

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Village of East Syracuse**  
**June 7, 2010**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance **Mayor Danny J. Liedka** called the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, June 7, 2010 to order at 6:00PM.

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

Also Present: Parks Director Tom Richardson, Chief of Police Donald Morris, Treasurer Christopher Hoch, Clerk Patricia J. Derby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Brewster, and Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe.

Excused: DPW Superintendent Ronald Russell, III, and Village Engineers Tom Compoli.

Approximately five Village residents and guests attended including: Housing Authority Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, Zoning Board of Appeals member (and Neighborhood Watch Chairperson) Patricia Bacon, Mary Handlin, Gina Palladino and Luck Forkhammer.

**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 Deputy Mayor Quonce - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 40753 through 40932 and Abstract in the amount of \$114,967.83.

**Discussion:** Abstract spending included: Excavator brush flail mower \$6450; Oil cooler \$1087.69; Court sound system \$3221; Bain Brown & DeLaura services for Court audit \$1300; replace two engine belts \$1064.11 and 63 pair gauntlet gloves \$2814.75 from Tyler Fire Equipment; Suit-Kote paving \$11,747.97; Viau Construction repairs at pool \$1519.93; O'Brien & Gere engineering services \$10,656.39; April fuel charges with Town of DeWitt \$5920.61; Police drycleaning \$1248; Arbitrator's fee \$4560; Outside Legal counsel \$4243.75; and phones and utilities.

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

## Budget Transfers and Adjustments

**Motion** – by Trustee Carr, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To authorize the Treasurer to make the following budget transfers, as listed:

<b>FROM ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A7140.0200.0000.0001	94.40	A7140.0402.0001.0002	94.40
A1325.0402.0002	1000	A1410.0407	1000
A5182.0415	9500	A8160.0412	14,000
A5110.0401.0001	4500		
A1620.0410	7500	A1680.0402.0001	7500
A1950.0418	1120.42	A9050.0800	1120.42
A7510.0430	200	A1680.0404	200
A7510.0403	1053.02	A1420.0404.0001	1794.37
A1450.0430	741.35		
A3120.0108	1433.48	A1420.0404.0001	19,985
A3120.0117	2750		
A3120.0115	3250		
A3120.0113	4000		
A3120.0401.0001	3000		
A3120.0414	2000		
A5142.0402	3551.52		
A3120.0114	1400	A3120.0430	1400
A1110.0409	54.50	A1110.0430	54.50
A7140.0402.0001.0001	849.87	A7140.0402.0001.0002	849.87
A7140.0402.0001.0001	33.39	A7140.0402.0000.0001	33.39
A3120.0103	4885	A3120.0107	4885
A5142.0402	6450	A5110.0200	6450
A3410.0402.0003	794.29	A3410.0402.0002	794.29

**Discussion:** Mayor Liedka noted that these adjustments are made to help clean up the end of the fiscal year and to balance accounts moving forward.

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

### **Execute Agreements**

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To authorize the Mayor to execute agreement with Onondaga County Community Development for Kinne Street Curbing and Sidewalk Rehabilitation, Phase I, providing for funding of \$90,000, and with the understanding that the Village’s matching contribution is the engineering fees included in the budget estimate.

**Discussion:** Mayor Liedka noted that Community Development block grant funding requires a 10% match from the municipalities. Typically, the Village’s contribution is paying the engineering fees associated with the project.

Project will be only a small portion of Kinne Street sidewalks, and possibly curbing, with the entire length of road, curbs and sidewalks done if federal appropriation is approved. Contacted by Congressman Maffei that proposed \$1 million allocation would be reduced to 80% or \$800,000.

Finding Community Development more conducive to funding infrastructure project lately. Have informal acceptance for next year’s project for Worth Street sewers.

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 Carr - To authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) agreement (#C09602).

**Discussion:** State assistance is @\$121,505 with a 10% local share (\$13,501). Mayor Liedka explained that the 10% local share can be our Vision plan and other in-kind expenses.

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 authorize the Mayor to execute Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX for the OCWA waterline project.

