

**PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
FIVE (5) YEAR PLAN
February 15, 2010**

6:00PM Public Hearing – To formulate a five-year plan for Village Projects for which Community Development funding will be requested:

Mayor Liedka called the hearing to order at 6:02PM.

Last year’s submittal was:

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE
Community Development		

Prior to the Public Hearing the Board of Trustees met with William Morse and Tom Compoli from WM Engineers regarding improvements and potential capital construction projects.

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE
2009	Kinne Street sidewalks & curbs	\$175,000+
2010	Worth Street Sewers	\$183,973
2011	Court resurfacing – basketball & tennis	
2012	Nature Trail	
2013	Spray Park	

The following suggestions may be selected for inclusion in a five year plan:

- Sewer project Horton Street;
- Sewer project Worth Street
- Pool Enclosure – possibly 2 Phases
- Manlius Street – Vision Plan items: fencing & screening; pocket parks; facades; entry signage;
- Expanded Skate Park
- Park pavilion and parking;
- Park – walking/nature trail;
- Park – Ice Rink;

Comments:

Tom Compoli, WM Engineers reported that from that last year’s project Kinne Street curbs and sidewalks was approved for \$90,000. Following discussions with the Board of Trustees proposing that projects be submitted as follows:

Worth Street sewers – storm and sanitary
Hanlon Pool Community Center – Phase I
Hanlon Pool Community Center - Phase II
Nature Trail and parking
Manlius Street Vision Plan improvement – Phase I

Tom Compoli reviewed estimates for Worth Street sewers and for Pool Enclosure project. Worth Street will replace sanitary and storm sewers, provide a storm lateral for residents to direct sump pumps toward and pave the street. Water was replaced a few years ago.

Pool project is broken out into two phases (the geothermal and the enclosure) but must be done as a complete project.

Mayor Danny J. Liedka suggested that the Manlius Street Vision Plan be moved up on the list. Have other activities for Manlius Street, but want to show progress on Vision Plan items.

Mayor Liedka reviewed other funding requests, including federal appropriations. Want to plan solid projects, with achievable timelines. Do not want to have to go back to Community Development and make changes to approved project. Pool project is going to take coordinated efforts with federal and state funding, as well as participation with the School District and the Town. There is a lot involved in Pool project. Need to be flexible.

DPW Superintendent Ronald Russell, III noted that Worth Street sewer will help with drainage issues on the west-end of Village. May have tie-in with DEC Consent Order remediation efforts.

Park Director Tom Richardson appreciates the inclusion of Pool in 5 year planning process. Year-round pool operations are sorely missed, for both senior and youth programming.

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORKING SESSION
Village of East Syracuse
February 15, 2010**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mayor Danny J. Liedka** called the regular meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees for Monday, February 15, 2010 to order at 6:15PM.

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, Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby, Judge Donald M. Benack, Jr. and Village Engineer Tom Compoli.

Excused: Chief of Police Donald Morris, Treasurer Christopher Hoch, and Code Enforcement Officer Frank Stirpe.

Two Village residents attended Housing Authority Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, and Cathy Crandall.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 40110 through 40221 and Abstract in the amount of \$294,434.85

Discussion: Mayor Liedka added vouchers for Wladis (less disputed amount). Abstracts includes payments for: 1992 Sewer Bond payment (\$78,399.8); Hanlon Pool construction BAN (\$60,400); utilities (outdoor lighting (\$7245.95) and telephones, including cell phones; Village attorney retainer (\$4000) Fire Department OSHA refresher course (\$1520); Tyler Equipment proton meters (\$1925); salt (\$3995); IFS contract (\$5300); agreement with HR One (\$4000); fuel (\$6225.60) and fire protection services with ESFD (\$95,000)

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

Community Development

Prior to the Public Hearing the Board of Trustees met with William Morse and Tom Compoli from WM Engineers regarding improvements and potential capital construction projects.

Tom Compoli reviewed the cost estimates for selected projects:

Worth Street Sewers: \$146,132.22 for sanitary sewer; \$49,598.21 storm sewer; Community Center/Pool Enclosure – Fiberglass structure with siding roof \$1,872,000; Geothermal \$585,635.70.

Motion – by Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - That the 2010 Community Development Grant Application be submitted for project identified as “Worth Street sewers”, and further, that the following schedule for anticipated projects and grant submittals be accepted, with “Phase I for Hanlon Pool Community Center” considered the second or alternate choice for 2010.

