new hydrant. Working with OCWA to relocate and improve hydrant situation to tie into the existing hydrant to correct problems with weak fire flows.

Mayor Danny Liedka noted that the Village has a level of responsibility to address the hydrant issues. Must satisfy the requirements for fire protection.

Tom Compoli reported that the hydrant across the street only gets 700 gallon/minute. Need 1000/ with the new fire engine. Also, that placement would put the truck on the wrong side of a fire. The fire engine would not be able to turn around, but would have to back down the street. Not the way you want to do it.

Shannon Walters noted that proposal is an improvement. Would replace the hydrant at Burrow and tie into the 12" line. Estimate cost to be \$35/linier foot, with 540 feet length to run. Each hydrant is an additional \$2500.

Mayor Liedka noted that Mr. White is making the area better for future development. This area was found to contribute to the overall drainage problems for the Village.

Trustee Chad Tolhurst asked applicant to again identify where the new hydrants would be installed. Shown on drawings (across from site and near corner of Burrows).

Trustee James Carr asked what would be stored at the warehouse. Mr. White reports that sees as a contractor's site – wither for his or someone else's business (He operates landscaping business).

Trustee Carr noted that plans also show “future development”. Board of Trustee review and any approvals only will be for 326 West Second Street, not any future development. Must return to Planning Board for any future plans.

Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner asked about green space. Ms. Walters explained that anything not covered with asphalt will be lawn. Show a mix of ground covers including trees and shrubs. The top soil pile is shown for clearing the site during construction. Tom Co9mpoli noted this is part of the stormwater prevention plan.

Trustee Carr asked for more information regarding the Village providing the hydrant tie-in. The Village Engineers were unaware of the Village's role, but Mayor Liedka reported that the Village agreed to provide the hydrant at corner of Burrows Street as this will upgrade fire protection for area. The Village will be responsible for the hydrant, but OCWA will install when they install the water main connection. Village responsible for up to \$3500.

Sally Seeley asked if property is to be broken up further. Mayor Liedka noted this is for a single warehouse, not similar to storage facility across the way. Pat White reported the building will be 60' x 40' and is a stand alone building.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Liedka closed the public hearing at 6:14PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of East Syracuse
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Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mayor Danny J. Liedka** called the regular business meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, January 4, 2010 to order at 6:14PM.

Present: Trustee James E. Carr, Jr., Trustee Barbara Falcone Quonce, Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner, Trustee Chad Tolhurst, and Mayor Danny J. Liedka.

Also Present: DPW Superintendent Ron Russell, III, Parks Director Tom Richardson, Chief of Police Donald Morris, Treasurer Chris Hoch, Clerk Patricia J. Derby, and Village Engineer Tom Compoli.

Excused: Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe, and Fire Chief Michael Cramer.

Five Village residents and guests attended including: Patrick White property owner for 326 West Second Street, and Architect for project Shannon Walters, Zoning Board of Appeals member (and Neighborhood Watch Chairperson) Patricia Bacon, Housing Authority Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, and newsletter editor Mary Handlin.

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.

Motion – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 39854 through 39898 and Abstract in the amount of \$71,944.92.

Discussion: Abstract includes payments for: January Health & Dental (\$28,151.02); cell phones (\$1511.66); Disability Insurance (last quarter '09 \$1177.35); January garbage Syracuse Haulers (\$13,537.50); National Grid (\$16,924.71 – streetlights is \$5955.11 of that); and Verizon telephones & FIOS (\$441.56 and \$59.99).

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

White – 326 West Second Street

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - That the Board of Trustees accepts the SEQR determination for new warehouse construction at 326 West Second Street development as an unlisted action with a negative declaration.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - That the Board of Trustees approves the site plan for new warehouse construction at 326 West Second Street based upon the review and recommendations of the Village Planning Board.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

Elections Update

February 9th (Tuesday) is the last day (February 2nd is the first day) to file Independent Nominating Petitions with the Village Clerk for an office to be filled at the General Election. (*Not later than 35 days prior to the election*).

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Carr - To adopt the following resolution regarding **Registration Day**:

RESOLVED, the Village of East Syracuse establishes Registration Day (non-personal registration) to be held at the Municipal Building Court Room, second floor, at 204 North Center Street, on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 12 Noon until 5:00PM.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

Fire Department Training

Motion – by Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst – That the Fire Department hosts the Law Office of Mark C. Butler, PLLC from Williamsville, NY to conduct training session *Legal Issues for Volunteer Fire Services* on January 20th, 21st & 22nd. Cost for trainer is \$2201.26. Course will be open to all ESFD members and Village employees, and to other Fire Companies in the area for a fee.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

Vehicle Repairs

Mayor Liedka reported that one of the police vehicles was in an accident. Have to have repaired. Using a local business for repairs.

