



Village of East Syracuse

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Mayor

Lorene Dadey

Deputy Mayor

Mary Albanese

Trustees

Carol Para

Shawn Plourde

Bernard Ment

Justice

Robert Jokl

Village Clerk

Jennifer Scafidi

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

DPW Superintendent

Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement

Chris Shields

Fire Chief

Leonard DiBello

Village Board Meeting 2024

January 3, 2024

6:51pm

Minutes

Present: Mayor Dadey, Deputy Mayor Albanese, Trustee Para, Trustee Plourde, Trustee Ment

Also Present:

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Shields

DPW Superintendent Randy Hughson

Fire Dept Administrative Assistant Nate Baker

DPW Foreman Chris Smith

DPW Luke Maxwell

Treasurer Renee Stone

Village Clerk Jennifer Scafidi

Excused: Fire Chief Lenard DiBello

Start Time: 6:51pm

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Motion to approve** Board Meeting minutes from **December 4, 2023** and **special** meetings held on **December 6, 2023, December 20, 2023** and **December 30, 2023**.

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd By: Trustee Para

Abstain: Trustee Ment and Trustee Plourde

Polling the Board: Yes **Motion Carried**

2. **Motion to approve** vouchers **67532** thru **67682** for the amount of **\$154,552.54**

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Para
Abstain: Trustee Ment and Trustee Plourde
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

3. **Motion to approve** the resignation of part time code enforcer Jeff Jones effective immediately.

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Para
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

4. **Motion to advertise** for a part time code enforcement officer.

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Plourde
Abstain: Trustee Ment
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

5. **Motion to move \$6000.00** from line **A.3410.0402.0000.0001** (Fire Dept apparatus upgrades) to line **A.3410.0402** (Fire Dept fire truck repairs)

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Ment
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

6. **Motion to schedule a Public Hearing to change the local law for paid Chief and Line Officer appointments.** The public hearing will take place on **Monday February 5th at 6:30pm in the East Syracuse Village Court Room.**

(The term, "Appointed Village Officials" shall mean the Village Clerk, the Village Treasurer, the Village Deputy Clerk(s), Village Deputy Treasurer, the Code Enforcement Officer, Deputy Codes Enforcement Officer(s), members of the Village of East Syracuse Planning Board, members of the Village of East Syracuse Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Chief, Assistant Chief and line officers of the Village of East Syracuse Fire Department, but shall not

mean any person holding an office as a result of a Village held election.)

Motion By: Trustee Ment
2nd By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

7. **Motion to approve** Mayor Dadey to enter into the **Zambelli Fireworks** contract and agreement for the East Syracuse Fireworks taking place on **Saturday July 6, 2024** and **postponement date of Sunday July 7, 2024**

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Ment
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

8. **Motion to approve** all Park and Recreation programs as shown in the attached flyer.

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Para
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

9. **Motion to re-allocate \$136.17** from account **A.1325.0409** to **A.1325.0412**

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Para
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

10. **Motion to approve** Mayor Dadey, Deputy Mayor Albanese, Village Clerk Jennifer Scafidi to attend the **Onondaga County Monthly meeting** to be held on **Wednesday January 17th** at **6:00pm** in Liverpool.

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese
2nd By: Trustee Para
Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Dadey welcomed Trustee Plourde, Trustee Ment, and Village Clerk Jennifer Scafidi. She talked about how some departments need co-liaisons in case the other point of contact is out of reach. She welcomed our two new DPW employees: Chris Smith and Luke Maxwell. She thanked Deputy Mayor Albanese and the board for handling everything last week in her absence. She thanked Tom Richardson and all his team for everything they do for our programs.

Deputy Mayor Albanese welcomed all of our new staff.

Trustee Para welcomed all of our new staff.

Trustee Plourde states he is excited to work with Chris Shields.

Trustee Ment states that it is a pleasure to be here.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

none

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

Village Clerk The new village clerk started last month. Her name is Jennifer Scafidi. She states she is excited to be here.

