



**Village of East Syracuse**  
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**Mayor**  
Lorene Dadey

**Village Board Meeting**  
**January 4, 2023**

**Deputy Mayor**  
Mary Albanese

**Minutes**

**6:51pm**

**Trustees**  
Margaret Raesky  
Dominick Celletti  
Carol Para

**Present: Mayor Dadey, Deputy Mayor Albanese, Trustee Raesky, Trustee Para, Trustee, Celetti**

**Justice**  
Joseph Zavaglia

**Also Present: Clerk Mrowinski, Randy Hughson, Lenny DiBello, Tom Richardson, Chris Shields**

**Village Clerk**  
Sarah Mrowinski

Start time:6:51PM

**Parks & Recreation**  
Thomas Richardson

- 1. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes and Public Hearing Minutes from December 8, 2022 and Special Meeting December 12, 2022.**

**DPW**  
**Superintendent**  
Randy Hughson

**Motion by Trustee Para**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Raesky**

**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Code Enforcement**  
Christopher Shields

**Mayor Dadey asked that Clerk Mrowinski to continue to get the minutes out to the board in advance of board meeting for their review in case of any changes.**

**Fire Chief**  
Leonard Dibello

- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 65809 through 65910 for \$229,418.97.**

**Motion by Trustee Raesky**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese**

**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

- 3. Motion to approve Mayor Dadey entering into the fire contract with the Town of Dewitt once it is received in this office. It will be for the year 2023.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Raesky**

**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Mayor Dadey noted that the Fire Department Audit has been complete, she electronically sent it to everyone on the Board to review. It was done on the Fire Department Inc. This was something that was started before she took office but its is completed. There was no recommendations on any changes that need to be made. She has spoken to Paul , Lenny and mostly Mark Cramer.**

- 4. Motion to approve payment to the Fire Department Inc. in the amount of \$95,000 to come out of account 3410.0419. Mayor Dadey noted that this is the payment from last year not this coming year. We have the money because it was just on hold. She thanked everyone for their work on this.**

**Motion by Trustee Raesky**

**2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese**

**Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

- 5. Motion to approve the Letter of Intent for the sale of 1993 E-One Heavy Rescue to Cooks Fire Department for the price of \$20,000. Payment will be due upon receipt of the Cooks Fire Department picking up the truck, which will be 1/25/2023.**

**Motions by Trustee Raesky**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Celletti**

**Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**

**Chief DiBello Notes that Cooks Fire Department is a paid Fire Department and they are payroll heavy and that is why they need to purchase this vehicle. They are very excited for this purchase. They are actually coming up early and staying at station 2 then driving home the next day. Chief from Cooks was here already during the holiday to look at the vehicle.**

**Trustee Celletti asked where the \$ for this truck would be going to.**

**Mayor Dadey confirm would be put back in the NYS Class account as was done before. Will accept payment in February that is when the insurance takes effect**

**6. Motion to approve rescue equipment listed below to be surplus along with Rescue 2.**

- \* 2 Hurst Cutters**
- \* 2 Hurst Spreaders**
- \* 6 Rams**
- \* 2 Gas Pumps**
- \* 2 Electric Pumps**
- \* Hurst Tool Accessories**
- \* 3 Sawzall's**
- \* 2 Flat head Axes**
- \* 4 Halligan Bars**
- \* 1 High Lift Bag, Controller, Hoses**
- \* 5 Backboards**
- \* 1 Impact Wrench**
- \* 1 Porta Power**
- \* 1 Electric Chainsaw**
- \* 1 Yellow Scott Thermal Camera**

**Motion by Trustee Raesky**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese**

**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Chief DiBello said most of the equipment was purchased over 20 years ago.**

**Mayor Dadey asked if this would effect our daily operations. Chief DiBello confirmed that none of the equipment has been used in over 2 years.**

**7. Motion to approve giving the Fire Department permission to take the kitchenette outside of the Chief's office and change it to a mailroom/computer room. The change would be minimal cost and would make better use of the space. There would be no structural change.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Raesky**

**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**Chief DiBello notes the Kitchenette when they remodeled the building 4 years ago. It really does not get any use. It can definitely be put to better use. They are going to use it for member going to pick up any paper mail, they have purchased some wire file folder to go on e the wall and each member will get one. What they are looking at is taking the cupboards and the counter out and put a couple of work stations in. They will be doing electronic PCR's, CMS paperwork. They will also be having officers do reports and**

that will be a good area for them to do that. If anyone has to take classes online or study for an exam they can also do that there and will provide them with a quieter place to work.

8. Motion to approve fire department to cover their responsibility of the AFG Grant in the amount of \$12,257.67 that was applied for in 2020 to be taken out of account # 3410.0402.0001.0004.