**Discussion:** Mayor Liedka reported this as part of the on-going project with to add a second source waterline for emergencies. The line traveling down Fly Road does touch on to railroad property.

Village Clerk Patricia Derby added that executed agreements will be forwarded to CSX with notice that this is an OCWA project and any associated costs and fees will be their responsibility.

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 Tolhurst - To authorize the Mayor to execute the annual agreement with East Area Volunteer Emergency Service, Inc. (EAVES).

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

### **Bid Announcement for Community Development Kinne Street sidewalks project**

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To authorize the Village Engineers to proceed with preparing bid documents and specifications for the Village of East Syracuse Community Development project Kinne Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation. Bids will be opened Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building Court Room at 11AM.

**Project** consists of the 4” and 6” sidewalk installation along the 200 block of Kinne Street. Length covered is yet to be determined. WM Engineers will walk site with DPW Superintendent to determine area covered. Do not anticipate bid will be more than grant award.

Mayor Liedka asked that get an estimate from WM for the cost of preparing the bid package/contract documents.

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 Carr - To authorize the Mayor to execute new 39 month equipment lease agreement for Village Office copier for Toshiba e4520c for monthly payment of \$775 includes full service and supplies, scanning, document management system, network installation, training and prep and return of current copier.

**Discussion:** Lease expires for Village Office copier. Trading up for one with more feature and less costs. Numbers no based on past lease history, so expect less overage charges.

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 Mayor Liedka - To accept the audit results, findings, comments and recommendation of Bain Brown & DeLaura for the Village of East Syracuse Justice Court Bail and Fine Accounts for the twelve months ended May 31, 2009.

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 Gehrke-Turner - To grant permission to the Fire Chief to purchase 6 to 10 Alert Pager while at the Fire Chief Conference at approximately \$400 each. Pager are offered at the show at below state bid price.

**Discussion:** Assistant Fire Chief Brewster reported that pagers are needed to replace broken equipment and supply new firefighters. Pagers still more reliable system than dialing to cell phones. Cell phones are usually private phones. Need reliable emergency alert system.

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 **Nicole Nichols**, East Yates Street, as a new member to the East Syracuse Fire Department, effective May 7, 2010.

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

### **Police Part-time Officers**

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner – To make an offer of employment, following successful background checks to **Thomas Bingham** and **Christopher Rowe** for part-time Police Officer positions with the East Syracuse Police Department.

**Discussion:** Mayor Liedka and Trustee Carr reported on recent candidate interviews. Both are excellent candidates. Officer Rowe is currently a part-time Officer with Village of Marcellus. He put himself through the NY Police Academy and has

completed phase II training. Officer Bingham is assigned with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department transport and also works part-time for the Village of Phoenix.

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

### **After School Program**

Mayor Liedka asked that the following item be tabled to allow the Board of Trustees to discuss the program further.

Parks Director Richardson reminded the Board that many parents make their decisions before school lets out in the Spring. Plan to provide program information packets to the schools before school lets out.

**Motion** – That the Board of Trustees approves the rate schedule for After School Program beginning September 2010 through June 2011 as follows:

Rate: 1 child - \$60/week; 2- \$115; 3 - \$165

Employee rate: 1 child - \$35/week; 2 - \$60

Daily rate will be charged for week with holiday: 1 child - \$12/day; 2- \$23; 3 - \$34

### **Summer Pool/Park Hiring**

**Motion** – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To make an offer of employment, to the following, conditioned upon background investigation. Offer is made contingent upon successful completion American Red Cross Water Safety training, proof of certification and Pool Head Instructor test, where appropriate:

- To **Angela Binion** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.) and Instructor (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **Melissa Lamson** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.) and Instructor (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **Megan King** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.) and Instructor (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **Kelly Bliss** for WSI (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **Kelley Serens** for WSI (at \$9.50/hr.);
- To **Destiny Cerlanek** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.);
- To **Eric Waltz** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.);
- To **Peter Ferstler** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.);
- To **Brittany Gmyr** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.);
- To **Andrew Brownell** for lifeguard (at \$9.00/hr.);
- To **Melanie Drinkwine** for Pool Supervisor (at \$8.50/hr.).
- To **Tracey Finerson** for Pool Supervisor (at \$8.50/hr.).
- To **Dominic Muscolino** for Basket Attendant (at \$7.25/hr.).
- To **Emily Forest** for Basket Attendant (at \$7.25/hr.).
- To **Hailley Miller** for Basket Attendant (at \$7.25/hr.).
- To **Chad Peters** for Park Security (at \$10/hr.) and