DPW -Randy Hughson provided information on the CDL training. Luke Maxwell is now Plow 1. Chris Smith is Plow 2. The Village Clerk and Deputy Mayor came and visited the DPW and he showed the new village clerk around the buildings. On slower days, the department is busy cleaning the bays and trucks. They also cleaned both buildings, bathrooms, put up tools and put all

the summer things away. They hauled all the scrap steel and cleaned up the yard. Jeff did his online CDL course. Chris has had him out driving and parallel parking. He is doing well. Nick passed his CDL permit test. He will be next to start driving. A new sewer line was put in on the 600 block of West Manlius Street.

- **Trees** - Trimmed all the trees on Upton Street.
- **Signs** - Changed out some faded no parking signs.
- **Leaves** - Finished up leaves and made one more brush pick up (as being the weather has been so nice), clean leaf box & sucker for storage for the season.
- **Sidewalks** - Nick & Ian went around, ground down a lot of sidewalks that were lifted. Some were a trip hazard.
- **Parks** - Helped Tom with Christmas decoration ride contest.
- **Snow** - Salt trips-6. Plow trips-2, Parking lots-1, Sidewalk plow 1 trip (Short route).

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Nate Baker spoke on behalf of the Fire Chief who was absent from the meeting.

- 1268 calls for service
- 70 hours of training
- 12 EMTs added
- 51 total EMTs

PARKS AND RECREATION-Tom Richardson thanked the board for allowing them to do all these programs. He stated the Keith Caiello and Dave Delpriore do a great job with all these programs.

The Village Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on **Wednesday, December 6th** at the Village Hall. Thank you to music teacher Samantha Darling and The Treblemakers 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 the Lake* on **Thursday, November 30th** . There was a stop at Heid's on way home.

The seniors went to see the Buddy Holly Holiday show on **Thursday, December 7th** at the Turning Stone Casino.

Family Movie Night was held on **Friday, December 8th**. The movie Polar Express was shown. Children enjoyed popcorn, and refreshments.

Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 9th** was a success. Approximately 175 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.

20 Seniors attended A Good Man Charlie brown- The Musical on **Sunday, December 10th** at the Redhouse Theater.

On Monday, December 11th 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 12th.** 13 houses entered the competition.

1st Place - 113 E Second St.

2nd Place - 106 McCool Ave.

3rd Place - 217 West Ave.

On **December 13th** 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 the American legion was attended by 35 seniors on **Thursday, December 14th.** Thank you to Mrs. McGinley's Class and Miss Albanese's 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 the food for party. Thank you to East Syracuse Recreation Committee for donating money to the event to keep the price down so more seniors could attend.

The Men's basketball league continued at Legacy Gym in December.

A trip to Chuck E Cheese was held on **Tuesday, December 26th.** 27 children attended. tubing scheduled for December 27th was cancelled due to bad weather.

Trivia and a Movie was held at the Village office on **Thursday, December 28th.**

Disney on Ice will be on **Thursday, January 5th** at the War Memorial.

Over 90 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 18th.**

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 19th**.

Deadline for Food \$ense program is **Friday, January 12th**. Call Tom Richardson at 315-952-0038 to get your order in.

The i0ce 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.

Programs Pending Board Approval: February 2024–April 2024

6th ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL - Will be held on **Saturday, April 13th** from **12:00pm – 3:00 pm** at Ellis Field Park. Events include the macaroni & cheese cook off, kiddy games, wagon rides, arts and crafts, pony rides, balloon twisting, face painting, concession stand, musical entertainment.

