

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of East Syracuse
August 1, 2011

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mayor Danny J. Liedka** called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, August 1, 2011 to order at 6:00PM.

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

Also Present: Director Tom Richardson, Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby, and Assistant Fire Chief John Lang.

Excused: DPW Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III, Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe, Chief of Police Donald Morris, and Village Engineer Tom Compoli.

Six Village residents attended, including: Former Village trustee Julia Kanaley, Housing Authority Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, Zoning Board member (and neighborhood Watch Chairperson) Patricia Bacon, Newsletter Editor Mary Handlin, David Boldt, and Linda Carter.

Review of Correspondence A record of recent correspondence has been distributed to the Board of Trustees and all department heads to assist in monitoring activities.

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

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 43570 through 43750 and Abstract in the amount of 113,773.88 (2011) and \$32,892.40 (2010).

Discussion: Includes payments for 2010 for Suite Kote paving \$26,940, and United Radio \$4080.40, and Village Attorney retainer, Engineering services, Carrier maintenance, August health benefits 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 REVIEW

Mayor Liedka provided background information for the adjustments to last year's budget and transfer in current year. Welcome the involvement of Home Headquarters.

Motion – by Trustee Carr, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To authorize the Treasurer to make the budget adjustments to fiscal year 2010/2011, as needed.

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 Gehrke-Turner - To authorize the Treasurer to make the following budget transfers in fiscal year 2011/2012 and to correct the payroll expenditures:

To	Amount	From	Amount
A3410.0105 Part time Caretakers	\$20,000	A3410.0430.0002 Other Expenses	\$20,000
A3620.0430.0001 Safety Inspections Home Headquarters	\$ 500	A1990.0430 Contingency	\$ 500

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

Change in Meeting dates

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - Due to the Labor Day holiday the regular meeting for the 1st Monday will be held instead on **Monday, September 12th at 6PM.**

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

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Carr - To accept **Raymond Hale**, Forest Hill Drive, as a member of the East Syracuse Fire Department, effective July 6th.

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

Parks Department

Motion – by Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Carr - To hire **Eric Waltz** as Lifeguard at \$9/hr.

Discussion: Eric already works as a Pool Supervisor.

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

DPW – Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III

DRAINAGE PROJECTS – New piping and a catch basin was installed at 109 Phelps St. DPW repaired a catch basin and piping at 200 East Ave. Catch basins were marked throughout the village. (NO DUMPING DRAINS TO WATERWAY) as part of our MS4 requirements.

TRASH – Two special trash patrols were performed after high winds blew debris and tree limbs around.

PARKS & RECREATION – Handicap zones were painted at the park. Numerous flags were repaired and poles replaced. The park and ball fields were mowed as needed. DPW assisted with the fireworks weekend.

TREE WORK- A dangerous tree was removed at 200 Kinne Street. Trees were trimmed in the 100 block of East Manlius Street.

SIGN WORK – Areas were marked on Highland Ave and Manlius St. to show where pedestrians have the right-of-way through paved parking lots. These are areas where there are no true sidewalks. Graffiti was painted over on the bridges over CSX (Burnet Ave and NYS 290).

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Assisted the FD with various duties pertaining to their Field Days.

STREET REPAIR – Milled and filled numerous problem areas on Third St.

All other duties were performed such as trash and yard waste pick up, mowing routes, etc. August work will consist of street repairs and drainage work.

Police Department – Chief of Police Donald Morris
Subject: July 2011 Stats

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

36 Arrests
02 DWI arrests
129 Traffic stops
60? Traffic tickets issued
31 Parking tickets issued
23 Motor vehicle crashes investigated
666 Incidents

The TRACS electronic ticketing has not transmitted in several weeks making it impossible to accurately calculate the number of tickets issued during the month of July. The County and Kishmish are working to resolve this issue and as soon as the data is available it will be submitted for your review.

TRACS indicates 94 Traffic Tickets issued in June.

Mayor Liedka added congratulations to Charlene Andrianos for recognition and assistance in preparing for the annual accreditation audit.

Court – Justice Donald M. Benack, Jr.

No Court on August 30 due to fifth week of the month.