YEAR	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE
2010	Worth Street Sewers	\$ 195,730.43
2011	Hanlon Pool Community Center – Phase I	585,635
2012	Hanlon Pool Community Center – Phase II	1,872,000
2013	Manlius Street Vision Plan – Phase I	
2014	Nature Trail	

WM Engineers are directed to prepare and submit the 2010 Community Development Grant Application; and

It is further understood that the Village of East Syracuse, as its contribution to the program will assume engineering costs related to the projects.

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

Rural Development

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - That the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees intends to file an application for funding with the USDA Rural Development. The project will consist of remediation of drainage and sewer issues throughout the Village of East Syracuse related to DEC Consent Order.

Discussion: Mayor Liedka noted that Worth Street sewer work may be included under financing. If applicable, may need to flip Community Development funding priorities.

Working with O’Brien & Gere on funding applications. Received preliminary approval for \$1.7 million grant and up to \$1 million low interest loan for DEC Consent Order remediation projects.

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

Tax/Assessment Update

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

The Village of East Syracuse remains an Independent Assessing Unit, but bases its Assessment Roll on the Town of DeWitt Assessment Roll.

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To accept the resignation of **part-time Police Officer Brian Zinsmeyer** from the ESPD effective February 12, 2010.

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

Elections Update: Announcement of Candidates:

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010 the Annual Village Election will be held to elect Two (2) Trustees (each for a one-time 5 year term).

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Conservative Party James E. Carr, Jr., 108 West Henrietta Street
Robert Murphy, 112 Schrouder Street

Independent Nominating Committees:

People’s Party James E. Carr, Jr. 108 West Henrietta Street
Barbara Falcone Quonce, 214 Dausman Street

Citizens Party Howard Evans, 708 North Center Street
Robert Murphy, 112 Schrouder Street

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

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

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

Fire Department

Annual Elections

Motion – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - That the **East Syracuse Fire Department** shall conduct its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, by popular vote, at 7:30PM.

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

Membership

Motion – by Trustee Tolhurst, seconded by Trustee Gehrke-Turner - To accept **Nate Baker**, West Manlius Street, as a new member of the East Syracuse Fire Department, effective February 2, 2010.

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

Buildings - Annual Service Agreements

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To revoke the authorization for Mayor to sign annual service agreement with **Penn Power Systems** for 1 year term for Emergency Generator and transfer switches, and authorize that agreement be executed with **911 Generators** for \$426/year.

Discussion: Mayor Liedka noted that 911 Generators has an expanded scope of services, for less. They also conducted an audit and discovered that the system can be reconfigured to provide emergency power to more vital areas within the system.

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

Parks and Recreation - Trips & Events

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To approve the offering program senior trip to **Turning Stone Casino** on Friday, **April 9**, 2010 for adults 21+ years of age. Cost for Village residents is \$11, \$13 for non-residents. Trip includes bus transportation, \$15 free play and \$5 food coupon. 22 spots will be reserved for Village residents, with 20 for non-residents. Pre-registration required. Payment due at sign-up. \$5 fee charged for all refunds. No refund unless spot on bus can be filled. Bus leaves St. Matthew's Church at 10AM (pick-up Bennett Manor at 9:30AM) returns approximately

5PM. Estimate expenditures are \$320 for bus and 6 hours staff time. With 42 attending estimated revenue is \$502 with a \$32 return to the Village.

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

Senior Day Trips

Motion – by Trustee Gehrke-Turner, seconded by Trustee Tolhurst - To approve offering program - senior trip to **Fingerlakes Racetrack** on Tuesday, **May 18th**. Cost for Village residents is \$26, \$28 for non-residents. Trip includes motor coach transportation, luncheon buffet, \$10 in coin bonus, and BINGO on the bus. Pre-registration required. Payment due at sign-up. No refunds unless seat is filled, \$5 fee for all refunds.

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 approve offering program matinee dinner cabaret for groups ***Diva and the Italian Guy*** on Thursday, **April 29th**. Cost for Village residents is \$40, \$45 for non-residents. (A portion of the costs is being underwritten by a generous donation from an anonymous donor) Trip includes bus transportation, cabaret variety show, sit down lunch, stop at Batavia Downs Casino with \$10 in free play, and BINGO on the bus. Pre-registration required. Payment due at sign-up. \$5 fee charged for all refunds. No refund unless spot on bus can be filled. Bus will depart Bennett Manor at 8:45AM and St. Matthew’s Church at 9AM. Will return approximately 9PM.

