



Village of East Syracuse
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Mayor

Lorene Dadey

Village Board Meeting

April 10, 2023

Deputy Mayor

Mary Albanese

Minutes

6:30pm

Trustees

Margaret Raesky
Dominick Celletti
Carol Para

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

Justice

Joseph Zavaglia

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

Village Clerk

Sarah Mrowinski

**Start time: 6:30PM
Pledge of Allegiance**

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

**PRESENTATION: Geothermal Presentation by the East
Syracuse Elementary Cheetahbots beginning at 6:30PM.**

DPW

Superintendent

Randy Hughson

- 1. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes from March 6,
2023, and Special Meeting March 25, 2023.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Code Enforcement

Christopher Shields

- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 66237 through 66364 for
\$157,832.57.**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

Fire Chief

Leonard Dibello

- 3. Motion to approve General Fund Tentative Budget
2023/2024:**

General Fund Budget for 2023/2024:

- **Revenues \$2,787,018 and \$2,512,662 to be raised through property taxes,**
- **Revenues from non-property tax sources include payments in lieu of taxes, interest earnings, fees, court fines, franchise fees, fire protection contract,**

CHIPS, county payment to support the Village infrastructure, state aid and grants, and

- **New General fund tax rate will be \$10.184/1000**
- **Sewer Fund Budget for 2023/2024,**
- **Revenues are \$0.00 and \$140,935 to be raised through property tax, and**
- **New Sewer tax rate will be .553/1000.**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 4. Motion to approve reclassifying funds for Arcadis regarding the MS4 from account # A.0440.0400.0002 to A.8540.0404 in the amount of \$1,256.11.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 5. Motion to approve the adoption of the proposed Emergency Management Plan for the Village of East Syracuse.**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 6. Motion to approve Mayor Dadey to sign the engineering contract for C&S Companies which is applicable to our pool.**

Motion by N/A

2nd by N/A

Polling the board N/A

- 7. Motion move the adoption of a Resolution that the Village of East Syracuse hereby approves and establishes the standard work days for elected and appointed officials who choose to participate in the New York State Retirement System, and will report the days worked to the New York State Employees' Retirement System based on the Record of Activities maintained and submitted by the officials to the Village Clerk of the Village of East Syracuse, all as shown on a resolution to be filed in the Village Clerk's Office and posted on the Village website, and posted on the Official Board located at Village Hall (204 North Center Street, East Syracuse) for not less than 30 days after the adoption of such resolution as required by State Comptroller's Office.**

Elected Officials:

Mayor	six hours per day
Trustee	six hours per day
Judge	six hours per day

Appointed Officials

Acting Judge	six hours per day
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Motions by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

8. Motion to approve the acceptance of quote for Stanley Steamer to clean the Air Ducts in the amount of \$18,000 to be taken from account 01-0610-0007.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

9. Motion to approve Humana Medicare for Village Medicare Insurance.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

10. Motion to approve Termination of Tyree Tanner as DPW Laborer.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

11. Motion to approve Lorene, Mary, and Margaret to attend the Onondaga County Mayors Dinner on April 19, 2023, at a cost of \$16/person.

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Celletti

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

12. Motion to approve advertise for summer positions (Lifeguards, receptionist., Learn to swim instructors)

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

13. Motion to approve Bingo Bus- Day trip to turning stone in May. Date to TBA. Cost is \$10.00 for Village residents and

\$12.000 for non-residents. Contingent on date being available at Town of Dewitt and bus driver being available. Will provide date when confirmed with Town.

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 14. Motion to approve Manlius Street Festival – Saturday, June 10th – 3- 7 pm at the Arc of Onondaga.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 15. Motion to approve Fire Department Elections as follows:**

- Chief: Lenny DiBello**
- 1st Asst Chief: Bob Russell**
- Captains: Willie Browne
Stephen Brewster**
- Lieutenants: Joe McAllister
Hayden Turk**
- Council wardens: Scott McInnis
Marty Mullane**

Appointments as follows:

- John Morgan to run as Car 4. This will be to cover the 2nd Assistant Chief's spot that is currently vacant.**
- Tyler Talarico as Lieutenant**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 16. Motion to approve the purchase of a new gear washer and dryer for Station 1 at a cost of \$15,467.71, this price includes shipping. Both items are on state contract as indicated on the quote. The current gear washer is broken and at a point where it is at the end of its life cycle. It is approximately 15 years old. The current dryer will be used to remove the cancer-causing particles found in fires from our gear u a timely manner, so as not to keep our members out of service waiting for their gear to dry.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 17. Motion to approve the purchase of a fit test machine at a cost of \$15,377.92. This unit is also on state contract as**

indicated on the quote. This machine is used to check our SCBA facepieces for leaks. Our current machine is at least 10-15 years old. It has been sent back to the manufacturer at least once to be repaired.

