

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of East Syracuse
March 1, 2010

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, March 1, 2010 to order at 6:00PM.

Present: Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce, Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe, and Village Engineer Tom Compoli.

Excused: Trustee Chad Tolhurst, and Trustee James E. Carr, Jr.

Four Village residents and guests attended, including: Housing Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, ZBA member)and Neighborhood Watch Chairperson) Patricia Bacon, EAVES Vice President Liz Barrett, 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 Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 40222 through 40308 and Abstract in the amount of \$93,662.62.

Discussion: Payments in abstract include: Har-Rob repairs to Engine 2 (\$5672.93) and Engine 3 (\$1358.); Cargil road salt (\$2995.85 and \$3002.44); Syracuse Haulers March garbage and recycling (\$13,537.50); WM Engineers fees for March including work on sewers, Phase II stormwater management, Hanlon Pool, Manlius Street Community Development, Kinne Street roads, and First Street (\$10,214.15); O'Brien & Gere engineering for I&I study (\$5662.54); Health & dental (\$35,924.01); and utilities.

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

Budget transfer

Motion – by Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget to for fire equipment:

Debit		Credit	
A3410.0204	Fire Equipment \$5000	A3410.0200	Turnout Gear \$5000

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

ELECTIONS UPDATE

Voters Registration Day is Saturday, March 6th: ONLY Election Inspectors may add or delete names to the registration roll for the Village of East Syracuse. If you are not registered, on either the County’s roll or the Village roll you cannot vote on March 16th. Qualifications for registration are: Must be a resident of the village for 30 days prior to Election Day, 18 years old and a US citizen.

March 9th is the last day to receive applications for absentee ballots which must be mailed. March 15th is the last day to receive personal applications for absentee ballots.

Assessment Final Roll

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To accept the Assessment Final Roll, as prepared and submitted by the Board of Assessment Review for Real Property located in the Village of East Syracuse for fiscal year 2010/2011:

Total assessed valuation is **\$228,106,644** with adjustments made due to changes in exemption status and special franchises to reach the taxable value of **\$196,382,058**. The assessed valuation is \$4,702,418 more than last year (\$223,404,226). Taxable value is \$1,957,010 higher than last year (\$194,425,048).

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

Bid Opening

Opened bids on Friday, February 26, 2010 for First Street road improvements, as follows:

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Paul F. Vitale Inc.	328,647
JK Tobin Construction Co.	331,395

LaFleur Construction	332,795
Lan-Co	345,354
James V. Spano, Inc.	350,366
DE Tarolli, Inc.	358,090.75
AJ Montclair, Inc.	386,000
Davis Wallbridge Inc.	395,212.95
Dolomite Products Co.	431,531
Slate Hill Construction Inc.	441,870.75

Discussion: Mayor Liedka read the results of the bid opening. Village Engineer Tom Compoli reported that references were checked. Low bidder Vitale has been around for 20+ years. Done satisfactory work. Have worked with them in Camillus and Geddes before. Mayor Liedka reported that he also made inquiries and finds them to be satisfactory.

Village Engineer Tom Compoli reported that the bid specifications set for the State's prices for oil in February. If price goes up will have to adjust.

Also, the State DOT was inquiring about the sidewalks. If Village runs sidewalks from Henry Street to the Bridge (NYS work includes sidewalks under the Bridge) could run around \$48,000. Mayor Liedka asked the DPW Superintendent to look at the site and see if this is something that we could do ourselves, and possibly split with homeowners as part of the sidewalk program. Length of the run sees to be similar to what the Village did near ESE down the length of Irving Street. Sidewalks in this area have been in rough shape for years.

Mayor Liedka reminded the Treasurer of the resolution to Bond for this project, with approximately \$160,000 coming from CHIPS.

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To award the contract for First Street road reconstruction to **Paul F. Vitale, Inc.** based upon the recommendation of the Village Engineer's, and the low bid of \$328,647, contingent upon the review and approval of contract documents by the Village Attorney.

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

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To authorize the Mayor to execute agreement and other documents related to 2010 Legislative Initiative Funding (sponsored by Assemblywoman Joan Christensen) in the NYS 2010/2011 budget.

Discussion: Village Clerk Patricia Derby reported receiving letter from Assemblywoman Joan Christensen that she has put forward in the State's 2010/2011 an appropriation for the Village's Hanlon Pool Community Center and pool enclosure.

This item would still need to be approved and included in the State's budget. This is helpful with other funding applications pending with NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Places and with Senator Schumer's application for federal appropriations.

