

PUBLIC HEARING
Village of East Syracuse
May 3, 2010

RE: Local law to amend Municipal Code and amend §323 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner to add from 101 East Ave south to West Manlius Street.

Mayor Danny J. Liedka called the Public Hearing regarding proposed local law number 1 to order at 6:03PM.

Copy of proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2010, a local law amending Municipal Code and changing §323 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner is as follows:

§323 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner

§323.14 East Ave
 100 block of East Ave (near the Post Office)
 from 101 East Ave, south to West Manlius Street

Comments:

Mayor Danny J. Liedka reported that this was discussed at previous meetings. Thanked the Chief of Police and the DPW Superintendent for investigating this matter and putting forth this change as a solution to the unsafe conditions. Parked cars in this immediate area affect the line of sight, especially coming off West Manlius. Was just a matter of time before this became a bigger problem for pedestrians and drivers.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Liedka closed the public hearing at 6:04PM.

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Mayor Liedka called the public hearing regarding Annual Stormwater Report and Stormwater Management Program to order at 6:04PM.

WM Engineers have prepared the Annual Stormwater Report. Tom Compoli explained that the report is required by the DEC. The annual report utilizes six measures of controls:

1. Public Education and Outreach – the Village of East Syracuse joined with others in Onondaga County, with the County taking the lead. CNY Regional Planning Board has taken the lead and set up a website for the distribution of information, including training on construction, SWPPS and household hazardous wastes.
2. Public Involvement and Participation – This includes the municipalities’ activities like cleaning storm sewers and ditches, and community events, such as Earth Day clean up, and community groups and residents involvement. The DPW tree planting program is reported under this section.
3. Illicit Discharge and Elimination – this tracks the outfalls. Outfalls are checked annually. The DPW regularly checks for oils and other stuff that doesn’t belong in the system. WEP also performs system checks.
4. & 5 Construction and Post Construction – The Planning Board checks for SWPPS as part of the site plan review. The Code Enforcement Officer checks during construction with on-site inspections. During Construction they are required to submit storm water reports.
6. Storm water management – Municipal Operations – These are primarily DPW operations, including street cleaning, bridges, winter maintenance, salt, and solid waste removal. The DPW has cleaned 88 acres of parking, over 2000 miles of road, and 319 catch basins.

All of this information is on file with the Village. The data is added to annually, and has been recorded for the past 5 years (this is the 6th year of reporting).

Comments:

Mayor Liedka added that work related to the remediation for the Consent Order further identified illicit discharge problem areas. Working on repairs to manholes and other sources of infiltration. County coming in to clean sewer lines had major impact.

Mayor Liedka thanked the Village Engineers for compiling this information.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Liedka closed the public hearing at 6:09PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of East Syracuse
May 3, 2010

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mayor Danny J. Liedka** called the regularly schedule meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, May 3, 2010 to order at 6:10PM

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, Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe, and Village Engineer Tom Compoli.

Approximately 10 Village residents and guests attended, including Housing Authority Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, ZBA member (and Neighborhood Watch Chairperson) Patricia Bacon, Housing Authority member Gina Palladino, EAVES representative Liz Barrett, Kathy Crandall, Lucy Forkhammer, and Micah Spiewik, Youth Pastor from the Church of the Resurrection.

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 Tolhurst - To authorize the Treasurer to make the following budget transfers:

FROM ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
A3620.0407	169.15	A3620.0430	169.15
A1110.0402.0001	289.40	A1110.0430	289.40
A7140.0415.0001	2113.00	A7140.0200.0001	2113.00
A1620.0430	131.15	A1620.0402	131.15
A1620.0410	516.50	A1620.0402	516.50
A8160.0427	450.00	A8160.0430	450.00
A5110.0430	225.00	A8560.0430	225.00
A7610.0200	4836.72	A7610.0421	4836.72

A7140.0107.0001	1290.53	A7610.0421	1290.53
A7140.0401.0002.0001	200.00	A7610.0421	200.00
A7140.0425.0001	150.00	A7610.0421	150.00
A7140.0402.0002.0001	575.00	A7610.0421	575.00
A7140.0402.0001.0001	250.00	A7140.0430.0001	250.00
A7140.0415.0001	1640.00	A7140.0402.0001.0001	1640.00
A2680	21,616	A3410.0200	21,616
A2680	11,032.97	A3410.0402	11,032.97
A3410.0204	525.10	A3410.0402.0002	525.10
A3410.0204	68.73	A3410.0401.0002	68.73
A3410.0204	5299.99	A3410.0402.0002	5299.99

Discussion: Mayor Liedka thanked Treasurer Chris Hoch for cleaning up and straightening out account for fiscal year 2009/2010.