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried

Chief DiBello This grant was started in 2019 by Chief Cramer was entered into on January 2020. This was a grant to get adaptors for all the fire hydrants in our district to make it easier for them to have hit with a storage connection instead of a threading connection. It also upgraded the 2 ½ butts on the hydrants to national standard thread instead of Syracuse thread. That makes them more compliant with their neighboring departments. The grant itself covered the adaptors for the hydrants the money we are looking at to be paid is top cover the equipment they need to use the adaptors. Dewitt was the project manager for the whole project. We have all the receipts all the paperwork.

Randy Hughson asked if the Town of Dewitt Water Department was on board with all of this.

Chief Dibello- they were supposed to assist with all of this but with their decrease in manpower we ended up taking over. Dewitt did all their own hydrants, and we did ours. They are uploading everything into the Water Departments App.

Mayor Dadey confirmed it would be up to the town to clear things up with their Water Department.

9. Motion to approve Fire Department request to sign retainer with law firm Taddeo, Shahan & Reisner, LLP to review By-Laws at a cost of \$12,000 as cost share between the Fire Department Inc and the Village \$6,000 to be taken from account 3410.0402.0001.0004.

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried

**The Fire Department Inc will sign the contract. It will be a joint effort with the Fire Department Inc and the Village. Changes are being made. They met with the attorneys. Robert recommended that they use a different attorney.**

- 10. Motion to approve Parks and Recreation programs as shown in the attached.  
Motion by Trustee Para  
2nd by Trustee Raesky  
Polling the board Yes            Motion Carried**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Deputy Mayor: Noted that we had a special meeting to hire a Deputy clerk and that did not work out. We will need a motion to terminate Tarez Jones.**

**Motion by: Trustee Celletti  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Trustee Raesky  
Polling the Board Yes            Motion Carried**

**Mayor Dadey asked for Motion to begin our search again for the position of Deputy Clerk Position**

**Motion by: Trustee Celletti  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Deputy Mayor Albanese  
Polling the Board Yes            Motion Carried**

**Dominick Celletti: He wanted to say what a nice job the fire department member did his pub has an incident at lunch one of the customers fell. EVES responded and our Fire Department. EVES had a really rough time. He would like it noted that our members did an “awesome job” they were very professional and showed great leadership and took control over the situation and they really appreciate that. It was a very strenuous situation, a lot of pain. The customer was in a lot of pain. Trustee Celletti thanked the fire department.**

**Mayor Dadey wanted to recap the discussion of the review of the fee schedule. She noted that they could do a roundtable**

**discussion. Trustee Para has notes on this already she will update them. Mayor Dadey said they could sit and have a discussion or do it by email. She would like this done before next budget. They would like Chris Shields involved. He added that he has no say and the board has to decide. Mayor Dadey said his input is valued.**

**Mayor Dadey asked Randy Hughson about sidewalk fees. He is working on sidewalk permits to have a fee if resident uses an outside contractor and not the DPW. He will get it to the board when it is completed. Chris gave him a copy of the city fees. He would like a permit if DPW does the work for resident they will waive the fee. If outside contractor used there will be a \$20 or \$25 fee.**

**It was decided that the review of the fee schedule will take place on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**RESIDENT COMMENTS: None**

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

**Village Clerk: Thanked the board for being patient with things taking more time to get done since she has been working at the front desk covering lunch and entering vouchers.**

**DPW:**

**SNOW: Salt Trips – 7, Plow- 5, Sidewalk – 4, Parking Lots -5, Hauled Snow – 1**

**CHRISTMAS: Put up lights on Main Street and municipal tree, helped Tom with a driver and pick up for Christmas light contest.**

**LEAVES: Finished up leaf pickup, washed equipment and put in storage.**

**DPW: Had a major breakdown, took 3 weeks to get parts. A big job that we did in house everyone pitched in to help, not much damage to trucks in snow event.**

**PARKS:**

**The Village Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on Monday, December 5th at the Village Hall. Thank you to Music Teacher Samantha Darling and The Treble makers for singing Christmas Carols. Children enjoyed the evening by singing carols, and having cookies and Hot Chocolate. The evening was topped off with a visit from Santa.**

**Seniors and children attended Lights on Lake on Thursday, December 8th. There was a stop at Heid's on way home**

**Family Movie Night was held on Friday, December 9th. The movie Grinch was shown. Children enjoyed popcorn, and green treats and refreshments**

**Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10th was a success. Approximately 130 people (children & their families) attended. Participants were served pancakes, Eggs & sausage, had a picture taken with Santa and had the chance to make Christmas crafts.**