- To **Rianna Battilana** for Scorekeepers/Basketball Attendants (at \$8.50/hr. – working Tuesday night and Thursday night Leagues).
- To **Brandon Russell** for Scorekeepers/Basketball Attendants (at \$8.50/hr. – working Tuesday night and Thursday night Leagues).
- To **Andrew Wowelko** for Scorekeepers/Basketball Attendants (at \$8.50/hr. – working Thursday night Leagues).

**Discussion:** Becky Scott was hired April 5<sup>th</sup> as Aquatic Supervisor, along with Debra Fernald and Philip Meloon for Park Security.

Director Richardson reported that many are returning workers.

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  
(Liaison reports and financial updates)**

**Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce** – reports for **Fire Department** that went through budget, line-by-line with Chief Cramer once assigned to department. Will work with Treasurer to make some adjustments for MSA Bottle replacement.

Been stopping by regularly at Station I and Station II. Enjoy talking to the members. They are a great group of people and good to work with.

On other matters, the Corner revitalization project is done at this point. Thank Titan Construction – they did a good job and were great to work with, too.

Beautification Committee planted flowers at the entry points at Upton Street and the corners at Highland Ave, and will be responsible for the maintenance. The flowers from Debrucque Greenhouse are out and placed along Manlius Street. Thanks to Janet and Karen for taking care of the plants around the Municipal Building and for caring for the rock garden at the Park, and to Bob Chamberlain for planting flowers at the Pool and the big planter at the Municipal Building.

Sorry that missed the Memorial Day Parade, but under doctor’s orders to stay out of the heat and not over-exert.

Thanks to Car #2 for attending tonight to provide an update on Fire Department matters and to Jim and Chad for finishing up with the Spray Park. Looking forward to that long awaiting project being completed.

**Trustee James E. Carr, Jr.** – reports on behalf of **DPW and Code Enforcement** – Ronny and the DPW budget finished in good shape. Got lucky with the weather this year so there was a surplus in snow removal. DPW always very good at maintaining their

budget and pinching pennies. Randy has done a lot of work lately in-house on the trucks, saving a lot.

DPW has also helped out at the Spray Park, doing the prep work and the cement. Just need to finish up a little landscaping.

Codes is easy – never any big surprises. Frank is always on top of his budget, including revenues. Revenues are down with permits, but does a good job with running operations.

Still have a bit of electrical work to finish at the Spray Park but intend to have everything done by this weekend when the Pool opens.

**Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner** – reported on **Court** – as seen with the new sound system, Judge Benack has been successful with obtaining grant money. Most everything else is accounted for within the budget.

Noted that Judge Benack is doing an incredible job. Takes call at all hours, not just schedule court on Tuesdays.

Worked with Beautification Committee to get flowers planted before the Parade. Main Street looks good.

Will attend the Planning session regarding BMS on Tuesday.

**Trustee Chad Tolhurst** – reported on **Parks and Buildings** noting that Parks budget encountered some surprises with repairs at the Pool. Had an unexpected surplus with YAKS.

Everything at the Park is gearing up for the Pool opening on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Swim lesson registration continues this week with non-residents. Hired summer staff tonight.

Spray Park will be ready this weekend. Just need a couple hours to finish the wiring, then DPW can fill in around the Spray Park.

**Mayor Danny J. Liedka** – as part of report for **Police and Village Office** issued Directive that do not want the Village Engineers called in unless activity has prior approval from the Mayor or one of the Trustees. Need to control any un-necessary expenditures. The Engineers do not need to do some things that we can do for ourselves.

Impressed with how the Police budget worked out. Able to cover extra litigation costs while still covering all shifts and controlling overtime. Chief did a great job in managing his resources.