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

Youth Activities/Program Participation

Motion – by Deputy Mayor Quonce, seconded by Trustee Carr - To participate in **East Syracuse Youth Day Picnic** on Saturday, August 21st from 11AM to 3PM at the Ellis Field/Hanlon Pool This event is to help children from preschool to elementary get the school supplies they need. ***Event is free.*** Backpacks will be given out filled with school supplies to each registered child that attends. Food & refreshments will be served.

Discussion: Parks Director Tom Richardson reported that will incorporate use of the pool as part of this community event.

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 conduct the Annual East Egg Hunt **on Saturday, April 3rd** at Ellis Field Park starting at 10AM sharp, for ages 10 and under.

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

Changes to February Break activities

Monday, February 15th – Movie and Lazor Tag at Shoppingtown Mall for youth 7 to 14 years old. Cost is \$15, includes movie and 2 games Lazor tag. No transportation – meet at Fun Junction at 12:45PM.

Tuesday, February 16th – Roller Skating party for youth K – 6 at *St. Matthew's School Gym* from 1PM to 2:30PM. Cost is **\$5.00**. Skates are provided

Wednesday, February 17th – Youth BINGO and Ice Cream Party at East Syracuse Elementary School for youth 13 and under. Cost is \$3.00 BINGO starts at 11AM (parents are welcome to help their children). Bring your lunch. Refreshments will be provided with Ice Cream Party from 12:15 to 12:45PM.

Wednesday, February 17th – CNY Karate afternoon of fun & games at *St. Matthew's School Gym* from 1:00PM to 2:30PM. Cost is **free**.

Thursday, February 18th – Youth Bowling for youth ages 5 to 13 at Bowl-Mor Lanes. Will meet at BowlMor Lanes. Cost is \$6, includes 2 games and shoes. Tournament begins at 9:30AM. Trophies awarded in each age group.

Friday, February 19th – Gymnastics Party at CNY Gymnastics Center located in Shoppingtown Mall for youth 6 – 13. Cost is \$10 includes 1 ½ hours of gymnastics. Program runs from 10:00 to 11:30AM. No bus transportation, Meet at entrance located near Dick's Sporting.

Discussion: Some events have been moved from East Syracuse Elementary over to the gym at St. Matthew's School.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Village Treasurer's Report

The budget process is moving along. We have received all department numbers. I plan to present a draft of the preliminary budget to the Board of Trustees and the Mayor within the next two weeks. This draft will include a summary pertaining to each department, expected revenues and expenditures for the 1010-11 fiscal year. I truly appreciate the support and attentiveness from the Village department directors and the Village Office staff. This has helped me tremendously and eases the acclimation process.

I would like to start an operations manual relative to the fiscal activities and financial operations of the Village. We should consider including the following information:

- How we record receipts, expenditures and postings to all accounts;
- Budget information and line item thresholds;
- Debt schedule with vendor information and payment dates;
- Banking and payment request procedures;
- Purchasing discrepancies, payment vouchers and department transfer requests;
- Copies of all current vendor contracts, service arrangements and expectations.

Although the above information is only a snap shot of what may end up in the manual, this initiative will be a work in progress. I am hopeful the documented procedures and practices will increase the transparency regarding how we do business. In turn, this should increase our efficiency and knowledge with regard to our activities.

Mayor Liedka commented that the budget process continues to move forward. Still work to do to get to a more reasonable number. Making progress and the Treasurer is getting up to speed with KVS and other duties of the position.

DPW – Superintendent Ronald A. Russell, III

MS4 Work - DPW has continued cleaning catch basins to comply with MS4 guidelines. We hope to clean 100% of the basins this year by late spring. Work is performed as weather allows.

Safety meetings - Annual instructional meetings on various safety programs and procedures related to DPW operations have been. Some of the procedures reviewed were the lockout tag out program, right to know laws, use of MSDS reports and other topics. These meetings are help to make DPW operations safer and to satisfy PESH requirements. All meetings are documented and employees are required to sign in to verify attendance.