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 Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Carr - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 40575 through 40711 and Abstract in the amount of \$305,663.

Discussion: Includes Radio chargers and batteries for Fire Department \$6145.50; Griffin Tree Service tree removal \$4220; 2nd payment to EAVES \$4000; payment to East Syracuse Free Library \$5000; O’Brien & Gere engineering services \$11,660.01 (part of Consent Order); fuel \$5092.25; Village Attorney retainer \$4000; Debrucque payment for flower pots \$1650; Fire Department turnout gear \$1758.36; Tyler Equipment haz-mat supplies \$1270.02 and service aerial ladder device \$2060; Jerome Fire Equipment replacement cameras and charges \$21,500 and MSA annual air packs inspection \$4682.01; payment for First Street road reconstruction \$183,600, and utility and phones

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr – aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – aye, except abstain for Voucher #40633 (EAVES), Trustee Gehrke-Turner – aye, Trustee Tolhurst – aye, and Mayor Liedka – aye. Motion carried.

Surplus Equipment

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To declare 46 Motorola radios (44 HT1000 and 2 MT1000), with 40 mobile chargers, 6 bank rack chargers and 2 rack conditioners, surplus, and offer for sale to W2005WYN-Hotels LC, for 25 radios at \$15 each (\$375).

Discussion: Since the conversion to digital by Onondaga County this equipment is useless.

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

Levy taxes

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - That **taxes** for the fiscal year 2010/2011 be levied on a total taxable value for the General Fund of **\$196,382,058** and for Sewer Fund of **\$228,106,644** at rates, per thousand, as follows:

Sewer Maintenance Fee – at a rate of \$1.20 per thousand, to produce **\$273,727**;
General Fund – at a rate of \$13.50 per thousand, to produce **\$2,651,158**.

Discussion: Mayor Liedka reported that the tax rate has remained stable for the last four (4) years. Next year will be facing bigger challenges. The Board of Trustees worked hard to keep tax rate stable.

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 Election Results:

Mayor Liedka reported the election results from the popular vote April 6th

Chief	Michael Cramer
1st Assistant	Arthur Dufore
2nd Assistant	Thomas Brewster

Captains:	1st	John Lang
	2nd	David Brewster

Lieutenants:

1st	Randy Capriotti
2nd	James Brody
3rd	Chad Peters
4th	Chris Shields

Wardens: John Rhode and Donald Russell

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To accept the results of the election, by popular vote, for officers of the East Syracuse Fire Department.

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

Annual Agreements

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To authorize and retain **Bain, Brown & DiLaura**, Certified Public Accountants to perform an audit of the Court’s records for time period June 2009 to May 2010, as per agreement not to exceed \$1,400.

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 Trustee Carr, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To authorize and retain **Bain, Brown & DiLaura**, Certified Public Accountants to perform an audit of the Village’s records for time period June 2009 to May 2010, as per agreement not to exceed \$14,000.

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 Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To adopt the following resolution for Local Law Number 1, of 2010 amending Municipal Code §323 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner:

WHEREAS, it has been duly presented that the Village Board of the Village of East Syracuse designate and provide for the amendment of the Code of the Village of East Syracuse, **Section 323.1 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner –to restrict parking in the 100 Block of East Avenue (near the Post Office) from 101 East Avenue South to West Manlius Street, and the installation the necessary signs therefore** and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of East Syracuse passed a resolution on **April 5, 2010**, calling a public hearing for **May 3, 2010**, commencing at **6P.M.**, local time, at which time said public hearing was opened, heard and closed, at the Village Hall located at 204 North Center Street, East Syracuse, New York, to consider the amendment of **Section 323.1 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner –to restrict parking in the 100 Block of East Avenue (near the Post Office) from 101 East Avenue South to West Manlius Street, and the installation the necessary signs therefore** of the Village Code, to provide for such designation of **NO PARKING**, at the aforementioned locations and to install the necessary signs therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Village of East Syracuse has considered the evidence presented on the subject and after having given due consideration thereto have determined that the proposed amendment for **NO PARKING in the 100 Block of East Avenue (near the Post Office) from 101 East Avenue South to West Manlius Street, and the installation the necessary signs therefore**,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that **Section 323.1 No Parking or Standing Here to Corner is HEREBY AMENDED TO prohibit parking in the 100 Block of East Avenue (near the Post Office) from 101 East Avenue South to West Manlius Street, and the installation the necessary signs.**

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

Storm Water Management Plan

Motion – by Trustee Carr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To accept the completed Storm Water Management Program Annual report for Village of East Syracuse activities for past year.