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

18. Motion to approve a search for a new employee to fill the position of treasurer.

Motion by: Trustee Para

2nd by: Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Albanese stated that we are working hard on the budget.

Trustee Raesky comments 150 kids showed up at the East Egg hunt and thanked everyone for a job well done.

Mayor Dadey congratulated the fire department and Scott McInnis. All of the board is looking forward to continuing working together.

Mayor Dadey comments on how great everyone worked together on the Easter Egg hunt, and she appreciates it.

Mayor Dadey Scheduled a Fee Schedule Work Session for Tuesday April 18, 2023, at 6pm.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Resident Jordan Bellasari commented that he is impressed that the budget increased by 20% for the Village.

Mayor Dadey commented that they are here for the village, and they have had a lot of meetings and have taken this very seriously, working with all the Department Heads.

Resident Herb Schrayshuen asked when he would be receiving his letter in response to his request.

Mayor Dadey explained to him that Village attorney Robert Germain is handling that. She also explained that this issue has been handled and moving forward he can contact Robert Germain. The board has decided to uphold the courts decision. The board decided to continue its decision to not tell the property owner to cut down the tree on their private property.

Resident Chris Braun commented on the new gas line that was roped off at BJS's still has a line and people still can't go around it.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Shields and the Lieutenant at the police department went with the manager via zoom, discussed different plans. Main concern is the traffic.

The problem is with the cost of everything going up more people are going to BJ's. They wanted to try their solution for maybe 6 months to see if it resolves the issue and then they will look into different options. BJ's is frustrated as well.

Chris Shields will reach out to the Lieutenant again to see if he has any ideas.

Resident Chris b asked about the County assisting the village with the bidding process at no cost to the village if there was anyone at the county that does grant writing.

Mayor Dadey explained that at this time the village does not have an employee that writes grants, it is her the board and the clerk that work together to write any grants and asked Clerk Mrowinski to look into that.

Resident Chris Barun asked if the village had done anything about the CSX issued with the

trains and asked the fire department about their training for derailment, and what kind of communication to the residents is there. Chief DiBello responded that there is the 911 call system, social media, news.

Mayor Dadey advised 911 would be the quickest form of communication.

Resident Chris Braun also asked if the village has a bus, or if we use the Town of Dewitt's bus only for the purpose of helping seniors get to programs we have available and events so they can be more active.

Tom Richardson said that if they live in the village and they call the Parks Department they can work something out.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:
VILLAGE CLERK:**

To discuss LOSAP #'s and will need a motion to approve them. – Discussion Tabled for now.

DPW:

SNOW: SALT TRIPS – 8, PLOW-5, SIDEWALKS – 5, PARKING LOTS-3, STORM 3/14/23 all say into 3/15/23, guys did a great job, they kept up with it and all village streets were open.

ROADS: Started planning on what streets need work for what we do & CHIPS money.

TREES: Made it through 2 good size windstorms with very little tree damage and branches coming down.

SIGNS: Started having JC Smith make new street sign, but we had a mistake because of spell check Schrouder St. got misspelled it is being fixed at no charge.

DPW: The guys rebuilt the mowing trailer top to bottom new paint, wood, went through

lights, new safety chain everything to be safe on the road & New York State inspection.

SEWER: We had a plugged sewer on the 600 Block of W. Manlius St. we jetted with no luck. I had the County come in 5 different times and on a Friday they got it open and they ran the camera up the line, with news that we can have it repaired at not a great cost to the Village at about \$25,000.00. We have a Flush route we do for the slow running laterals that is done every 3 months which was done on 3/3/23, it helps on after hours sewer calls. That is how we found the problem on Manlius St.

SIDEWALKS: We started picking up & repairing sod damage plus road damage.