Sign Work - Signs that are damaged, faded, or missing continue to be addressed by sign crews as weather allows. Priority is given to signs controlling intersections.

Utility Maps - DPW continues to map all properties in the Village for utility locations. Sewer vents and cleanouts are located along with water valve boxes etc.

Parks and Recreations - The DPW has been taking care of damaged playground equipment listed in a NYMIR survey. Swings have been repaired; structural

problems with some of the playground equipment have been taken care of. We have done some repair work on the Wisniewski Building. There are still some remaining issues that will be taken care of as soon as snow season is over such as increasing the fall safety zone around most of the structures listed in the NYMIR survey.

Trash Patrol - DPW has sent out special crews to pick up limbs, trash and other debris after high wind conditions.

Snow Related Activities - Numbers to date (2/15/10) are down a little from last year. The following is a brief summary:

2008-2009			
<u>Salt Trips</u>	<u>Plow Trips</u>	<u>Sidewalk Plow</u>	<u>Municipal Lots</u>
50	37	27	38
2009-2010			
46	29	21	22

We also have loaded snow on 3 days this year compared to 9 days last year by this date. DPW has continued with other duties including trash pick-ups, plow maintenance, take down and store Christmas decorations, tree work and numerous other DPW functions.

Mayor Liedka thanked the DPW. Doing a great job. Especially appreciate the help with the NYMIR survey/recommendations. This is a busy time for DPW. Thankful to be out of the water business when the zero degree temperatures lead to water breaks.

Police Department – Chief of Police Donald Morris

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

- 33 Arrests
- 05 DWI arrests
- 97 Traffic stops
- 58 Traffic tickets issued
- 40 Parking tickets issued
- 22 Motor vehicle crashes investigated
- 650 Incidents investigated

Court – Justice Donald M. Benack, Jr.

Judges from Town of Dewitt and Judge Benack are finding new phone system to be working very well. Each person always has coverage and police are able to get a judge when needed.

Just waiting for check for Grant Moneys. As they say, check will be in the mail soon!!!!

Lot of people paying fines - tax season and many do pay off their fines to get licenses back.

Judge Benack will be speaking with Neighborhood Watch group this month.

No court on 2/16/10 and 3/16/10 due to grievance day and election day.

Judge Benack reported that they are busy. Awaiting the arrival now for an arraignment from Town of Salina.

Fire Department – Chief Michael Cramer

The only things he has for tonight is:

- There are 8 different fire departments looking at old Engine 1
- Nate Baker started today
- The mailer for the big dollar raffle will be going out March 1st

Mayor Liedka reported on attending the Fire Legislative Breakfast last Saturday along with Trustee Carr. The keynote speaker was fantastic. Well attended and very informative.

Learned of a department in the southern tier that had a fire at their station. Lost all their equipment but one ambulance. Will look into if any of our surplus equipment can be loaned to them until they get back on their feet again. Too bad that old Engine 1 is not equipped.

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Youth

Youth February Break activities started today. 30 children attended the movies and laser tag at Shopping town Mall. Activities will continue the rest of the week.

Instructional Basketball completed its 6th week. Children & coaches doing a great job

Seniors

The Valentine's Day Card party in the new senior room (3rd floor Village office) was attended by 17 senior citizens. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the new facility.

The Harlem Globetrotters were attended by a small group of Seniors. The Village van was used to save on bus costs

Monthly tip to Turning Stone is Next Thursday, February 25th. There are a few spots available on bus.

Parks Director Tom Richardson reported that the seniors enjoyed the third floor senior room for the Valentine's Day card party. Had 17 seniors attend. Looking forward to other events and activities in the future. Mayor Liedka reminded that seniors can access the room anytime during regular business hours.