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

Sidewalk Program

Motion – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To adopt the following Resolution to continue the **Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program:**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby adopt a sidewalk repair and replacement program, the cost of which will be shared by abutting property owners and the Village of East Syracuse;

The property owner will, in general, assume the material cost, and the Village of East Syracuse, in general, will assume the labor cost.

Property owners desiring to participate in this program shall make application to the Village Clerk. Such application should describe the condition, length, width, and location of the sidewalk to be repaired or replaced.

The Superintendent of Public Works will approve applications on the basis of need and condition.

A charge against the owner/applicant shall be made per running foot of sidewalk, for plain walk and reinforced walk forming part of a driveway, where dimensions are four feet wide. Charges per running foot shall be adjusted accordingly where dimensions deviate from four feet wide.

When applications have been approved, the owner/applicant will be notified and advised of their share of the cost. Such charge will be immediately due and must be paid over to

the Village Clerk before any work will be started. This program is for residential property only.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all money paid to the Village with reference to the sidewalk program will be deposited in the General Fund and any payments made for materials and labor for sidewalk repair and replacement will come from this account prior to any money from the budget account.

Discussion: Rates for 2010/2011 year are: \$9.00/sf for regular sidewalk and \$9.50/sf for reinforced (driveways).

Some funding for Village work on sidewalks was cut from the budget, but as the Sidewalk Program aids property owners in making repairs to unsafe sidewalks and following needed water or sewer repairs needed to keep this program available.

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

Parade

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To grant permission for the conducting of the annual Memorial Day Parade by the East Syracuse Arthur Butler Post 359 American Legion on **Monday, May 31st**, stepping off at **11AM**, starting at Upton Street, traveling down Manlius Street to the monuments at West Yates Street.

Discussion: All members of the Board are available to march in the Parade. DPW usually schedules a work detail to clean up around the monuments and trim the trees the week before Memorial Day.

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 Trustee Carr, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To hire **Ryan Russell**, as DPW summer help at 8/hr.

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

Bond Resolution – Rural Development

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To adopt the following Resolutions regarding SEQRA determination and financing for Reconstruction and Improvements to Sanitary Sewer System:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED ACTION IS
A TYPE II ACTION FOR PURPOSES OF THE NEW YORK
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York (the “Village”) is considering authorizing the reconstruction and improvement of the Village sanitary sewage collection system, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection therewith (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the “SEQR Act”) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the state of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the “Regulations”), the Village desires to comply with the SEQR Act and the Regulations with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Consent Order dated December 13, 2007, as modified pursuant to a Modification Consent Order dated March 19, 2009 (the “Consent Order”), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation found that the Village violated the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and the Village is required to undertake improvements to its sanitary sewage collection system in order to correct the violations identified in the Consent Order; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees proposes to undertake the Project in order to comply with the Consent Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that the Project constitutes a “Type II Action” under 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(29). Therefore, the Project constitutes a “Type II Action” and no further action under the SEQR Act and the regulations is required with respect to the Project.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Carr - To adopt the following Resolution for the issuance of serial bonds to finance the reconstruction and improvements of the Village’s Sanitary Sewer System:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 3, 2010

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,340,000 SERIAL BONDS TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE VILLAGE SANITARY SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York (the "Village"), as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction and improvement of the Village sanitary sewage collection system, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$3,340,000.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$3,340,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefore and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the following:

- (a) the issuance of not to exceed \$3,340,000 serial bonds of the Village (the "Bonds") or bond anticipation notes of the Village, and
- (b) the receipt of a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development in the estimated amount of \$1,790,000, to be used to retire \$1,790,000 of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes issued for the foregoing object or purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is forty (40) years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The proposed maturity of the Bonds will be in excess of five years.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(3)(l) of the Local Finance Law, current funds are not required to be provided prior to issuance of the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this Bond Resolution.

Section 6. The Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Village without legal or constitutional limitation as to

rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this Bond Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00 inclusive of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes, and the power to sell and deliver the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, and the power to sell and deliver Bonds providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 8. This Bond Resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the Village's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this Bond Resolution with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this Bond Resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 9. The validity of the Bonds authorized by this Bond Resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Bond Resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 10. This Bond Resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. The Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this resolution.