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To approve the expenditure \$3601.74 for police patrol vehicle (2009 Crown Victoria VIN#2FAHP71V29X103863) repair to Sauve Brother Bodyshop.

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Danny Liedka spoke briefly concerning possibility of support for resolving Village longstanding drainage problems. Working with Engineers and advisors to bring long term solution. Gaining State and Federal interest and possible funding assistance.

Trustee James E. Carr, Jr. thanked Pat White for bringing development to the Village. Great improvement to the area. Need people to make investment in the Village.

Thanked the Mayor for the time he has devoted reaching out to legislators and businesses, and making others aware of the activities and opportunities in the Village of East Syracuse.

Also, thanked the DPW. They have been busy with plowing. The Village streets look good.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce concurred with comments regarding snow plowing – guys do a great job staying on top of it all.

Thanked Chris Hoch for getting back to her with information. Great to get questions answered by the Treasurer.

Hoped everyone had a nice holiday.

Trustee Chad Tolhurst extended holiday wishes for a Happy New Year.

Fire Department dealt with a house fire this morning on Dausman Street. Will comment more with Department report.

Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner thanked the Mayor for all he has done for the Village. He has worked harder than any other Mayor she can recall. Appreciate everything he does, as a resident and as a fellow Board member. Not sure anyone knows how much work he does.

Welcomed the new Treasurer to the meeting. Nice to have the Treasurer available, especially when going through vouchers. Seem to have more questions lately.

Commended Joe Fullana – always appreciate having the sidewalk plow out.

Court, while not actually quiet, hasn't meet in a few weeks because of the holidays.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Danny J. Liedka spoke earlier with other Board members and the Fire Chief – when the call went out this morning for the fire at 210 Dausman Street we had a Chief on site in 2 ½ minutes and fire apparatus in 6 minutes. That service rivals many professional departments and we are all volunteer. That is great service.

In answer to Pat Bacon's questions – yes, we have a Treasurer. Mayor Liedka introduces Chris Hoch as the new Village Treasurer.

Continuing on earlier comments, starting to hear good news about financial support from State and Federal levels. Looking at a second meeting with Senator Schumer regarding the community center at the Pool. Next step is to reach out to the Town and the school district. Going to all need to work together. Pitched the project for it educational value; as a senior gathering place; a green/alternative energy use; and activity to assist in lowering criminal mischief. Costly endeavor, but will be looking at over the next few years.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Trustee Tolhurst report on Fire Department activities in the Chief's absence (he was called into work tonight).

The fire at 210 Dausman started in the basement, but was knocked down quickly.

The old engine 1 is still available. Looking for other potential buyers. The new Engine 1 has issues: the first lease payment comes due this month, but still have not accepted from the Company because of unacceptable items. May need to get the Village Attorney involved.

There was another fire last week at Flex Hose company. Also, resolved quickly.

Village Engineers Tom Compoli will be looking to meet with Board shortly regarding setting 5 year plan for Community Development and resolving drainage issues with First Street Road project. May need easement for front of Basile property to improve drainage to green area. Looked at property further west near Welch Street, but that is not workable.

Mayor Liedka asked that Engineers reach out to Carl Ford at NYS DOT. Tom Compoli reports that we can be ready by August, or before. Road project will be funded with CHIPS money and then borrowing. Will help entire area, for access and drainage improvements.

Parks Director Tom Richardson reports that Youth Basketball starts this Saturday. Seniors have *Disney on Ice* trip on Sunday.

DPW Superintendent Ronald Russell, III has nothing to report other than more snow!

Chief of Police Donald Morris reminded of 2009 burglaries throughout the County at storage facilities, including those local. ESPD were able to obtain evidence at Uncle Bob's that led to identifying suspects. Arrests are being made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Parking Ban – in effect November 1st to April 1st No parking on Village Streets or Municipal parking lots from 2AM to 6AM

Mayor's Association Dinner – Wednesday, January 20th

Turning Stone Casino Trips

Thursday, January 21st

Thursday, February 25th

Senior Trips

Disney on Ice – Sunday, January 10th

Wicked Famous Artist Series – Thursday, January 28th

Harlem Globetrotters – Thursday, February 4th

Turning Stone Irish Fest featuring Barrage – Wednesday, March 17th

Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 16th for any Village property owner to appear and challenge their assessment, between 4PM and 8PM at the Municipal Building Court Room, 204 North Center Street.