Code Enforcement – Director of Operations Frank Stirpe

- I. Rental Inspections
 - A. Initial inspection –43 units
 - B. Re-inspections – 4 units
 - C. Total potential rentals – 869; Currently rentals – 773
 - D. Registered 2010 -246 structures

- II. Fire Inspections
 - A. Place of Assembly – 2
 - B. Commercial – 2
 - C. Multi-families –
 - 2 structures
 - 8 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 – 1
 - F. Nuisance Vehicles – 0
 - G. Parking Violation - 0
 - H. Property Maintenance - 2
 - I. Illegal Signs -0
 - J. Zoning -1

- IV. Notices/Violations Cited
 - A. Outdoor Storage – 3
 - B. Nuisance Vehicles – 2
 - C. Grass – 0, ordered cut - 0
 - D. Property Maintenance – 3
 - E. Signs – 0
 - F. Pools – 0

- G. Rental Reg. – delinquent notices - 30
- H. Communication Towers – 0
- I. Sprinkler Inspections – 2
- J. Stop Work Orders – 0
- K. Order to Vacate – 0 now in compliance - 0
- L. Disruptive Conduct Notices Mailed – 3 Eviction Proceedings -0

- V. Uniform Code Complaints – 4 Corrected/Unfounded – 3 Pending - 1

- VI. Proposals -

- VII. Planning Board – No meeting

- VIII. Zoning Board of Appeals – Heman Street Senior Housing awarded Use Variance

Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby

Employee Matters - The agreement with HR One has been executed. Payment will be made in this week’s abstract. The next step will be to meet with Bill Rodger and set up the workplan and schedule for re-doing the Employee Handbook and the Drug & Alcohol policy. The Safety Committee will be the lead on the Drug & Alcohol policy and basically the same members, the Department Heads (Chief of Police, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Judge, Parks Director and Village Clerk) will take the lead on the Employee Handbook, before both are presented to the Board of Trustees to finalize before formally adopted. The Safety Committee will meet again on February 16th.

The Safety Committee will also continue work for the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy . Looking for copies of completed surveys to identify potential situations. This information is necessary to customize the policy.

Budget Preparation -The Treasurer and the Mayor have met to review the tentative budget from the Department Heads submittals. Further meetings will be had with the Board of trustees to see if we can get closer so that a tax rate increase will not be needed.

The Budget must be adopted before May 1st with the Public Hearing conducted by April 15th.

Village Elections - The Village Elections on March 16th will be contested. Petitions were received from Citizen Party for Bob Murphy and Howard Evans, and the People’s Party for incumbents Barb and Jim. The Conservative Party endorsed candidates the end of January – they are endorsing Jim Carr and Bob Murphy.

The terms, for this one time only, for the Two Trustee positions will be five-years. Village Registration Day will be Saturday, March 6th.

Assessments -Village Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 16th from 4PM to 8PM in the Municipal Building Court Room. The Board sits, with the Acting Assessor, as the Board of Assessment Review. Karen Serens met with the Town of DeWitt assessor to review some of the proposed changes and to make sure that they are aware of other changes.

As it stands now the assessed property for the entire Village is 196,439,958. This is 2,014,910 more than last year. Last year the Town of DeWitt did an overall re-val for the Village.

Grants - Met with Elaine Miller regarding finalizing the workplan for the Brownfield Opportunities Area grant. Approved for \$121,000. Looking to complete Design Guidelines, Lighting audit (for Manlius Street – Bridge to Bridge) and a Market Study/Economic Feasibility Study.

One recommendation is that a Steering Committee be formed for the BOA program. This Committee should include a cross section of the community, including someone from the Town of DeWitt, local business, senior & youth groups, etc. Appointments will be made at the Annual Organizational Meeting April 5th.

O'Brien & Gere is working on the application for the USDA Rural Development grant. The Village has been preliminarily approved for \$1,790,000 grant and \$1 million loan (current interest rate is 2.37%).

Wladis' Office has assisted with submitting applications for federal appropriations for the Community Center/Hanlon Pool Enclosure and Kinne Street. Applications were submitted to Senator Gillibrand, Senator Schumer, and Congressman Maffei.

Nothing yet to report regarding the two Local Government Efficiency grants, by Fiscal Advisor for the studies regarding police consolidation with the Town of DeWitt and other shared services with the Town.

We heard that the two applications submitted 2009 Local Government Efficiency Grant program – for shared purchases with Highway Department, or help with the emergency/second source waterline construction were not funded.

The deadline for 2010 is February 24th, but at this time we are not planning on applying. We are awaiting the information from the two studies, to then move forward with applications for implementation from those recommendations.

Barbara Rivette has started work on the 2009 LGRMIF grant for historical records assessment. She is starting with an inventory of historically significant Village Records. If we have enough money, we'll proceed with work to upgrade the Centennial booklet. We only have \$2275.