Section 12. The reconstruction and improvement of the Village's sanitary sewage collection system is required by an order of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and pursuant to subdivision 5 of paragraph (a) of Section 36.00 of the Local Finance Law, this Bond Resolution is not subject to permissive referendum and shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: Mayor Liedka reported that it's been three (3) years since the Village was cited with the DEC Consent Order. Have since been working on schedule or timetable to satisfy the DEC. Proposing installing a half-million gallon holding tank to contain the overflows. This will help those residents who experience frequent back-ups to their basements. Having to undertake these remediation efforts is not a choice – are required to or suffer substantial penalties. Good news is that Village should qualify for financial support through stimulus money or from NYS EFC. If not completely funded, will have available low interest loans. O'Brien & Gere as project managers are guiding the work plan and the application processes for funding.

The holding tank will be placed on property that the Village purchased a year ago at the end of East Ellis Street. Tank will be recessed to sit low and will not exceed the height of the neighboring properties. Should be a dramatic improvement to the areas drainage problems.

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

Training

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Carr - To approve the attendance at training for **Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe** and **Housing Inspector Keith Para** at **NYS AFC Conference** June 9, 2010 at Turning Stone for 6 hour Sprinkler Seminar. Cost per person is \$75. Will take a Village vehicle, no mileage reimbursement.

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 Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To approve attendance at training at the NYS Fire Chief's Show at Turning Stone June 8th thru 12th :

- 15 to 20 will attend, many at no cost;
- 3 people to attend at \$385 each [\$1155];
- 5 nights lodging @ \$45/night [\$225 x 2 = \$450], plus meals \$34/day [\$170 x 2 = \$340] Total \$790 for Chief Cramer and Paul Haynes;
- 2nd Assistant Chief Tom Brewster and Dan Romeo to attend TIC Class on June 10th at \$335 each [\$670]. Does not include any meal or mileage reimbursement.

- Robert Russell, Nate Baker and Andrea Herubin to attend Sprinkler Codes Update on June 10th at \$75 each [\$225]. Does not include any meal or mileage reimbursement.
- Total \$2840.

Discussion: Attendees are encouraged to use a village vehicle. Removed any consideration for mileage reimbursement.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Liedka announced that next month each Department report will be augmented with financial reports from the assigned Department's Board of Trustees Liaison.

Department of Public Works – DPW Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III

Tree Work – DPW crews and the village tree contractor removed 5 dangerous trees in various parts of the Village. The stumps were ground out and filled with topsoil and seeded.

Snow Equipment – Some of the plows were taken off and the salt truck bodies were cleaned up and prepared for removal. Plow damage (turf) repair was completed.

Drainage – The ditch along CSX in the 200 block of West First Street was cleaned and a blocked culvert was jetted and opened. Repairs were made to a catch basin at Allen and Midland along with a new frame and grate.

Mowing Routes – Summer mowing was started and routes have been done twice. The planting areas at Highland Ave and Manlius Street were weeded and mulched as well as areas around the Municipal Building. Tru-Green sprayed the tree beds on Manlius Street for weed control.

Sidewalks – DPW replaced sidewalk panels at the Temple Law Office on Center Street that were removed to repair a water line. Brick work on West Manlius Street in front of the Basile property (old East Syracuse Sales) that was damaged by a water leak was repaired. The pole planters on Manlius Street were removed and areas repaired. The flower boxes were moved from the Firemen's Field to the DPW.

Sweeper Activity – Village streets were swept twice in keeping up with MS4 guidelines. A special village wide trash patrol was conducted removing a large amount of debris from Village streets and right-of-ways.

Sewer Work – Sewer vents and cleanouts that needed repair or new caps were noted during plow damage repair were fixed and caps replaced. The sewer in the 100 block of McCool Ave was cleaned.

Sign Work – Various signs were replaced or repaired.

Parks and Recreation – Chlorine lines were replaced and a safer wall penetration for the lines was installed to make service easier and reduce the risk of a leak. The ball fields were edged and base path clay mix was put down and re-leveled. The ball fields are mowed twice a week and the rest of the park once a week. The horse shoe pits were cleaned and filled along with the sand box. Dangerous limbs were removed and the trees along the north fence were trimmed. The pool cover was removed and cleaned and stored for the season. The pool was pumped out so the contractor doing the caulk work could begin repairs. The climbing ladder on one of the playground structures identified by NYMIR as defective was repaired. A new ladder and freight from the manufacturer was estimated to be \$700. DPW employees made a new ladder and had it powder coated (special paint process) locally. The cost of this repair was \$150 for an estimated savings of \$550.