Village Election Day – Tuesday, March 16th. Polls open from 10AM to 9PM in the Municipal Building Court Room, 204 North Center Street.

East Syracuse Justice Court CANCELLED for **February 16, 2010** (Grievance Day), and **March 16, 2010** (Village Election Day).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Pat Bacon remarked that it was nice to see the Treasurer at meetings.

Reminded the Mayor that he will be the featured speaker at Neighborhood Watch Group meeting on January 28th.

Pat Bacon asked if Town of DeWitt legislation restricting RV's and boats parked in driveways also applied within the Village. Mayor Liedka stated that it does not. The Village has it's own laws and regulations for seasonal vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk

*Minutes were provided **unapproved** to Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Wednesday, January 7, 2010.*

Review of Correspondence

11/30/09 Department of State; RE: Brownfield Opportunity Areas program award;

12/1/09 Verizon; RE: annual notice Verizon FIOS TV customers;

12/2/09 NYS Deferred Compensation Board; RE: disability payments made to injured public safety officers;

12/3/09 Wladis Law Firm; RE: thank you letters from Albany & Washington DC trips;

12/7/09 Village Clerk to Crowley Insurance; RE: notice of claim September 10th accident;

12/7/09 Village Clerk to Department of State; RE: filing local law #4 of 2009 stop sign;

12/8/09 East Syracuse Fire Department; RE: fire concerns with 326 West Second Street development;

12/8/09 Village Clerk to Goetzmann & Associates; RE: health & dental benefits agreements;

12/8/09 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: Local Law #4; stop sign;

12/8/09 Village Clerk to Department Heads; RE: employee meeting to discuss health & dental benefit plans;

12/8/09 Planning Board meeting minutes;

12/10/09 NYS Department of Transportation; RE: sale of surplus property;

12/10/09 Law Office of Laurie G. Ogden; RE: FOIL request for Key Bank permits;

12/11/09 CNY Regional Planning & Development; RE: septic systems and car maintenance tips;

12/14/09 Village Attorney; RE: un-executed agreement with Basile regarding bus station;

12/14/09 PERMA; RE: 2008/2009 Payroll audit;

12/14/09 Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; enrollment for addition of viable farmland into existing certified agricultural districts;

12/15/09 Village of East Syracuse to Office of Commission Operations & Municipal Assistance; §211 Waiver for Donald Morris;

12/16/09 Village Clerk to Key Bank; RE: Annual Financial Report;

12/16/09 Village Clerk to Law Office of Laurie G. Ogden; RE: FOIL request;

12/16/09 Village Clerk to Office of State Comptroller; RE: establishment of standard work day;

12/16/09 Village Clerk to Goetzmann & Associates; RE: thank you following employee meeting presentation;

12/16/09 NYMIR; RE: Notice of Claim by claimant Stavropoulos;

12/17/09 F. Schmuser; RE: note of appreciation following senior Christmas Party;

12/18/09 Village Clerk to Parks Director; Trustee Gehrke-Turner; and Deputy Mayor Falcone Quonce; RE: NYMIR recommendations following survey;

12/18/09 Onondaga County Volunteer Fireman's Association; RE: invitation to Second Annual Onondaga County Fire and Emergency Services Legislative Breakfast on February 6th;

12/21/09 USDA Rural Development; RE: preliminary eligibility for USDA Rural Development financing;

12/22/09 A. Lisi; RE: comments concerning area on Manlius Street;

12/22/09 Village Clerk to CNY SPCA; RE: acceptance of 2010 agreement for animal control;

12/22/09 Village Clerk to CNY Regional Planning & Development Board; RE: CNY Stormwater Coalition;

12/22/09 Onondaga County Community Development; RE: submittal of 2009 project expenditures;

12/24/09 R. Galuski; RE: comments on inspection fees;

12/29/09 Village Clerk to Law Office of Laurie G. Ogden; RE: additional records responsive to FOIL request regarding Key Bank;

12/30/09 Village Clerk to Not-for-Profit Recreation Committee, Inc.; RE: meeting on January 7th;