



# Village of East Syracuse

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## Mayor

Lorene Dadey

## Deputy Mayor

Mary Albanese

## Trustees

Margaret Raesky

Dominic Celletti

Carol Para

## Justice

Joseph Zavaglia

## Village Clerk

Sarah Mrowinski

## Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

## DPW Superintendent

Randy Hughson

## Code Enforcement

Chris Shields

## Fire Chief

Leonard DiBello

## Village Board Meeting

August 7, 2023

MINUTES

6:30pm

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

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

**Excused: Randy Hughson**

Start time: 6:40pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation: Mayor Dadey Presenting Business Appreciation Awards to Hercules Candy Company and Serres Donuts.**

- 1. Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2023, and Special Meetings on June 26, July 14, and July 28, 2023.  
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 2. Motion to approve Vouchers 66827 through 66931 for \$285,495.53.  
Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 3. Motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from account A.1440.0400.0001.0001 to account G.1990.0400 for the sewer contingency.  
Motion by Trustee Raesky  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese  
Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 4. Motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from account A.9060.0800 to be split \$7,500 to account A.1325.0401 and to account A.1325.0409.**

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

- 5. Motion to approve KVS training up to \$3,500 to be taken from account A.1325.0409.**

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

- 6. Motion to approve payment for the PENN Power Systems repair of the generator of the Village Office in the amount of \$4,725.99 to be taken from account A.1620.0402.**

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

- 7. Motion to approve accepting proposal for IFS Integrated Facility Systems to update both the computer and software monitor and control for all four HVAC units on the roof of the municipal building, in the amount of \$4,400.47 to be taken from account A.1620.0402.**

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

- 8. Motion to approve revitalization application for 228 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, reimbursement amount to be \$500. Project is to shim a low spot in the driveway that fills with mud and add a topcoat to the entire driveway to make it flush with the sidewalk. 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the project is a sidewalk repair to be done by DPW. Project was approved by Revitalization Committee on 7/19/23.**

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

- 9. Motion to approve signing a lease with Ed & Ed for the postage meter in the amount of \$77.04 per month. The lease is for 63 months. This is SOURCEWELL Government contract pricing.**

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

- 10. Motion to approve the fire department training at the Fairmount Training Tower for the amount of \$3,000 to come out of budget line A.3410.0409.**  
**Motion by Trustee Raesky**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 11. Motion to approve Randy Hughson to attend the NYCOM Conference in Lake Placid on October 15-18, 2023. Cost not to exceed \$1,000. He will be taking the Village truck and master card for fuel. Costs will be coming out of budget line A.5110.0409.**  
**Motion by: Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Para**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 12. Motion to approve hiring Michael Pusz as DPW Laborer at a rate of \$17 per hour until he gets his CDL then the rate will be \$18 per hour. His start date is 8/8/23.**  
**Motion by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Raesky**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**
- 13. Motion to approve transferring funds in the amount of \$4,745 from budget line A.0000.2680 to budget line A.5182.0004 for insurance recovery money.**  
**Motion by Trustee Raesky**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Albanese**  
**Polling the board: Yes      Motion Carried**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Trustee Celletti: Discussed the decision made at last month's board meeting regarding the Flock Cameras being in the village. He found information from the ACLU that had discrepancies from what was presented to them at last month's meeting. He also would have liked to have further discussion/public hearing. He does not feel that enough of the public showed up to last month's meeting to hear this presentation and comment on it. Trustee Celletti feels the information that he has gathered shows that these cameras are an invasion of privacy and thinks that we need to have a public hearing about this topic. ACLU website lists what all the faults, legally and procedurally of these cameras are.

Mayor Dadey will turn this over to the Village Attorney. She also advised that this is a year long agreement. She will continue to look into this. Will not disregard his concerns.

Deputy Mayor Albanese stated that other companies in the village are getting cameras also. Also stated that the agreement with the cameras is only for one year.

Mayor Dadey asked Clerk Mrowinski to get information to the Village Attorney ASAP to see what the next steps are.

**RESIDENT COMMENTS:**

Resident Kaela Klapan would like to know if there is a public hearing scheduled as they would like to comment on it.