DPW crews also performed their normal duties such as trash and yard waste pick-up and assisted other departments with various needs or projects. May projects will involve street repair, preparation for the Memorial Day Parade, continued work at the Park including the Spray Park installation and removal of plows and salt boxes for summer storage. Any repairs will be done at this time. The DPW also continues to use the Fire Department bunk-ins when available due to continued absence of employee Mark Forsyth who was injured on the job last September and is still out of work.

Discussion: DPW Superintendent Ron Russell reports that the guys have been keeping busy. Are a bit ahead with recent good weather. Proud of DPW efforts to save money, especially with initiative on playground equipment.

Mayor Liedka remarked that the Park is looking good. Asked if everyone has had a chance to review the Pool Operations Manual. Trustees Carr and Tolhurst will schedule a meeting to facilitate the pool opening for the season.

Trustee Chad Tolhurst reported on recent activities to complete the Spray Park. All the piping is installed. DPW crew set to lay the concrete. Trustee Carr has volunteered to put in the electric.

Trustee James Carr inspected the work done to date, hoping to keep everyone working together. Will have done in next 2 or 3 weeks.

East Syracuse Justice Court – Justice Donald M. Benack, Jr.

Have sent paperwork to Treasurer to get half of the cost of the jury box. Will be started once half payment is made. Still waiting for sound system in courtroom. Judge Benack talked to people who will be installing system but did not have a definite time for when they will begin. Hopefully soon.

Have given Jodi all our expenses for month of April. Postage is always our biggest expenditure. We do try and email as much as we can to attorneys rather than mailing letters - attorneys are doing the same.

Judge Benack had a busy week in April - did approximately twenty-two arraignments for Dewitt Court and ours. Mainly for Dewitt - system of having each judge take a week working out well. However, some weeks one gets a lot of arraignments and then none - Luck of the draw!!!!!!

Judge Jokl did sit on bench last week to do evictions. He will be handling them from now on. Doing them earlier - did a great job!!!!

Discussion: Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner remarked that the Judge has been busy. Looking forward to having the new sound system in place.

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Summer brochure is completed. Will be printed and delivered beginning of next week.

Will have all programs and activities put on website

Park is busy. ESM JV Baseball using large field. Little league season has begun. Small field used every night. Out door men's basketball will begin on Thursday at Hanlon Pool at the end of the Month Tuesday night Men's Basketball league at St. Matthew's School began last week.

Seniors

ESE children and seniors met this week. They made crafts and read stories. The group will finish up the year with a picnic at Ellis Field Park.

52 senior visited Albion, NY for the Diva and the Italian Guy Show. Everyone enjoyed lunch and the show.

52 Seniors will be attending Finger lakes trip on May 18th

17 seniors participated in the April pitch Tourney at the Village office (3rd floor)

Youth

36 children in afterschool program. Staff taking advantage of nice weather. Outside as much as possible

Discussion: Mayor Liedka thanked the Parks Director for using and scheduling events for the third floor community room. **Parks Director Tom Richardson** reports that the summer brochure will be out soon, and there are different events scheduled for the Community Room. The room is available everyday.

Fire Department – Chief Michael Cramer:

- Memorial Parade

- Annual Inspection immediately following Parade Festivities at St. Matt's parking lot
- Fire Chiefs Show, training is for me and Training Officer Paul Haynes. We spend 10 hours each day. Staying in the campground is reasonable and 1/3 the cost of the hotel. Campground isn't much more than mileage each day.

Discussion: Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce reported that this weekend's county-wide Open House for Fire Volunteer recruitment and retention was a success.

Saturday, May 8th at the Sanders Creek Station II the Fire Department will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Raising funds to help injured firefighters.

Invited all to the Annual Fire Inspection at St. Matthew's Church following the Parade. An impressive sight to see the equipment and the Officers and Volunteers.

Police Department – Chief of Police Donald Morris

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

23 Arrests
 05 DWI arrests
 135 Traffic stops
 58 Traffic tickets issued
 15 Parking tickets issued
 18 Motor vehicle crashes investigated
 714 Incidents investigated

Discussion: Mayor Liedka thanked the Chief of Police for his help through the budget process. Helped to work through what looked like insurmountable obstacles to find a workable solution. Appreciate that he has personally help to curb overtime by putting on a uniform and taking patrol. Logged over 400 hours.