Will be applying for next years JCAP grant. Looking into some construction work off of Judge's chambers. Will be looking at estimates and to see exactly what we are looking at.

Had numerous problems with tracks system. Think it is working up to speed now. Had problem with system. Thanks the Chief Morris for keeping up on it - really appreciated his help in this matter.

Getting in our reservations for our conference next month.

Last time that judges and clerks will be together due to the size of parties coming to these conferences.

Petit Larcenies seem to be up at Wal-Mart this past month.

Trustee Tolhurst has sat in at court and appreciate his presence.

Fire Department –

Mayor Liedka noted that the annual Firemen’s Field Days were the weekend of the 23rd & 24th. Thursday and Friday had low attendance. Will be looking at ways to make more successful. Weather was a factor in attendance.

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Community Weekend

Ice Cream Social was enjoyed by all age groups. . Thanks to ESM Marching band & ESMYS Cheerleaders for providing food , ice cream and refreshments

Fireworks – Awesome display again this year. Zambelli Fireworks put on a great show as usual. Thanks to all organizations that participated. Also thanks to police, Fire Department and Eaves, and the DPW.

POOL

Hanlon Pool passed inspection by Health Department with not a single infraction of any type.

Swimming lessons – classes have been filled to almost capacity in all sessions. Monday & Wednesday evenings, as well as Saturday mornings have been a big hit

Pool hours were extended over the heat wave. On one of the hottest days over 260 people signed in to swim

TASTE OF EAST SYRACUSE – will be on this Wednesday, August 3rd from 5 - 9. Area businesses and organizations will be selling food. Other organizations will be providing a bounce house, kiddy games and face painting. Fire Dept. will be providing a smoke house. Noisy Boys will provide entertainment

Concert Series – Wednesday evenings in July. Miss E, TJ Sacco, Horn dogs And Nick Mulpagano performed. Mulpagano and his impersonation show drew the biggest crowd (this was his 11th year at the park.

Seniors have been keeping busy. Senior luncheons on Monday & Wednesdays will continue at Heman Street. Upcoming events include ,Ryder Park Picnic (August 2nd), Mount Airy (August 15th) and the State Fair (August 30th)

East Syracuse Youth Day Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 27th at Ellis Field Park (10:00 – 2:00). Free back packs filled with supplies will be given out to all children that attend. Free food and entertainment will also be provided.

Parks Director Tom Richardson reported that if rain on Wednesday, Taste of East Syracuse will be moved to Thursday.

Code Enforcement – Director of Operations Frank Stirpe

- I. Rental Inspections
 - A. Initial inspection –56 units
 - B. Re-inspections – 93 units
 - C. Total potential rentals – 875; Currently rentals – 782
 - D. Registered 2011 -311 structures

- II. Fire Inspections
 - A. Place of Assembly – 4
 - B. Commercial – 4
 - C. Multi-families –
 - 9 structures
 - 31 units

- III. Housing Court NO COURT IN JULY
 - A. Court Order to Inspect - 0
 - B. Rental Inspections - 1
 - C. Ordered to apply to ZBA for use variance – 0
 - D. Ordered to register –1
 - E. Outdoor Storage – 1
 - F. Nuisance Vehicles – 0
 - G. Parking Violation - 0
 - H. Property Maintenance - 2
 - I. Illegal Signs -0
 - J. Zoning -0

- IV. Notices/Violations Cited
 - A. Outdoor Storage – 3
 - B. Nuisance Vehicles – 1
 - C. Grass – 9, ordered cut - 6
 - D. Property Maintenance – 3
 - E. Signs – 0
 - F. Pools – 0
 - G. Rental Reg. – delinquent notices - 3
 - H. Communication Towers – 0
 - I. Sprinkler Inspections – 4
 - J. Stop Work Orders – 0
 - K. Order to Vacate – 1 now in compliance - 1
 - L. Disruptive Conduct Notices Mailed – 5 Eviction Proceedings -2

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

- VI. Planning Board – Mineo Wholesale to be continued in August
- VII. Zoning Board of Appeals – No meeting
- VIII. 4 violation notices issued for containers left at curb

Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby

Holidays and Events

Summer hours at the Municipal appear to be working out fine. We will close at noon for 5 more Fridays or until Labor Day.