Mayor Dadey let Resident Klapan know that the next step is to be advised by the village attorney, and once we are advised Clerk Mrowinski will reach out to her. Also let her know that if a public hearing is scheduled, the notice is published.

Resident Shawn Plourde asked whose idea the cameras were.

Mayor Dadey let him know the Town of Dewitt Police Department. Advised that other companies are also installing cameras.

Dewitt is trying to get businesses in the program to help cut down on crime. The village was told that the cameras will only be accessed when there is an incident.

Resident Plourde asked who would have access to the cameras.

Mayor Dadey responded that only the police will have access. No one in the Village, no residents will have access, and protocol must be followed in order for it to be accessed.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

N/A

**DPW:**

Due to vacation Randy Hughson is excused from the board meeting.

**TREES:** Treelanders came in & removed 2 dangerous trees at 303 & 307 Silver Street. Stumps were ground and we removed the grindings, put down topsoil, other tree on W. Yates N. Center, and West Ave. were trimmed.

**SIGNS:** Installed 2 NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER on Schrouder @ James, and E. Yates @ Upton ST. to try to fix cars parked near or to close to STOP signs.

**DPW:** Finished CLD training with Luke and he passed his road test. (Great job on training by Chris Smith).

**SWEEPER:** Sucked out some catch basins and some minor sweeping around.

**BASINS:** We installed a new pipe under the road on Terrace Street and with all the rain we had it had washed out around it; we installed a waste block and replaced the stone.

**SIDEWALKS:** We dug, formed, and poured two walks at 319 Highland Ave. (Front of the house) & 313 Highland Ave. The crew did a great job getting it done in a timely manner. We sealed & caulked all the walks we have done so far.

**GRASS:** Keeping up with mowing at Station 2, all entrance signs, tank Center & Bagg Street Park, DPW garage, bakery, and Old Bridge Street.

**PARKS:** Assisted Tom with the set up for the Fireworks and the clean up on Sunday, another GREAT show you can't beat the village host, and a thanks for all who help sponsor such a great event, a nice job by Tom and his staff!!!!

**PARKS:**

**Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson**

Congratulated Mayor Dadey and her team on being the winner of the cookoff at the Taste of East Syracuse this past weekend and thanked Wegmans for providing the food and commented that Mayor Dadey's opponent was very nice!

Tuesday night there is a concert, and Saturday they are doing the overnight camping at the park. Lots of activities will be offered.

Mayor Dadey Thanked everyone for all the work they do at the Village.

**CODES:**

Water Edge Martial Arts will be opening on Basile Rowe. Across the street from there 671m Manlius Center Road there is a new events center opening up, it is called "Pretty in Pink". Can hold up to 85 people. There is no cooking in the facility, however, can have your own caterer. The owner will be reaching out to local businesses to see about setting up an account. The owner does provide tables and chairs.

**FIRE:**

We are now running with 4 chiefs. I am in the process of putting together a schedule so that there is always a chief available. The 4 chiefs will have a duty schedule similar to what our members have. Having 4 chiefs allows us to accomplish more, better availability. Once the schedule is complete there will be a chief assigned to the "duty chief" position. The Duty Chief will be the go-to for the crew that is on shift, investigation pages from fire control, any incidents or injuries at the stations or on calls. Car 1 is always ultimately responsible for the entire dept, but the Duty Chief will provide an immediate point of contact for any issues or needs that arise.

We have created a committee that will be looking into the future staffing of our fire dept. This committee is comprised of representatives of the chief's office, the fire council, the fire corporation, and the village board. The town will be involved as well. This committee will be tasked with looking at the future of staffing for the East Syracuse Fire Department.

We are hosting attorney Brad Pinsky on Monday Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Dewitt community room ESFD Station 2 at 6:30pm. The title of the presentation is "The death of the volunteer fire service and what towns can do to save it."

We are looking into the direction of our fleet, to align our fleet with our current staffing and call volume and make our fleet more efficient. This will help with our budget lines for vehicle replacement and maintenance.

Since we are looking into our fleet direction, a truck committee will be convened to look at the next replacements.

**Motion to enter Executive Session.**

**Motion by Trustee Para**

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

**Polling the board Yes      Motion Carried**

**Entered Executive session 7:29PM**