Office of Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe

- I. Rental Inspections
 - A. Initial inspection –87 units
 - B. Re-inspections – 21 units
 - C. Total potential rentals – 869; Currently rentals – 773
 - D. Registered 2010 -291 structures

- II. Fire Inspections
 - A. Place of Assembly – 2
 - B. Commercial –9
 - C. Multi-families –
 - 9 structures
 - 38 units

- III. Housing Court
 - A. Court Order to Inspect - 0
 - B. Rental Inspections - 1
 - C. Ordered to apply to ZBA for use variance – 0
 - D. Ordered to register –0
 - E. Outdoor Storage – 3
 - F. Nuisance Vehicles – 2
 - G. Parking Violation - 0
 - H. Property Maintenance - 5
 - I. Illegal Signs -0
 - J. Zoning -0

- IV. Notices/Violations Cited
 - A. Outdoor Storage – 4
 - B. Nuisance Vehicles – 4
 - C. Grass – 15, ordered cut - 0
 - D. Property Maintenance – 2
 - E. Signs – 0
 - F. Pools – 0
 - G. Rental Reg. – delinquent notices - 6
 - H. Communication Towers – 0
 - I. Sprinkler Inspections – 4
 - J. Stop Work Orders – 0
 - K. Order to Vacate – 0 now in compliance - 0
 - L. Disruptive Conduct Notices Mailed – 2 Eviction Proceedings -0

- V. Uniform Code Complaints – 4 Corrected/Unfounded – 4 Pending - 0

- VI. Proposals -

- VII. Planning Board – No meeting

- VIII. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting

Discussion: Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe reported that crews were at work today on re-locating the fiber optic lines. Good to see this activity.

Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby

The **2010/2011 fiscal year Budget** was adopted on April 26th. The total budget is \$5,203,705 (General Fund is \$5,028,918; Sewer Fund \$174,787). This is \$58,124 less than last year (\$5,261,829).

Overall is another bare-bones budget. Includes no new equipment other than \$14,000 for lift at DPW. The funding for the Library was eliminated and EAVES was held at previous rate.

Full time employees will receive a 2% raise, with no increase for part-timers. Some open positions will not be filled.

Village property tax bills will be sent out will be sent out for June 1st, payable until July 1st without penalty. The tax rate is set at \$14.70/assessed 1000 (General fund \$13.50, sewer user charge \$1.20). Amount to be raised by taxes is \$2,924,885, with other revenue of \$1,903,755. \$474,005 will be taken from Fund Balance.

Grants

Local Government Efficiency /NYS Department of State – Fiscal Advisors is working on study of police services.

Brownfield Opportunity Areas/NYS Department of State – working with Elaine Miller to finalize work plan. Meeting with contractors (Saratoga Associates) regarding services. Will prepare RFQ. Steering Committee will be formed (at June meeting). Approved for \$121,000 for Design Guidelines, Lighting Plan, and Market Analysis and Economic Feasibility studies. Entire Village is included in area, not just main street bridge-to-bridge.

Rural Development/ USDA – O'Brien & Gere is working on finishing up the environmental information for the 28 item application. Plan is to submit full application by May 14th. Preliminary acceptance was for \$1.7 million grant and \$1 million low interest loan. Also working with NYS EFC for additional funding for sewer improvement project. Total project estimated costs are \$4,732,000 with immediate remediation costs estimated at \$3,340,000.

Kinne Street Curbs and Sidewalks/Onondaga County Community Development – approved for \$90,000 for 2009 Community Development Block Grant project. WM Engineers will revise plans to do limited sidewalks on select blocks, in anticipation of full funding with federal initiative.

Still waiting for news related to federal funding appropriations for Kinne Street road repairs (sponsored by Senator Schumer and Congressman Maffei) and Community Center, with green energy at Hanlon Pool (sponsored by Senator Schumer).

Projects

Manlius Street Corner Revitalization/Community Development – Titan Construction should return this month to finish concrete work around edge and repairs to handicap ramp and corner sidewalk, as well as clear and seed interior. Contractor accepted reduced project. Will not include installation of concrete work or benches incorporating “rail road” theme. \$50,000 awarded from Community Development.

Re-connect First Street/NYS DOT – NYS DOT work still slated for summer. Awarded contract to Vitale Construction for Village portion of road from re-positioned First Street end of Beacon Parking lot to bridge. Vitale contract cost estimate is \$328,647.

National Grid is schedule to relocate poles. OCWA will finish water service connection before Village crew install new sidewalks down length of East First Street.

Training

NYCOM Annual Meeting – Mayor Liedka plans to attend May 16th to 18th in Albany

Annual New York State Fire Chief’s Association training at Turning Stone June 8th through 12th.

Other Committees and Boards

Zoning - will meet Thursday, May 6th to hear area variance application from Vincent Stevenson for 5014 James Street.

Planning – will meet Tuesday, May 11th for site plan review for new garage construction at 221 Kinne Street; commercial fence application 320 West Second Street; and site plan review for Bristol Myers Squibb plans for multiple building demolitions at main campus, including demolition of current Administrative Offices and older penicillin production sites.