Buildings includes a lot of things other than just Janet and the day-to-day building upkeep. Working on getting a handle on utility costs. Still expect all departments to submit a plan for energy conservation. Goal is to save 10% in energy this year. Parks Director and Chief of Police have submitted their ideas and that's a good start.

Gearing up for the First Street contractors to mobilize. See that Verizon and Time Warners were preparing for the change from the pole. Caught a break with National Grid with the new gas line. Were going to install new sidewalks anyway, but with their part National Grid dug out and set with stone for the sidewalks. Mr. Santaro will finish his end once the poles are out.

Will not pursue the \$40,000 drainage solution – doesn't make a lot of sense for the costs associated. DPW did work there to clean basins and that has a good impact on the area.

Agree that the corner at Manlius Street and North Center looks good. Titan Construction did a nice job and met the deadline for the Memorial Day Parade.

Attended the NYCOM Annual Meeting – always provides good training opportunity.

Asked that the Village Clerk learn more about the Governor's proposed early retirement incentive. Worth looking at if can slide back pay scales. Labor is one of the Village's bigger expenses.

Meeting regularly with the Treasurer. Already starting to prepare for next year's budget. Setting up a model and plan so there are no surprises.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Department of Public Works – Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III reports:**

Sidewalk Repairs – Finished brickwork on West Manlius Street near old East Syracuse Sales property that was damaged by a water leak.

Snow Related – Took remaining plows off of vehicles and stored them for season. DPW cleaned up snow dump area (West Second Street) of all debris remaining from snow.

Tree Work – Trees were trimmed in various areas of the Village. Dangerous trees were removed from Highland Ave (2) and East Irving Street (1). We also removed a large tree that came down during heavy winds at Spring and East Irving. The tree population continues to present challenges due to age and size. Future budgets would be wise to include additional funds to keep up with the challenges they present.

Sweeper – Village streets have been swept twice during the month of May keeping up with MS4 guidelines.

Mowing Routes – DPW continues to mow the routes on a regular basis. There would be very little actual savings if routes were stretched out and the visual aspect as well as possible traffic hazards would possibly be issues if the routes were cut back.

Parks & Recreation – The Park is mowed weekly and the ball fields twice a week. The pool was drained to allow the contractor to make repairs to the walls. The pool was cleaned and ladders were installed. Work on the spray park was performed and DPW work is nearly complete except some cosmetic work that will be completed in the next week. Safety issues continue to be addressed if any are found. The only remaining NYMIR issue is the fall protection around various structures (safety mulch). I believe this is not in the coming year's budget. We will look at other ways to address the issue.

Street Repair – The following streets were chip sealed this month. Division Street, Charles Street, Williams Street 200 & 300 blocks of Dausman, East Ellis Street from Hartwell to end, and Spring Street. The DPW crew worked on having attachments fabricated for our existing trucks to use in this operation. DPW employees had spreader pans fabricated and installed on 4 of our dump trucks. The cost of materials and fabrication was \$625. This allowed us to eliminate contract trucking from operation estimated at \$2400.00. The net savings was \$1775.00 and the trucks will now be able to be used in future operations eliminating this yearly cost. The guys did a great job as they were under a limited “window of opportunity”.

Memorial Day Parade – DPW put out the flags, barricades for traffic control and readied the Veteran's Park for the Memorial Day ceremony. The parade route was also swept the day of the parade and the planting areas at the corner of Manlius Street and Burnet Ave were refreshed with new mulch. Weeds and grass were also removed from the parade route sidewalk and curb area.

Drainage – Two catch basins on Basile Rowe were repaired and the ditch along Carr Street near the former Ralph Packing was cleaned.

DPW workers also continued with their regular duties such as yard waste, trash pick-up, special trash patrols (high winds) and assistance to other village departments as needed.

One of the large safes stored at DPW was moved to the Police Department for their use

June activity will concentrate on street repair for this summer chip seal schedule.