**25 Seniors attended A Christmas Story- The Musical on Sunday, December 11th at the Redhouse Theater**

**On Monday, December 12th Village Board Members and the Recreation Staff went to each participant in the House lighting contest and gave them a participation gift.**

**The Village House Lighting Contest and Hayride was held on Monday, December**

**13th 10 houses entered competition. 1st place- 304 e yates, 2nd Place- 113 e second street and 3rd place 217 West Ave.**

**On December 14th the Treble Makers from ESE came to Heman Street for the senior program. They sang Christmas carols for the Seniors.**

**The Senior Christmas Party at American legion was attended by 37 seniors on Thursday, December 15th. Thank you to Mrs. McGinley Class and Miss Albanese Class from East Syracuse Elementary. The children put on a Christmas concert and made Christmas crafts for all the seniors. Parks & Rec staff and volunteers made all food for party. Thank you to East Syracuse Recreation Committee for donating money to event to keep price down so more seniors could attend.**

**On Thursday, December 22nd thru a donation of used clothes, toys, baby items by a Village resident, Dave and Keith set up tables and gave away items to anyone who stopped by the park and needed something.**

**47 children, adults and seniors attended Disney on Ice on Thursday, December 29th at the East Syracuse War Memorial.**

**Over 80 children participated in the Annual letters to Santa Program. Thank you to Cori Tackman for sending out responses to children's letters.**

**The Next senior card party card at the Village Municipal Building will be on Thursday, January 19th.**

**Senior movie day will be on Thursday, January 26th on the 2nd Floor -Village office . Movie TBA.**

**Upcoming trips include the Turning Stone Casino on February 20th .**

**Deadline for Food \$ense program is Friday, January 13th. Call Tom Richardson at 952 – 0038 to get your order in.**

**The Ice skating rink at Ellis Field Park is ready to go. Just waiting for cold weather.**

**Winter brochure will be out shortly. Copies can be found at Village office, at the Recreation Department and on the Village Web site, as well as the Recreation Department Facebook page.**

**Community news- On Thursday, December 22nd The East Syracuse Recreation Committee gave out 380 gloves with candy bars to the students at East Syracuse Elementary.**

**Mayor Dadey said she had a lot of compliments from people at her store about the Christmas lights.**

**CODES:**

**BJ's is still a massive problem. He went there and spoke to the Manager. She said they attempted to make the changes and it didn't work so they put it back. He did not see any attempt. He thinks part of the plan was to block off the area where you come in and move things around to do that it would have created a situation where the tanker driver would have to twice a day get out of the truck to unlock the chain for deliver. They get 2 a day. Chris explained they still need to go back to the drawing board soon because it is a safety issue and they will have to work to shut them down if not addressed soon. Dunkin Donuts is upset they are losing business as are others such as Subway. BJs said they are working on this. Sarah and Chris will work on drafting a letter to BJS**

regarding this issue to try to get this moving along.

Other new the rental registries are coming in he and Terry have been very busy at the window. He has been helping as much as he can.

He mentioned we have the hibachi and sushi place moving into the old subway restaurant in front of BJS. They have a lot of work and are doing to bring up to code.

We have a planning board meeting coming up. January 23 at 4:40pm. One thing needed to be done is a subdivision on Erie Blvd. where Caliber Collision wants to build a collision center next to David's Bridal. They will need several variances. Will go to zoning board for those. Once the Planning board meeting is done will come to the Board if everything goes well. The third things to approve is Syracuse Potters House which is a nondenominational religious organization wants to lease half of 212 E. Manlius St. is now is an insurance agent other half would be the church if passes Planning Board. Reason has to go to the Planning Board is because our code says any time a church wants to be viewed on the main drag it has to go before the planning board for approval.

#### **FIRE:**

2022 has been a year of change for the East Syracuse Fire Dept. We have changed the way we respond, response form home is no longer our primary form of response. We have implemented and are constantly improving a staffing program that provides a more efficient response to our district. Our training program has been revamped with the help of past captain Paul Haynes, he has developed a new program that will expose our members to more drill and training opportunities than ever before. We have a

**great working relationship with our Mayor and village board. We continue to work well with Fayetteville, Manlius and Dewitt fds. They have proven time and time again that they are there to help us succeed. We are renewing our relationship with the Minoa Fire Dept, they have taken a page from our playbook and our developing a staffing program and have been running calls with us. Moving forward we will be working towards doing more with them on a regular basis. We are looking forward to the new year as we continue the rebuilding of the East Syracuse Fire Dept.**

**Motion to Adjourn by Trustee Para  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Raesky  
Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried**

**Adjourn time: 7:41p m**