Beautification Committee – met for first time this year last week (April 29th). Plans to plant flowers at Bridge entrances at the four corners at Highland Ave and Upton Street, and at welcome sign locations. Will work with Debrucque Greenhouses for planters along Manlius Street.

Safety Committee – working with HR One for final draft of revise Substance Free Workplace Policy and Substance Testing.

Housing Authority – looking to schedule meeting at Bennett Manor and meet with new Manager.

Discussion: Mayor Liedka added remarks concerning the budget: reduced overall spending by 10%, budget is as barebones as can get it. Everyday operations is all that is included. Only plans to purchase one piece of equipment. Had to make cuts in all departments, including eliminating support to the Library. Offered a 2% raise to fulltime employees, but no increase to part-timers. Some full-time position that are open will not be filled. Will have rot rely on part-time help to fill gap.

Still working on project related to the Consent Order and those with help we can from grant funding, including sewers, Brownfield and others. Some current sewer debt will be retired in 2012 which will help offset any borrowing that has to be done. Appointing a Steering Committee to oversee the BOA program. BOA program encompasses the entire Village, not just the main street, which should help address some housing concerns, too.

Titan Construction expected to return this week (Wednesday or Thursday) to finish concrete work and seed the lot for the corner revitalization project.

Starting to mobilize for work to hook up with the NYS DOT reconnect of East First Street. Vitale to be done by August 1st. OCWA and National Grid will be replacing lines this month so the road won't be torn up so soon after this work. Glad to see the fibertech working on the poles. Expect that Verizon will be the last to leave.

Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby reminded the Board about turning in their time reports for the months of April, May and June. Reports are used in calculating retirement. Big push from the State Comptroller's Office on this issue, with which we must comply.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee James Carr, Jr. recognized the DPW crew for all the work they do. Doing a great job. Appreciate their attention on the spray park project too. Looking to get that done so that kids can enjoy this summer.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce glad to see the spray park finally becoming a reality.

Mayor Danny J. Liedka announced that tomorrow will be the day that the County makes it's decision on sales tax distribution. Told that Village will not be completely cut out, but will have serious implications for next budget. Only party that is entitled to set portion is the City of Syracuse, so that player will be taken care of. County and Village's will have to learn how to operate differently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Trips

Fingerlakes Racetrack – Tuesday, May 18th

Turning Stone Casino – Tuesday, June 8th

Esperanza Rose Boat Cruise – Tuesday, June 22nd

Picnic – Ryder Park – Tuesday, July 6th

Pajama Games – Cortland Repertory Theater – Thursday, July 15th

Skaneateles Lake Dinner Cruise – Saturday, July 24th

Tioga Downs Gaming & Racing – Tuesday, August 10th

Summer Concerts at the Gazebo at Ellis Field Wednesday evenings 6:30PM to 8:30PM

July 7th ***Stoke***

July 14th ***TJ Sacco***

July 21st ***Gary Dunes Band***

July 28th ***Nick Malpagano***

Community Weekend

Ice Cream Social – Friday, July 9th at Loomis Field

Fireworks – Saturday, July 10th at ESE Field

Dan Elliott and the Monterays from 6:15PM to 9:15PM

Taste of East Syracuse Wednesday, August 4th at North Center Street, Municipal Building
Noisey Boys and *Supergush*

Youth Activities

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

Summer Coed Softball League Sunday mornings starts June 6th at ESE field

Thursday Night Outdoor Basketball League starts May 27th at Ellis Field

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mike Spiewik, Youth Pastor for **Church of the Resurrection** reported that the Teen Center is set to re-open. Changed night from Mondays to Fridays to 7PM. Targeting youths 12 to 18 years old. Looking to have adult leadership and supervision. Understand had problem outside the Center – will monitor outside too. Hoping to address all issues in a positive manner, including asking the kids to sign on to “YES List” – including that they say yes to respecting themselves and others.

Will not preach to the kids but hope that they will come and enjoy a safe place with interesting activities. Hope that everyone will stop by and check it out.

Pastor Spiewik shared a bit of his background – been a youth pastor for 10 years, experience in other cities including, Ithaca, NY and Newark, NJ. Moving here with his family from Waterloo. Looking to make this community his home as well. Recognize the need to connect with the kids and the Community to effect change.

Motion – by Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To meet in executive session to discuss settlement agreement.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 7:20PM to meet in Executive Session to discuss settlement offer arranged by Village Attorney.

The Board of Trustees exited Executive Session at 7:23PM.