ICE SKATING RINK – The East Syracuse Recreation Department has opened an Ice Skating Rink at Ellis Field Park. Hours (subject to change – Check web site) will be **Monday – Friday 4:00pm – 7:00pm and Saturday and Sunday**

12:00pm-6:00pm. Admission & Skate rentals will be free for Village Residents. **Helmets are recommended.**

Teen Night Skate Party – Come grab your skates and slide down to Ellis Field Park ice rink for a fun and exciting night of skating for teens! The event is **Friday, February 16th – 5:00pm - 6:30pm** Kids ages 11-16 are invited to join us for 1 ½ hours of skating with music, snacks/refreshments, and games throughout the event! This is a free event. **Pre-Registration is required.**

Mother/Daughter Event – We hope you will join us for a paint party for Mother's (or guardians) and daughters on **Friday, March 15th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.** Each person will have their own ceramic piece to paint along with snacks and refreshments available throughout the evening. **Pre-registration required and cost TBA.**

FEBRUARY BREAK ACTIVITIES– The following programs will be offered by the East Syracuse Park & Recreation Department during the week of **February 21st – Feb 25th.** **Pre-registration is required for all events.**

Youth Bumper Rock N Bowl– Come bowl, compete, and have fun at the Village Lanes over Winter Break! Bowling will be from **10:00am – 12:00pm** at the Village Lanes in East Syracuse on **Tuesday, February 20th.** Cost is \$9.00 per bowler and this includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, 1 slice of pizza and a soda. Concession stand is available. **Pre-registration and payment required. Limited spots available.**

Family Snow Tubing – Will be offered at Four Seasons Ski Resort on **Wednesday, February 21st** from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Cost is \$22 per person. No transportation will be provided for this event. Recreation staff will be at Four Seasons at 10:30am. **Pre-registration and payment required.** Children must be accompanied by an adult (adults don't have to tube). Lobby and seating area available for parents to stay warm.

Sky Zone – Bounce on over to Sky Zone on **Thursday, February 22nd** for 1 ½ hours of fun! Parks and Recreation staff members will be there at 9:45am. Jumping will be from 10:00am – 11:30am. Cost is \$18 Village Residents and \$20 Non-Residents. Includes 1 ½ hours of jumping & Socks. No transportation provided. **Pre-registration and payment is required.**

Bingo & Movie – Will be offered at the Village Office (204 N Center St.) on **Thursday, February 22nd**. Bingo runs from **12:00pm – 1:00pm**. Movie will run from **1:15pm-3:00pm**. **This is a free event.** It includes popcorn and a drink. If you are staying for both, please bring a bagged lunch.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Will be offered on **Friday, February 23rd** at East Syracuse Elementary from 10:00am – 11:45am. Put together a team or we can put you on a team! Open to children grades 1-5. The cost is \$5.00 which includes several basketball games, hot shot competition, refreshments and awards. **Payments made directly to Steve Graham on the day of the event.**

Intramurals & Pizza Party – Join the East Syracuse Parks and Recreation Dept. and ESE gym teacher Steve Graham for a day of your favorite gym games on **Friday, February 23rd** at East Syracuse Elementary School (gym). Program runs from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 per child which includes pizza & refreshments. Open to children grades 1-6. **Payments will be made directly to Steve Graham day of the event.**

CHILD & BABY SITTING SAFETY COURSE

EAVES Ambulance will be holding a Child and Babysitting Safety class during February break on **Wednesday, February 21st** at the EAVES Building (6532 Fly Rd.) Class is open to youth 11 years and older. Pre- Registration and payment is required. Course completion cards will be mailed to participants. The cost is \$60.00. **Pre-registration & payment required.**

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT - Will be offered on **Wednesday, February 28th** from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the East Syracuse Village office (2nd Floor) **Pre-registration is required.** Cost is free. Complimentary snacks & Refreshments. Prizes for the top 3 teams.

BUILD IT WITH LOWES - Children and their parent or guardian will build a project from Lowes on **Saturday, March 9th** from 9:30am – 11:00am at the East Syracuse Municipal Building 2nd floor. Cost is \$5.00 – includes monster truck project kit, snacks and refreshments. **Pre-registration & payment required.**

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY- Join the Recreation Dept. for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on **Saturday, March 23rd** at the American Legion (135 W Manlius St.) from 9:15am – 10:45am. Cost is \$4.00 /person or \$15.00 per family. Includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice, milk, coffee, picture with Easter Bunny, crafts. **Pre-registration and payment required.**

EASTER EGG HUNT -Will be held on **Saturday, March 30th** at Ellis Field Park-Hanlon Pool beginning at **10:00am sharp** for ages 10 and under. Come see the Easter Bunny, Find the special egg. Candy for Everyone. (3 areas) 4 & under, ages 5 – 7, ages 8 –10. Rain or shine.