**Police Department – Chief of Police Morris**

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

- 43 Arrests
- 02 DWI arrests
- 192 Traffic stops
- 94 Traffic tickets issued
- 32 Parking tickets issued

11 Motor vehicle crashes investigated  
737 Incidents investigated

**Fire Department – Second Assistant Chief Thomas Brewster**

Reports that there have been 377 calls to date.

This week many members will be attending the NYS Chief's Show at the Turning Stone. Offers a lot of good training.

Thank the Board for attending the Memorial Day Parade and the Annual Fire Department Inspection.

**Mayor Liedka** commented that Memorial Day is typically thought of for the veteran's but is a nice opportunity to recognize our firefighters and police officers, too.

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

Hope every noticed new sound system in courtroom this evening. Much more efficient and less equipment on bench.

Jury box is currently being assembled off site and will be installed soon. Should make room look more like court room once put in place.

Court has been going well. Have had to issue more warrants than usual due to fact people just do not want to come to court.

New phone system with Judges working really well. Judge Benack does cover if available daytime hours, when others are in court. Now that summer here, they are covering each other with vacations, etc. Everybody seems very happy with this system.

**Parks & Recreation Department – Director Tom Richardson**

Hanlon Pool – Will **open for summer on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Extended summer hours begin on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Swimming lessons- Sign up for Village residents was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are still available spaces if sign up date was missed. Non residents can register on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 in court room of Village office.

Water Aerobics Registration is being taken over phone at Parks & Rec Department Pool Pals ( Parent in water with child) are also being taken over the phone.

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

**Mayor Liedka** appreciated that more information is available on the web site. May not need to mail as much information is can be available on the web site. Looking at posting the Village Newsletter on the web instead of mailing.

Seniors – Year end picnic for Seniors & Children from ESE will be on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Ellis Field Park. Picnic lunch at 12:00 noon.

Summer trips are filling up quickly. 43 seniors are attending the Turning Stone trip on June 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by the June 24<sup>th</sup> trip for a boat cruise on Keuka Lake.

Community Week end will be here quickly

Ice Cream Social – July 9<sup>th</sup> – ESM marching band will be selling food, ESM cheer leaders – ice cream. We are still looking for a organization to do games for children  
July 10<sup>th</sup> – Community concert & fireworks 6:15 – 9:15 – Dan Elliot & the Monterays followed by Fireworks at 9:30

### **Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe**

- I. Rental Inspections
  - A. Initial inspection –56 units
  - B. Re-inspections – 26 units
  - C. Total potential rentals – 869; Currently rentals – 776
  - D. Registered 2010 -297 structures
  
- II. Fire Inspections
  - A. Place of Assembly – 9
  - B. Commercial –2
  - C. Multi-families –
    - 6 structures
    - 25 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 – 3
  - G. Parking Violation - 0
  - H. Property Maintenance - 6
  - I. Illegal Signs -0

- J. Zoning -0
- IV. Notices/Violations Cited
  - A. Outdoor Storage – 9
  - B. Nuisance Vehicles – 8
  - C. Grass – 53, ordered cut - 19
  - D. Property Maintenance – 7
  - E. Signs – 0
  - F. Pools – 1
  - G. Rental Reg. – delinquent notices - 5
  - 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 – Preliminary meeting with Bristol conceptual plan
- VIII. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting

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

**Village Property Taxes** - Village property tax bills were sent this week. The total to be raised from taxes is \$2,651,158 plus \$273,727 sewer user charges. Village property taxes are collected through July 1<sup>st</sup> without penalty.

The Village Attorney is working with BMS regarding a settlement of their certiorari claim challenging their assessment. Other challenges were made by BJ's and Manlius Center Road Associates.

**Employee matters** - We are canvassing the civil service eligible list for Chief of Police. The §211 waiver expires the end of June.

Summer hiring for the Park and Pool will be done at the June meeting.

The annual Onondaga County Personnel certification report is due each year in June. Over the years we have cleaned up a lot of loose ends, including getting proper job titles assigned for positions.

June and the new fiscal year saw the elimination of two part-time position for the Village.

**Holiday** - The July meeting will be rescheduled for **Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6PM** with the Village Offices closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Garbage and recycling pick-up will be pushed back to Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday that week.