Because the Labor day holiday September 5th the Board of Trustees' meeting will be the next week – Monday, September 12th at 6PM.

There will be no change for garbage pick-up, but yard waste will be on Tuesday instead that week.

Insurance

The Village received \$7705 from NYMIR as part of their return of reciprocal payments. The Village has received three (3) payments for a total of \$23,115 toward the \$30,822 of the original capitalization payment.

This reflects the strength of NYMIR's programs and management that they are returning this surplus to the participating municipalities.

Grants

DEC Consent Order

We have completed three (3) drawdowns with EFC for a total of \$274,324.67.

With funding in place, I expect that the set up and design will be in place shortly for bidding the storage tank project and satisfying the remediation plan with the DEC, as per the Consent order.

Brownfield Opportunities Areas

The Brownfield Opportunities Areas Steering Committee met on Thursday, July 21st. They are reviewing the draft RFQ and will accept proposals from selected Architect and Engineering firms for the completion of the Design Guidelines; Economic Feasibility report and Market Analysis.

Local Government Efficiency

Scott Sittig from Center from Government Research is working on the initial narrative report following interviews with Town of DeWitt Assessor Jean Rayfield looking at possible consolidation of functions. Recommendations and a plan for proceeding will be included in the report.

Other areas for consideration include:

1. Parks & Recreation
2. Justice Courts
3. Ambulance Services
4. Code Enforcement and Planning & Zoning; and
5. DPW/Highways/Snow removal and Water service

Projects

Community Development – Worth Street sewers – we are looking to re-schedule the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with Nina Andon McLane to get the Contractor AXL Hunter going on the sanitary sewer and drainage portions of the project. Work schedule should not exceed 60 days.

Reconnect First Street – Still no further work by Mr. Santaro on that portion of First Street road reconstruction.

Also no activity from the State to reconstruct the connecting roadway underneath the Bridge, but State crews are active on the Bridge Street interchange work in the Town of DeWitt.

Other Committees and Boards

Zoning – will take up the application by Craig Tymofy for the Featherly property on West Manlius Street again on August 4th.

Planning – Mineo's will return in August with revised plans following recommendations and suggestions at the July 12th meeting. on June 14th.

August Birthdays:

Randall Rhoades August 31st

Mayor Liedka commented on the efforts of the Board in pursuing grants, particularly in the area of shared services. Will be analyzing all areas of operations. This information will be shared and discussed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
(Liaison reports and financial updates)

Trustee James E. Carr, Jr. – (DPW and Code Enforcement) – Congratulated the Police and DPW for job well done for Fireworks and Field Days. Looking forward to the Taste of East Syracuse.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce – (Fire Department) – Field Days were sluggish Thursday and Friday.

Truck 2 is out of service with broken springs.

Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner – (Parks) Enjoyed the Fireworks.

Flowers on main street still look great. Thanks to Barb for securing them.

Enjoy the summer.

Trustee Chad Tolhurst – (Court) – Thanked the Chief for the great job out on the field and for help in resolving the TRACS system issues for the Court.

Court is doing fine.

Mayor Danny J. Liedka – (Police and Village Office) – Have had several meetings with the County, for shared purchasing and with Planning regarding the new Comprehensive Plan that will encompass the Towns and Villages within the County too.

Still awaiting word from NY State on the Heman Street School housing project. Should hear in August.

Commented on the article in the newspaper that compared tax rates between Skaneateles and Fulton. While the Village of East Syracuse has the highest tax rate in the County, we also provide more services than other Villages. Not necessarily a fair comparison. Need to look at the cost for services, such as Police and Parks, as well as assessed property values. Goal in to decrease our tax rate, but the article was misleading.