The application for the 2010 LGRMIF was submitted electronically. Applied for \$12,503 to digitize Planning and Zoning records, including the purchase of General Code's *Laserfiche* software (\$6550) and their help with processing the records (4446)

Still waiting on the other applications submitted, including:

- New York State Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation – for the Enclosure at Hanlon Pool (submitted September 14th).
- DEC Water Quality Improvement Projects, Round 10 (deadline October 6th). WM Engineers prepared this application for components of the work plan under the Consent Order – to repair manholes and change the connection for roof drains.

Projects

Community Development- Manlius Street Revitalization – Titan Construction completed the first phase of the work – installing the electrical. They will return in the spring to finish the design elements and move the trees.

Reconnect First Street – Opening bids on February 26th. NYS DOT plans their work for August 2010.

Other Committees and Boards

Zoning – at the Hearing on February 9th the ZBA granted a use variance for the Heman Street School at 121 East Heman Street to be converted to 37 units senior housing. Lakewood Development has applied for federal funding and tax credits. They will know if they were accepted by July. If approved they expect to begin construction by September with completion and open for tenants by December 2011. They will still have to go before our Planning Board and the Board of Trustees for site plan approval.

Planning – No meeting in February. Many members attended the ZBA hearing regarding Heman Street Senior Housing, in anticipation of the site plan review process.

Safety Committee – will meet February 16th. Continuing work on the Drug & Alcohol policy and Workplace Violence Prevention policy.

Revitalization – Beautification Committee – will meet again in the Spring.

Housing Committee - working with Bennett Manor new manager to schedule residents meeting.

Ellis Field Committee – no activities.

Upcoming Events

The Village will host a Records Management Workshop in our Court Room on Wednesday, April 14th for *Electronic Records Management*.

Mayor's Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, February 17th continuing the discussions on County Sales Tax. This will also be the topic at the February 25th meeting of the CNY Clerk/Treasurer's – so Chris & I will get the information then. There are several meeting set for the County's Sales tax Committee in March.

NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, February 21st, 22nd, & 23rd (The Mayor Liedka will not be able to attend – so we will not have anyone there this year)

Planning Federation Symposium on March 4th at OnCenter (Zoning Board members Pat Bacon & Jim Voodre, Planning Board member Bob Murphy and Planning & Zoning Attorney John Marzocchi will attend).

MS4 Stormwater Training for Municipal Planning Board members Tuesday February 23rd at Genesee Grand Hotel (Planning Board member Bonnie Palmer will attend).

March Birthdays:

Jim Carr – March 13th
Bob Chamberlain – March 19th
Paula Lynch – March 24th

Mayor Liedka commented further on the Sales Tax issue for Villages. County agreement is set to expire December 2010. Currently Village gets approximately \$350,000 a year. Will be devastating loss and put a lot of Villages at risk. Will discuss the issue further at Wednesday's meeting of Mayors. Also plan to attend as a group County scheduled meetings.

Mayor Liedka reported on meeting with Brownfield Opportunity Areas program coordinator Elaine Miller. Exciting that concept can also include housing perspective. NYS interested in potential for Village of East Syracuse.

Mayor Liedka noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the use variance for the Heman Street Senior Housing project. Allows developer to proceed with application for federal support and tax credits. If approved, construction may begin in September for this \$6 million project.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REMARKS

Trustee James E. Carr, Jr. noted that it's an average winter, but DPW is performing above average. Streets and sidewalks look great.

Attended the ZBA hearing regarding proposed project at Heman Street School, along with Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner. Great project. Will be nice project for the Village.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Falcone Quonce thanked Parks Director Tom Richardson for great job on the Card Party. Had prizes and lunch available for the seniors that attended. Looking forward to more activities.

Trustee Chad Tolhurst noted that the newest Fire House Caretaker, Nate Baker started today. Great addition to the department.

Gearing up for a busy time, with Elections and Budget preparation.

Trustee Jodi Gehrke-Turner reports that Court is busy, as indicated by the incoming arraignment for robbery charges ion the Town of Salina.

Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was interesting.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Judge Donald Benack noted that the grant was approved – will have a new sound system in place, with a microphone at each station on the bench and at the two tables soon. Had estimates for the grant application, but will put out to bid before purchase system. Mayor Liedka will review bid specs before putting out to bid.

Judge Benack reported that several Judges have commented favorably on the Village Court operations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby
Village Clerk