**NYCOM** - Fall Training School will be in Lake Placid this year from Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Grants** - Will execute the formal contract documents for the Brownfield Opportunities Area grant. This grant provides \$121,000 for Design Guidelines, Lighting audit (for Manlius Street – Bridge to Bridge) and a Market Study/Economic Feasibility Study. Will be extending RFQ to select a contractor to help with these items. Steering Committee members will be appointed at the July meeting.

Received word that the allocation for the USDA Rural Development grant may be reduced to reflect their budget cutbacks. Preliminarily approved for \$1,790,000 grant and \$1 million loan (current interest rate is 2.37%). O'Brien & Gere still needs to complete the environmental impact studies to complete the application.

Early indications are that the Worth Street sewers will be approved by Onondaga County Community Development with work to be done next summer.

Will meet with Fiscal Advisors on June 14<sup>th</sup> to review their progress regarding the Local Government Efficiency grants study police consolidation.

The State has allowed for time extensions for the 2009 LGRMIF grant for historical records assessment. The inventory has been completed. Still working on the update portion of the booklet prepared in 1981. Award amount was only \$2275.

### **Projects**

Community Development- Manlius Street Revitalization – Titan Construction completed their work and cleared out just in time for the Memorial Day Parade. Hearing nice comments from residents about how nice the corner looks.

We will be going out to bid soon for the Kinne Street curbs and sidewalks project. We are doing only a small portion under the Community Development grant with hopes that federal grant money will be appropriated for the entire road reconstruction project.

Reconnect First Street – Contractor (Vitale) was slated to begin work June 1<sup>st</sup>. National Grid is still working in the area. NYS DOT plans to begin their work in August.

### **Other Committees and Boards**

Zoning – nothing scheduled for June

Planning – Bristol Myers Squibb will return June 8<sup>th</sup> to continue the site plan review for the Site Transformation project. The Village will be Lead Agency.

Safety Committee – Continues to work on the Drug & Alcohol policy.

Revitalization – Beautification Committee – was out to complete the Manlius Street flower plantings. They did the Highland Ave corners and the welcome signs entering the Village in addition to the 15 large pots provided by Debrucque Greenhouses.

Housing Committee - met with Bennett Manor residents last Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> .

### **Upcoming Events**

**Change in Meeting Date** – The July meeting will be held **Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6PM** instead of Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> because of the Fourth of July holiday.

**Court Cancelled** for June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>

### **June Birthdays:**

Jim Brewster – June 21<sup>st</sup>

Karen Serens – June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Reminded** that Public Officials (Board of Trustees and Judges) need to submit time reports for April, May and June.

**Treasurer Christopher Hoch** commented on the police budget, recognizing that also included retroactive salary payments made following the signing of the new contract. Credit the Chief with managing the department. Doing more with less.

Still looking at some other issues such as gross utility taxes and cleaning up excess line items in the budget.

Will be looking at all the Village contracts to verify all charges.

Recommend that DPW check with ESF or Cornell Cooperative for assistance with tree issues.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Senior Trips**

**Turning Stone Casino** – Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Esperanza Rose Boat Cruise** – Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Picnic – Ryder Park – Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Pajama Games – Cortland Repertory Theater – Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Skaneateles Lake Dinner Cruise – Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tioga Downs Gaming & Racing – Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

July 7<sup>th</sup>            *Stoke*

July 14<sup>th</sup>        *TJ Sacco*

July 21<sup>st</sup>        *Gary Dunes Band*

July 28<sup>th</sup>        *Nick Malpagano*

### **Community Weekend**

***Ice Cream Social*** – Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Loomis Field

***Fireworks*** – Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at ESE Field

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

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

### **Youth Activities**

**East Syracuse Youth Day Picnic** – Backpack giveaway – Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Court Cancelled** for June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

**Sally M. Seeley** reported for Housing Authority that met with Bennett Manor residents last week. Will follow up with the Manager when he returns from training in Florida regarding their concerns.

**Pat Bacon** announced that CNY Neighborhood Watch will host their picnic tomorrow with Christie Casciano as emcee. Christie spoke at the last Neighborhood Watch Meeting and shared a DVD that showed the attraction of un-locked vehicles. Need to lock your doors!