Excited about Home Headquarters partnering with the Village to acquire properties and encourage owner occupied. Welcome their help in cleaning up the area on West Manlius Street. Urge anyone that can to volunteer on the 18th of August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Trips

Picnic – Ryder Park – Tuesday, August 2nd

Mount Airy Casino – Monday, August 15th

NYS Fair, Tuesday, August 30th

Summer Pool Events

Thursday, August 11th **Pizza Pool Party**

Ellis Field Events and Activities

Wednesday, August 3rd Tie Dye Day 1PM

Wednesday, August 17th Frisbee Golf 1PM

Turning Stone Trips

Tuesday, September 20th

Taste of East Syracuse Wednesday, August 3rd at North Center Street, Municipal Building with *Noisy Boys*

Youth Activities

East Syracuse Youth Day Picnic – Backpack giveaway – Saturday, August 27th

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Pat Bacon noted difficulties at the intersection across from Wal-Mart. Not an advance turn on green. Problem when everyone turns at once.

Mayor Liedka asked that concerns be put in writing and he will deliver to the proper State authority. Route 290 is a State road.

Sally Seeley wondered about progress with completing the First Street road reconstruction project. What the DPW has done looks great.

Mayor Liedka reports that the work on private property owned by Mr. Santaro is delayed due to a dispute. Still has some curbing and adding an island to finish. Believes that the State will be working their way down – currently working at Rt 690 intersection on Bridge Street.

Sally Seeley thought the fireworks were exceptional this year. Nice night and a great turn-out.

David Boldt and **Linda Carter** were concerned with the proposed storage tank to be built at the end of East Ellis Street. Would like to see plans.

Mayor Liedka offered that the drawings are not available yet but will be shared with the Mosher Street group when they are. Tank is designed by the Engineers.

Assured that the enclosed tank will not impact the health of residents or environment. Will be used infrequently to hold overflow storm water, not just sewage. Village is obligated to take these remedial actions because of the DEC Consent Order.

Will meet again with the Mosher Street group and the Village engineers to explain how to reconnect the sump pumps to flow to new drainage install along Mosher and Ellis.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk

*Minutes were distributed **unapproved** to Board of Trustees and Department Heads on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.*

Review of Correspondence

6/30/11 Senator Charles Schumer; RE: 2011 Museums for America grant program;

7/5/11 O'Brien & Gere; RE: USDA Rural development environmental response update;

7/7/11 USDA; RE: Rural development's preliminary notice of potential conversions to floodplains and wetlands and notice of availability of the environmental assessment;

7/8/11 Code Enforcement Officer; RE: Disruptive conduct report 117 East Manlius Street;

7/8/11 Village Clerk to Fire Secretary; RE: membership;

7/11/11 Web Inquiry; RE: rental registration;

7/11/11 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Comptroller; RE: shared services;

7/11/11 Village Clerk to CNY Regional Planning and Development Board; RE: amended memorandum of agreement;

7/12/11 Congresswoman Ann Marie Buerkle; RE: Congressional Cancer summit;

7/13/11 P. O'Connor; RE: complaint of pothole on Burnet Ave;

7/13/11 P. O'Connor; RE: appreciation of response to fill pothole;

7/15/11 WM Engineers; RE: Worth Street Drainage notice of intent to award;

7/15/11 Village Clerk to Flaherty & O'Hara; RE: renewal application;

7/15/11 Goetzmann & Associates; RE: 2012 proposed community rates;

7/15/11 Village Clerk to NYS EFC; RE; supplemental certificate of determination advance #3;

7/15/11 NYSEDA; RE; extension for incentive award for Hanlon Pool enclosure project;

7/16/11 Code Enforcement Officer; RE: response to property maintenance complains at West Ave;

7/16/11 Code Enforcement Officer; RE; disruptive conduct report 201 Kinne Street;

7/18/11 Time Warner; RE; government relations update;

7/19/11 Village Attorney to Welch Construction; RE; LeFleur Constructors;

7/19/11 Senator Charles Schumer; RE: 2011 America's Media Makers grant;

7/20/11 Village Treasurer; RE: request for extension to file annual report;

7/21/11 ESM School District; RE: extending use of Heman Street school;

7/21/11 DPW Superintendent; RE: Bristol Myers Squibb Co. Phase I site transformation project;

7/21/11 Village Clerk to Crowley Insurance; RE; summons and complaint concerning November 21, 2010 motor vehicle accident;

7/21/11 Village Attorney; RE: BJ's stipulation of discontinuance;

7/21/11 Office of State Comptroller; RE: 60 day extension to file annual report;