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

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To purchase replacement thermal camera (loss from Springfield Garden fire) and Cutter's Edge Multi-cut rescue saw from **Jerome Fire Equipment** and the authorize the Treasurer to transfer the insurance recovery \$21,616 to Fire Department equipment account (A3410.0200).

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

Parks Programs

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To approve the use of Ellis Field by ESM School District for interscholastic JV-B (previously 9th grade) and JV baseball practices and games, from approximately March 22nd through June 4th (weather permitting).

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

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To offer 2010 Summer Tuesday Night Basketball League at St. Matthews's gymnasium. League play begins April 27th and goes through August 17th. League consists of 6 teams. Team registration fee is \$250. Each team pays \$30 referee fee directly to referee each week. Teams agree to adhere to the league rules established by the Village of East Syracuse. Village will provide scorekeepers and basic equipment. With 6 teams anticipate \$1500 revenue.

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

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To offer senior program *St. Patrick's Day Pitch Card Party* Friday, March 12th 10AM to 2PM at the Municipal Building 3rd floor senior room. Cost is \$3/person, includes admission to the pitch tournament, refreshments, lunch and prizes.

Discussion: Mayor Liedka thanked the Parks Director for putting together more programs to use the room.

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

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To approve the following Spring Break (Youth) Activities:

Monday, April 19th – Chuck E. Cheese. For youth 6 – 14. No transportation. Meet at 11AM, pick up at 1:30PM. Includes pizza, soda and 40 tokens. Cost \$10.00.

Tuesday, April 20th – Youth BINGO & Ice Cream Party – ages 13 and under. Cost is \$3.00. BINGO starts at 11AM (Parents are welcome to help their children) Bring your own lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Ice Cream party runs 12:15PM to 12:45PM.

Wednesday, April 21st – Roller Skating Party for youths in grades K-6 at East Syracuse Elementary. Cost is \$5.00. Skates are provided. Program runs from 1:00PM to 2:30PM.

Thursday, April 22nd – Youth Bowling for ages 5 – 13 at BowlMor Lanes. Cost is \$6.00, includes 2 games & shoes, and trophies awarded in each age group (bumper bowling for all ages). Tournament begins at 12 NOON.

Friday April 23rd – Movie & Laser Tag at Shoppingtown Mall for youth ages 7 – 14. Cost is \$15.00 includes movie and 2 games of laser tag. Will meet at Fun Junction at 12:45PM NO transportation provided. Choice of two movies.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce commended the DPW Superintendent - doing a great job with the snow that hit on Friday. And the Fire Department and EAVES – know they were all busy with calls. Sure that the Police had their share too. Good job by everyone.

Mayor Danny J. Liedka promised to be brief – a rarity. Congratulated Officer Regan on his retirement. Had a nice farewell luncheon for him on Friday. He gets a brief break before he returns to us as a part-time officer. But he'll only be back for a short time. Has planned to move south later this summer. Appreciate the 19 years that he served the Village and the East Syracuse Police Department.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Treasurer Christopher Hoch reports that he is making progress with the budget. Will be scheduling budget meetings soon. Hope to get this wrapped up.

Chief of Police Donald Morris reported that the new radio will be put into effect this week. All of the old radios will no longer function. The cars will work off portables for a couple of months until the system is fully in place.

Parks Director Tom Richardson reports that the trip to the Turning Stone cancelled last Thursday due to weather is rescheduled for this Thursday, March 4th.

Next week the ESE students will get together with the Seniors.

Expect more attendees for the St. Patrick's Day card party – there has been a lot of interest.

Liz Barrett from **EAVES** reports that their cal volume is up. The Re-hab Team has been invited to present at the Alexander Bay Spring Training EMS Conference.

Pat Bacon from **Neighborhood Watch** announced that the Judge will be the speaker at the next Neighborhood Watch meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Turning Stone Casino Trips

Thursday, March 4th – make up date for trip scheduled February 25th
Friday, April 9th

Senior Trips

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

Diva and the Italian Guy – Thursday, April 29th

Fingerlakes Racetrack – Tuesday, May 18th

Youth Activities

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 3rd 10AM sharp!