**Lucy Forkhammer** offered thanks for whoever helped with the mess around the new pole.

Also, glad to see Code Enforcement on top of incident at 109 West Ave. Their property maintenance company claims that the Village is very strict on these matters. Good reputation to have.

Code Enforcement Officer Stirpe encouraged to call if there are any issues, also anything related to the disruptive conduct law.

Hearing no further comments at 6:55PM the Mayor accepted the **Motion** – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To enter into Executive Session to discuss settlement stipulation agreement related to challenge to assessment.

Mayor Liedka provided an update on the challenge to assessment and the implication for changes to the Village assessment on property.

**Motion** – by Mayor Liedka, seconded by Deputy Mayor Quonce - To accept the proposed settlement and authorize the Village Attorney to execute the stipulation agreement on behalf of the Village of East Syracuse.

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

The Village Board exited Executive Session at 7:10PM and resumed discussion regarding the Village After School Program.

Program was established to fulfill a need in the community. Other places have since stepped up to provide affordable and accessible after school care – is this something that the Village needs to provide if others can?

Board of Trustees reviewed preliminary revenue and expenditures for the program including the current staffing levels.

**Motion** – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Carr – To discontinue the Village’s After School Program (aka YAKS) after the completion of this school year (ending June 2010).

Polling the Board: Trustee Carr –aye, Deputy Mayor Quonce – abstained, 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 Wednesday, June 09, 2010.*

## Review of Correspondence

9/21/09 Bain Brown & DeLaura; RE: completion of audit Justice Court Bail and Fine accounts;

May 2010 NYS Department of Public Service; RE: Energy Efficiency: Use less energy. Save more green” campaign;

5/3/10 Village Clerk to Planning Board; RE: BMS site plan application

5/3/10 Board of Trustees meeting minutes;

5/3/10 Assemblywoman Christensen; RE: DOS Local Government Efficiency program;

5/4/10 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Planning; RE: referral for BMS site plan review;

5/4/10 Association of Mayors; RE: efforts related to County sales tax;

5/4/10 Village Clerk to American Legion #359; RE: annual Memorial Day Parade;

5/4/10 Village Clerk to NYS Department of State; RE: filing Local Law No. 1 of 2010 restrict parking on East Ave;

5/4/10 Department of Public Works; RE: resident’s complaints lawn damage at 110 Schrouder Street and 106 West Ave;

5/4/10 Web Inquiry; RE: afterschool program;

5/5/10 Housing Authority; RE: notice of meeting with Bennett Manor residents 5/27/10;

5/5/10 Village Clerk to OBG; RE: rural development application;

5/5/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: Key Bank reimbursement agreement;

5/5/10 Village Clerk to Housing Committee; RE: meeting on 5/27/10;

5/5/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: settlement agreement Stavropoulos;

5/5/10 Onondaga County Planning; RE: comment relate to Zoning variance application Stevenson;

5/6/10 Leasing2; RE: replacement Certificate of Origin;

5/6/10 National Grid; RE: East First Street gas relocation;

5/6/10 WM Engineers; RE: concrete specifications;

5/6/10 Senator Gillibrand; RE: announcement for WRDA project submittals;

5/6/10 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Community Development; RE: Kinne Street curbing and sidewalks project;

5/6/10 Village Clerk to East Syracuse Free Library; RE: 2009 annual agreement;

5/6/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: trees at 313 Dausman Street;

5/6/10 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes;

5/7/10 East Syracuse Fire Department; RE: new member;

5/7/10 LCS, Inc.;RE; FOIL request for environmental documents regarding One Chevy Drive;

5/8/10 Code Enforcement Officer; RE; disruptive conduct notice 509 North Center Street;

5/8/10 Web Inquiry; RE: Upton Street property;

5/9/10 J. French; RE: thanks for help in cleaning area near Valero;

5/10/10 Village Clerk to Fiscal Advisors; RE: Local Government Efficiency study;

5/10/10 W M Engineers; RE: construction startup East First Street project;

5/10/10 Web Inquiry; RE: tree in Ley Creek;

