



Village of East Syracuse
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Mayor
Lorene Dadey

Village Board Meeting
September 11, 2023

Deputy Mayor
Mary Albanese

Minutes
6:30pm

Trustees
Margaret Raesky
Dominick Celletti
Carol Para

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

Justice
Joseph Zavaglia

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

Village Clerk
Sarah Mrowinski

Start time: 6:30PM
Pledge of Allegiance

Parks & Recreation
Thomas Richardson

Presentation: Mayor Dadey presenting Business Appreciation awards to Crowley Insurance, Big 4 Tires, and Brad's Extra Innings.

DPW
Superintendent
Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement
Christopher Shields

Fire Chief
Leonard Dibello

- 1. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes from August 7, 2023, and Special Meetings August 14, August 22, and August 29, 2023.**
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Para
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried
- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 66971 through 67140 for \$232,030.03.**
Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried
- 3. Motion to approve the transfer of ARPA funds in the amount of \$75,394 into account # A.1620.0403 to pay for Stanley Steemer in the amount of \$18,000 and Salt City Paving for the paving of the center street municipal lot in the amount of \$57,394.**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 4. Motion to approve re-coding \$92.85 from line A.7140.0401.0004 to line A.7140.0401.0000.0001, and \$231.95 from line A.7140.0422.0000.0002 to line A.7140.0422.0000.0001.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 5. Motion to approve classifying insurance expense in the amount of \$45,057.65 from line A.1910.0405 to line A.3410.0405.0000.0002.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 6. Motion to approve re-coding \$186.72 from line A.1325.0402.0002 to line A.1410.0407 and \$50.56 from A.1410.0430 to line A.1325.0417.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 7. Motion to approve transferring \$183.22 from A.1410.0430 to A.6410.0417.**

Motions by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 8. Motion to approve re-coding \$93.55 from account A.3410.0430.0001 to account A.3410.0430.0001.0002.**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd by Trustee Para

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 9. Motion to approve reclassifying \$2,060.48 from line A.1440.0400.0001 to A.8540.0402.0001 for the engineering expense for Basile Rowe.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 10. Motion to approve the appointment of Tyler McTomany as the PIO (Public Information Officer) for the East Syracuse Fire Department. He will be in charge of all social media postings and all media requests. When there is not a PIO appointed it defaults to the fire chief.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 11. Motion to approve purchase request for a hose replacement in the amount of \$19,682.00 to be taken from account line A.3410.0201. This hose will be for the new pumper coming and if the hose is not ordered now, it will not be here until the middle of next year. The fire department would like approval to order with the lowest bid. The reason that there are only 2 quotes is that there are only 2 companies that supply the Mercedes hose that we use in the area, Jerome Fire Equipment and JPB Fire Equipment.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Trustee Raesky

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 12. Motion to approve transferring \$2,500 from the FD Repairs line (A.3410.0402) to the ladder testing line (A.3410.0402.0005). The Fire Department scheduled testing for 9/18, 9/19, and 9/20/2023. They are moving these funds due to an unplanned change in testing companies.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board Yes Motion Carried

- 13. Motion to approve attached brochure for the 2023 Fall and Winter Events.**

Motion by Trustee Para

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 14. Motion to approve accepting Robert Chamberlain, DPW Laborer notice of retirement letter to be effective December 30, 2023.**

Motion by Trustee Raesky

2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese

Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried

- 15. Motion to approve posting DPW Laborer job on INDEED.**

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Para
Polling the board: Yes Motion Carried**

**16. Motion to approve the fire department purchase of SCBA
Facemasks in the amount of \$5,175.15 to be taken out of
budget line A.3410.0402.0001.0001. This is a NYS contract.
Motion by Trustee Raesky
2nd by Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

**17. Motion to approve hiring Brandon Zwieler as Park
Supervisor at a rate of \$16.00 per hour weather permitting.
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Para
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

**Mayor Dadey: Thanked the Fire
Department and wished them a happy 135th
anniversary.**

**Thanked Randy Hughson for taking care of
the bench situation.**

**Chris Shields is going to be receiving an
application from the developer that wants to
develop St. Matthews School. He has to go
through a process. They are looking into
making that into apartments. Needs to go
before both Planning and Zoning Board.
They are using King & King Architecture.
They anticipate 21 apartments, 13 one-
bedroom apartments 6 two-bedroom
apartments and 2 studios. She explained
things haven't worked out with other
developers in the past. They are anticipating
the rents to be "market rents". They have
not asked the village for anything other than
to advise on next steps. She is very pleased
with this project.**

**Resident Jordan Bellasari asked if this sale
will put this property back on the tax roll.**

Mayor Dadey responded that yes it will. This has been a church for many years so this is exciting about this project happening as well.

Trustee Para asked if they would be seeing the plans ahead of time.

Mayor Dadey responded that yes, they would, they must go before the zoning board the school right now is zoned as a single family. They will also need to go before the planning board and bring the plans before the board.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Resident question Jordan Bellasari asked if there was any village ordinance regarding profanity and the distance from the sidewalk. Down the road from him there is a flag that has profanity on it and it's near a park and kids walk by.

Village Attorney Robert Germain answered that due to the protection of free speech unfortunately there is nothing we can do about that. That has come up before and there have been many cases in court lost on this subject.

Resident Shawn Plourde asked the mayor about an update on the cameras.

Mayor Dadey said that she has spoken to the chief of police and Captain White and Robert Germain. The general gist of this is that if the village doesn't put them in someone else will. Lotte has already committed to some cameras. We have some input if we want to be part of the situation and that if anyone would like Captain White to come do another presentation, he would be more than happy to do that.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

VILLAGE CLERK:

She and the Deputy Mayor met with Mass Mutual regarding supplemental insurance for employees. They discussed the benefits of supplemental insurance.