East Syracuse Youth Day Picnic – Backpack giveaway – Saturday, August 28th

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 **March 16, 2010** (Village Election Day).
Court also cancelled March 30th and April 20th.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Having no Community Comments the meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk

*Minutes were distributed **unapproved** to the Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Wednesday,
March 3, 2010.*

Review of Correspondence

1/25/10 NYMIR; RE: proposed rate adjustment for 2010;

1/29/10 WM Engineers; RE: Highway work permit application for East First Street road reconstruction project;

1/29/10 National Grid: contact list for gas service emergencies;
2/1/10 OCRRA; RE: community collection center closing March 13th;

2/1/10 WM Engineers; RE: comments for Zoning hearing concerning 121 East Heman Street School Apartments;

2/2/10 WM Engineers; RE: lighting under bridge on East First Street;

2/3/10 Onondaga County Legislature; RE: Sales Tax Review Committee meeting schedule;

2/3/10 NYCOM; RE: advocacy for member organization issues;

2/4/10 Village Clerk to NYS DOT; RE: resolution regarding East First Street project;

2/4/10 NYS DOT; RE: CHIPS capital payments;

2/5/10 Code Enforcement Officer; RE: comments for Heman Street School Housing application;

2/5/10 Village Clerk to Trustee Gehrke-Turner; RE: complaint concerning sealed court records;

2/8/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: request for assistance concerning collections calls regarding the Park;

2/8/10 East Syracuse Minoa Central School District; RE: use of Ellis Field for JV baseball practices and games;

2/9/10 Governor Patterson; RE: NYS initiative Excelsior Jobs Program;

2/9/10 Village Clerk to Safety Committee; RE: announcement PERMA training course;

2/10/10 WM Engineers; RE: estimate for Hanlon Pool project;

2/10/10 WM Engineers; RE: meeting with Verizon, National Grid, and Time Warner regarding First Street;

2/11/10 NYS Civil Service Commission; RE: 211 waiver;

2/11/10 Wladis Law Firm; RE: FY 2011 Appropriations applications;

2/12/10 NYS Civil Service Commission; RE: granted waiver with stipulation;

2/12/10 Village Clerk; RE: February Report to Board of Trustees;

2/12/10 Village of Minoa; sales tax website letter template;

2/12/10 NYMIR; RE: claim from Springfield Garden Apartments;

2/15/10 Verizon; RE: franchise fees as per Cable Franchise Agreement;

2/15/10 Village Treasurer; RE: end of year projections;

2/15/10 Village Clerk to Fire Department Secretary; RE: membership;

2/16/10 Village of Minoa; RE: reminder February 17th meeting;

2/16/10 Grievance Day meeting minutes;

2/17/10 WM Engineers; RE: hydro flow to calculate existing runoffs;

2/17/10 Website contact form; RE: children safety seminars;

2/17/10 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Planning; RE: referral final action reports;

2/18/10 National Grid; RE: lighting for First Street;

2/18/10 Village Clerk to Safety Committee; RE: meeting with HR One;

2/18/10 WM Engineers; RE: lighting for First Street;

2/18/10 Village Clerk to Safety Committee; RE: February 16th meeting minutes;

2/18/10 WM Engineers; RE: electric service for pumping station;

2/18/10 National Grid; RE: meeting to tour area for lighting on First Street;

2/18/10 Village of Minoa; RE: appreciation of support for sales tax initiative;

2/19/10 Village Clerk to DeWitt Election Inspector; RE: set up machines for Village Annual Elections;

2/19/10 WM Engineers; RE: addendum East First Street Road Reconstruction contract documents;

2/19/10 B. Rivette; RE: LGRMIF report regarding analysis of records;

2/19/10 NYS Comptroller; RE: Message

2/22/10 NYSERDA; RE: extension for incentive award;

2/22/10 Village Clerk to Treasurer; RE: end of year projections for Village Office and other budget accounts;

2/22/10 Assemblywoman Joan Christensen; RE: announcement that permanent enclosure for Hanlon Pool included in 2010 Legislative Initiative Funding for state budget;

2/22/10 Onondaga County Water Environment Protection; RE: public hearing March 16th concerning Bear Trap-Ley Creek Drainage District including improvements at West Second Street;

2/23/10 Village Attorney; RE: judgment in favor of Village against D. Sansone;

2/24/10 Village Mayor to Onondaga County Community Development; RE: letter of support for Housing and Community renewal programs;

2/24/10 Wladis Law Firm; RE: letters of support for Community Center appropriations;

2/24/10 WM Engineers; RE: RPZ valves at Municipal Building and Hanlon Pool;

2/24/10 WM Engineers; RE: East First Street Sewer replacement certification of utilities;

2/24/10 PKY Associates; RE: Fire Service Awards program plan valuation;

2/24/10 Website contact form; RE: snow plowing across street;

2/26/10 Liquor License application; RE: Springhill Suites

2/26/10 Bid Results; RE: bid opening for East First Street road reconstruction;

2/26/10 WM Engineers; RE: bid tabulation;

2/26/10 FOIL request; RE: Post Standard regarding payment of Village taxes for elected officials for the past five (5) years;

3/1/10 National Grid; RE: outages update;