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst – To accept the settlement offer negotiated by Village Attorney.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk

*Minutes were distributed **unapproved** to Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.*

Review of Correspondence

- 4/6/10 WM Engineers; RE: Safety Plan Guideline for the operation of Hanlon Pool;
- 4/6/10 Onondaga County Mayor's Association; presentation to County Legislature;
- 4/6/10 J. French; RE: trash complaint Valero Station;
- 4/6/10 WM Engineers; RE: East First Street Road Reconstruction project still on schedule for summer 2010;
- 4/7/10 Onondaga County Legislature; RE: Sales Tax Review Committee meeting schedule;
- 4/7/10 Village Attorney to Absolute Emergency Vehicle; RE: deposit;
- 4/7/10 Fire Department Secretary; RE: slate of Officers;
- 4/7/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; challenge to assessment – BMS;
- 4/8/10 Village Clerk to ESM School District; RE; Heman Street School lease;
- 4/8/10 Village Clerk to Debrucque Greenhouse; RE: accepted quotes for 15 planters plus maintenance \$9375;
- 4/8/10 Village Attorney to Village Clerk; RE: BMS challenge to assessment;
- 4/9/10 NYS Office of Real Property Services; RE: 2010 equalization rates;
- 4/9/10 Debrucque Greenhouse; RE: receipt of acceptance;
- 4/9/10 NYMIR; RE: Fire Department loss Springfield Garden 1/31/10;
- 4/12/10 WM Engineers; RE: Firehouse roof;
- 4/12/10 Special Meeting minutes; to discuss preliminary budget;
- 4/12/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: challenge to assessment – BJ's;
- 4/12/10 Village Clerk to Unified Court System; RE: Acting Justice Robert Jokl, Jr.;
- 4/12/10 Village Clerk to ESM School District; RE: signature page of lease agreement;
- 4/13/10 Village Clerk to Solvay Bank & PKY Associates; RE; distribution requests;

4/13/10 Village Clerk to Department Heads; RE: procurement policy, spending procedures and moratorium on spending;

4/14/10 Village Clerk to ZBA; RE: area variance application 5014 James Street;

4/14/10 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Planning; RE: referral for area variance;

4/14/10 WM Engineers; RE: notice to precede Vitale, First Street project;

4/15/10 WM Engineers; RE: meeting with National Grid regarding First Street lighting;

4/15/10 WM Engineers; RE: update on First Street;

4/15/10 Village Clerk to Beautification Committee; RE: meeting 4/29/10;

4/15/10 Village Clerk to Safety Committee; RE: meeting 4/20/10;

4/16/10 WM Engineers; RE: Bridge Inspection report;

4/16/10 Onondaga County Mayor's Association; RE: updates;

4/16/10 WM Engineers; RE: First Street lighting;

4/16/10 National Grid; RE: restoration request 106 West Ave;

4/16/10 Village Clerk to Planning Board; RE: application for garage construction 221 Kinne Street;

4/20/10 Safety Committee meeting minutes;

4/20/10 Village Clerk to Bond Schoeneck & King; RE: Bond Counsel agreement;

4/20/10 NYCOM; RE: legislation to address new Dissolution Law;

4/21/10 Letters to Legislators; RE: amendment to law for Village Dissolution;

4/21/10 Village Clerk; RE: Transition Lifestyle use of third floor community room;

4/21/10 Onondaga County Mayor's Association; RE: closer to a decision;

4/23/10 CNY Regional Planning & Development; RE: stormwater publication;

4/23/10 Village Clerk tot Onondaga County Community Development; RE: amendment to Manlius Street project;

4/23/10 Village Clerk tot Onondaga County Community Development; RE: amendment to Stormwater Management project;

4/26/10 Village Clerk to Department Heads; RE: meeting with Mayor 4/28/10;

4/26/10 Village Clerk to Planning Board; RE: commercial fence application;

4/26/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE; challenge to assessment – Manlius Center Road Associates;

4/27/10 Fire Chief to Mayor; RE: recruitment and retention drive;

4/27/10 Village Clerk to Chief of Police; RE: vendors license Skippy’s Ice Cream for 60 days;

4/27/10 Unsigned Complaint; RE: neighbors to ARC;

4/27/10 Code Enforcement Officer; RE: response to neighbor complaint 105 Upton Street;

4/28/10 Village Clerk to OB&G; RE: sewer maintenance and repair work;

4/28/10 Village Clerk to Planning Board; RE: supplement to application 221 Kinne Street;

4/28/10 USDA Rural Development; RE: follow-up to sewer improvement project application;