PARKS:

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Was Held on Saturday, April 1st. Over 100 children and their families attended.

The Village Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8th at Ellis Field Park. 10:00

Several activities were offered for children over spring break April 3 - 7. Activities included roller-skating, trivia and movie, The Most, gym intramurals.

The Recreation Director and the Assistant Director were judges at the East Syracuse Elementary Science fair. We saw many great projects.

The Recreation Director was on the committee to interview candidates for East Syracuse Minoa Assistant Superintendent.

Seniors attended the Highschool Musical at East Syracuse Minoa High on March 11th.

Thank you to Dr. DeSiato for providing some tickets to show.

Senior Movie Day was held on Thursday, March 30th. The movie A Man Named Otto was shown. The next movie will be on April 27th.

The Intergenerational program continued this month. 2nd & 3rd graders from ESE sang songs at the St. Patty's Day party on Thursday, March 16th. The 5th grade also attended event. 35 seniors participated in the St. Patty's Day Luncheon at Heman Street School. Thank to ESM students for providing entertainment.

The Senior Easter Luncheon was held on Thursday, April 6th at Heman Street Apts.

Seniors are invited to the East Syracuse Minoa High school on Thursday, April 20th for an intergenerational Night. Program begins at 5:00 pm in the cafeteria. There will a free diner. Call Tom Richardson at 952 – 0038 to register.

The Next Card party for seniors will be on Thursday, April 20th on the 2nd floor of the Village office.

Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny was held at Ellis Field Park on Saturday, March 25th.

The Community Easter Dinner was held at the Legion on Thursday, March 30th. Approximately 65 people attended.

Deadline for food Sense is Friday, April 14th. Menus are available on the Village Website or at the Village office.

Earth Day Cleanup will be on Saturday, April 22nd. We will meet at Sterling Park at 9:00 am. Hotdogs, Chips and refreshments will be provided.

The First Annual Spring Festival will be held at Ellis Field Park on Saturday, April 29th.

Maintenance

Plow & Salt/shovel as needed (Park & Vo)
Start & finish stage construction/assembly.
Stage, railings, steps, paint, latches etc.

Start & Finish wrapping up all things ice rink related.

-tarps & framework, ice rink walls, supports, liner & straps,
-skates rubber mats, resurfacers.

Help with St. Pats Luncheon & Pitch Party
(cook, clean etc.)

Check easter stuff, paint/spruce up as needed.

Painted 2 pickleball benches.

Start Plow damage (sod) inside and outside of park.

Litter/branches at park & V/o as weather permits

Setup for pet photos with Easter bunny, & made new games for Spring Festival

Bases of Tolhurst field, pulled weeds, rake, spray with solution.

Fix Toilet at Village Office (1st floor downstairs men's room)

CODES:

Last week he and Clerk Mrowinski attended a conference at the turning stone put on by the Tug Hill Region. It was a really good conference. Chris went to classes on Planning and Zoning, and learned a lot about Cannabis. Stores that sell it find loop holes on selling it and the State is trying to work on it. He doesn't know of it happening in the Village. Clerk Mrowinski attended Clerk classes. The last class they were in the same class that was very resourceful. He and his codes officers will be out for State training to meet their requirements.

There is a planning board meeting for April 24th at 6:30pm. The main reason for the meeting is Tractor Supply. They will be doing interior and exterior remodeling. Inside does not need any approvals the exterior will not change the footprint of the store. They will put a greenhouse effect over half of the outside storage area that is currently fenced in. He will be presenting.

The other 2 things to come are Caliber Collision. We are set on the Village end; we can bring it to the board however the problem is the Town of Dewitt are going through planning and zoning issues and until they get that figured out we are at a standstill. The other is Clear Wood Custom Carpentry, the planning board awaiting their final plans.

Everything else is going well.

FIRE:

The bylaw update for the dept/corp is moving along great.

The pre bid meeting for the bay floor was April 5th. The bids will be opened on April 20th. This will be a great update to our station. I would like to thank Clerk Sarah Mrowinski for all her assistance in this project. The county purchasing dept has been of great help in the process as well.

Fire Chief Lenny DiBello has been using contacts at county purchasing for a lot of my purchasing now. They are very helpful.

Motion to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes

Motion Carried

Adjourn time: 7:28pm