5/10/10 Web Inquiry; RE: swimming lessons;

5/10/10 WM Engineers; RE: Spray Park;

5/10/10 Web Inquiry; RE: participation in government school project;

5/10/10 WM Engineers; RE: BMS site plan comments;

5/10/10 WM Engineers; RE: Manlius Street corner park;

5/10/10 Department of State; RE: filing for Local Law No. 1, of 2010;

5/11/10 Treasurer to Bain Brown and DeLaura; RE: Management Discussion and Analysis;

5/11/10 Village Clerk to Town of DeWitt; RE: adopted budget;

5/11/10 Village Clerk to Onondaga County; RE: adopted budget;

5/11/10 Mayor's Association; RE: monthly meeting speaker;

5/11/10 Planning Board meeting minutes;

5/12/10 Wladis Law Firm; RE: opinion on application to WRDA;

5/12/10 Onondaga County Department of Law; RE: executed agreement – Stormwater Management;

5/13/10 Village Attorney; RE: Key Bank reimbursement;

5/14/10 Web Inquiry; RE: pretrial release court updates;

5/17/10 Web Inquiry; RE: trash and yardwaste pick-up schedule;

5/18/10 NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Places; RE: application deadline;

5/19/10 Code Enforcement Officer; RE; Disruptive conduct report 118 East Ellis Street;

5/19/10 Code Enforcement Officer; RE: home occupation 302 North Center Street;

5/19/10 Onondaga County Legislature; RE: resolution relative to sales tax;

5/20/10 Village Clerk to M. Malkoc; RE; trees at 313 Dausman Street;

5/20/10 LCS, Inc.; RE: FOIL for environmental documents 617 West Manlius Street;

5/21/10 Village Clerk to BMS; RE: site transformation project;

5/21/10 NYS DOT; RE: SEQR Lead Agency for BMS project;

5/21/10 Village Clerk to BMS; RE: Lead Agency;

5/24/10 Town of DeWitt; RE: assistance stopping suspect Officer Gray;

5/14/10 CNY Regional Planning & Development Board; RE: assistance to local MS4 communities;

5/24/10 WM Engineers; RE: East First Street road reconstruction;

5/24/10 USDA Rural Development; RE; reductions in eligible funding allocations;

5/25/10 NYS Real Property Services; Village of East Syracuse final equalization rate 114.28;

5/25/10 Village Clerk to PKY Associates; RE: distribution from Fire Service Award program;

5/25/10 Village Clerk to BMS; RE: Lead Agency;

5/25/10 Village Clerk to Town of DeWitt; RE: Fire Protection Services agreement;

5/25/10 Village Clerk to Chief of Police; RE: canvass in Village;

5/25/10 Web Inquiry; RE: grass and weeds;

5/25/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: County Legislature resolution;

5/25/10 WM Engineers; RE: annual report MS4;

5/25/10 Onondaga County Department of Law; RE: Community Development executed contract for Kinne Street curbs and sidewalks project;

5/26/10 Village Attorney; RE: discovery responses related to BMS tax matter;

5/26/10 NYS Senate; RE: support for proposed legislations related to consolidation and dissolution;

5/28/10 CNY regional Planning; RE: MS4 Stormwater Public Education and Outreach program;

5/27/10 Village Clerk to NYS Department of State; RE: Legislative Member Initiative project – community clock;

6/2/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: 313 Dausman Street trees;

6/2/10 Village Clerk to Syracuse New Times; RE: FOIL request for documents public improvement bonds;

6/2/10 Village Clerk to Village Attorney; RE: Bagg Street Park;

6/2/10 Code Enforcement Officer; RE: swimming pool 406 West Terrace Street;

6/2/10 Town of DeWitt; RE: information regarding alternate roofing system for Hanlon Pool;

6/2/10 Village Clerk to Chief of Police; RE: request to investigate alternate truck route from Center Street to Bagg Street;

6/3/10 Village Attorney; RE: judgment against Sansone;

6/3/10 SMTC; RE: USDOT notice of funding availability;

6/4/10

WM Engineers; RE; BMS site transformation project;