Mayor Dadey stated that this is like AFLAC and that we do provide our employees with AFLAC. She said that if Mass Mutual would like to discuss this further he would have to discuss with our insurance broker first.

DPW:

TREES: Went through Village, trimmed branches over sidewalk and street side, found a couple of bad trees that need to come down for safety reasons. We dug out a driveway on W. Ellis Street from tree damage and Ken's paving came in and top for us at no charge, great people to work with, many thanks to them.

SIGNS: Cleaned some signs with tagging on them, changed two and adding two side on 1st St. No parking between signs for the truck route on at S. Center St.

DPW: Hauled scrap from yard (\$454.00) and straightened yard up.

SWEEPER: Sweep the streets up around the Trestle of E. Syracuse.

BASINS: We installed a new basin on Johnson, installed pipe in ditch, filled with stone and then covered with millings from paving project. Dug out storm drain at 107 W. 2nd St. and made a hook up for sump pump because of flooding behind his property, he had it draining in the road making a hazard & illegal.

SIDEWALKS: We dug, formed, and poured two walks at 120 East Ave. & 288 E. 1st St.; we also repaired a walk up to the house at East Ave. from sidewalk plow damage.

GRASS: Keeping up with mowing, at Station 2, all entrances signs, tank, center & Bagg St. Park, DPW garage, bakery, and Old Bridge St.

PARKS: Assisted Tom with the set up for the Taste of East Syracuse.

To the Mayor and Board Members, we had a dump truck issue where the holder for the pins rusted out and the box came off the truck, luckily, no one got hurt. We got it emptied and back in place with little damage and Tracey Road looked at it and it might be able to be fixed, if not we will need a new box & hoist getting prices. The truck is a 2007 and it is the 2nd lead plow truck in fleet, also looking at a cab and chassis for the salt truck replacement that is a 1991, would put v box on the frame cutting the cost a lot.

PARKS:

Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson

Activities at Park ended on Friday, August 18th with a closing playground picnic. Almost every day there was different special event, arts & craft, sports activities that keep the youth in the Village Busy. Thank you to Keith for doing a great job with these programs.

Hanlon Pool – Closed for season on August 28th. With hardly any rain outs this was one of the busiest summers in several years. Open swim, swimming lessons, aquatic classes and pools rentals kept the pool busy all summer. A great job by Becky Scott and her guards.

Hanlon Pool - Pool will be covered in the next couple weeks. Thank you to Dave for all his work at the pool and in the park this summer.

Hanlon Pool Building – after a busy summer a good cleaning of the building is needed. Floors, lockers, showers will all be scrubbed down in preparation for next season.

Ellis Field Park Pavilion – The pavilion was well used this summer. There are still a few rentals in the fall.

Concerts in Gazebo winded down with Faded Vinyl August 15th Peg Newell on August 17th (Rain Date) and the final show on August 22nd by The DirtRoad Ruckus Trio.

Outdoor Movie night was held on Thursday, August 17th. Approx. 75 children and adults watched the movie Super Mario Brothers.

The 17th annual Taste of East Syracuse was held on August 1st. Once again, the highlight was a cook off between Mayor Lorene Dadey & a Wegmans Chef. 16 judges sampled foods and gave the victory to Mayor Dadey with a runaway vote. Thanks to all judges, vendors and organizations that participated and to Chris Krupa and the Noisy Boys who provided a full evening of entertainment.

The Seniors took a luncheon cruise on the Canandaigua Lady on August 3rd. With school starting soon, seniors will once again participate in the Intergenerational program where students from East Syracuse Elementary come to the Heman Street School Apts. and interact with the seniors. On Wednesday, September 21st will be an opening picnic at Ellis Field Park

Senior Card Party's will begin at the Village office (3rd floor) on Thursday, Sept 21st at 10:00 AM.

Senior Movie Day will start again on Thursday, September 28th.

The 7th Annual fall festival will be held on Saturday at Ellis Field Park from 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Deadline for Food Sense is Friday, September 15th. Cost is \$20.50

The fall/winter brochure with all the Parks & Recreation programs will be out shortly on the Village website, Facebook and at the Village office.

Park Maintenance –

Taste of E.S. – Setup, Clean up Etc.
Daily – check pool, chlorine drums, backwash/vacuum as needed, litter trash as needed.
Concert related tasks, set-up, clean up etc.
Fix Deep end ladder, fix vent in Jury room, replace, fix swing set.
Clean/organize sports & crafts room.
Other misc. tasks as needed (help with activities/cook/food sense

CODES:

Mayor Dadey would like to get back to the bills for Love Touch bills since it is the end of the year. She said that there is work being done on the corner of N. Center St. and Yates that had work done and she wanted to make sure he was aware.

Chris Shields has spoken to the owner of the property already. He believes that she already has the bill.

FIRE:

New Bunkin: The Fire Department has a new Bunkin. He is getting all situated and getting used to the higher call volume.

9/11 ceremony and dinner with Dewitt- Our members are attending the 911 Ceremony and will be having dinner with the Town of Dewitt FD after the ceremony.

In the works of getting approval to get more training with other fire departments.

The Annual Extrication Training weekend is coming up September 28- October 1, 2023, if anyone would like to stop out, they are welcome. It's a great event. Members of the board came last year. They are trying to make it bigger this year.

Clam bake- Thank you for attending the clam bake on 9/9 and celebrating our 135th anniversary as a dept.

Bob Russell and Jim Brewster received awards for 50 years of service.

Mayor Dadey commented on the Extrication Training, said that she thinks that she may have found a bus for them to use. She will be getting a phone # to see if we can get it.

**Motion to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd by Trustee Raesky
Polling the board Yes Motion Carried**

Adjourn time: 7:17p m