EASTER COLORING CONTEST- The East Syracuse Parks & Recreation Dept. is holding an Easter Coloring contest. Coloring forms will be posted on the Website (villageofeast Syracuse.com). Forms can be turned into Village office (204 N Center Street). **Deadline is Thursday, March 28th** Winners will be announced at Easter Egg Hunt on **March 30th**.

Parent/Child Bowling Tournament – A parent and child bowling tournament will be held on **Saturday, March 9th** from 12:00pm – 2:00pm at the Village Lanes. Cost is \$10 per bowler. This will include 2 games, shoes, and trophies for the winners.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY – Will be held on **Wednesday, February 14th** at the Heman Street Apartments as part of the Keener Senior Program from 10:30 – 1:30. Cost is \$3.50 (pay at program) includes lunch from Peace Incorporated at 12:00 noon. There will be Valentine Bingo at 11:00am and entertainment at 12:30pm. Call 315-952-0038 for more information.

Technology for Seniors – This seminar will be held on **Monday, March 4th** – 2:00pm - 3:30pm at Heman St. apartments. This informational class will be to answer and assist seniors in technology based questions they may have in their everyday lives. The class will cover technology basics, smart phones, computers/laptops, social media, and avoiding scams.

TURNING STONE CASINO - Trips will be offered on **Monday, February 19th, Tuesday, March 5th, Thursday, April 25th, and Thursday, May 23rd**. Cost is \$10 for Village Residents and \$12.00 for Non-Village Residents. Includes school bus transportation, \$15.00 in bingo bucks or free play and a \$5 food voucher. **Based on Bus Availability.**

SINGING IN THE RAIN – The East Syracuse Minoa production Singing in the Rain will be held on **Saturday, March 10th** beginning at 2:00pm in the Highschool Auditorium. Cost is \$5.00 which includes a ticket to show. There will be no bus transportation. **Pre-registration and payment is required. Tickets are limited.**

MOVIE DAYS – Will be Held on **Thursday January 25th, Thursday February 8th and Thursday April 11th** at the East Syracuse Village Office (2nd Floor), Movie at 12 noon on Projection Screen. Cost is free – includes popcorn and refreshments.

VILLAGE CARD PARTY – Join the East Syracuse Parks & Recreation Department for a monthly Pitch Party at the Village Municipal Building (3rd Floor) from 10:00am – 1:30pm. The cost is \$4.00 for Village Residents- Includes Lunch, snacks & refreshments and prizes. Call 315-952-0038 to register. Upcoming parties will be on **Thursday January 18th, February 15th, Thursday March 7th and Thursday April 18th.**

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY- Will be held on **Wednesday March 14th** at the Heman Street Apartments Community Room from 10:30am – 1:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 and it includes Corn-beef and cabbage lunch with all the fixings, Entertainment by ESM 2nd and 3rd Grade students and ESM High-school music students. **Pre-registration and payment is required.**

EASTER LUNCHEON – Will be held on **Wednesday March 27th** at the Heman Street Apartments Community Room from 10:30am – 1:30pm. The cost is \$5.00. It includes Easter Luncheon, and entertainment. **Pre-registration and payment is required.**

EARTH DAY CLEANUP – The Village of East Syracuse will be holding its Annual Cleanup of the Village on **Saturday April 20th**. Participants will meet at Sterling Park. Plastic gloves, bags and protective vests will be available to use. At the conclusion (11:00 am) of clean up, the Recreation staff will be serving volunteers hot dogs, chips, ice cream and water. Call 315-952-0038 for more information.

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE – Will be offered on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at East Syracuse High School. League begins on **Friday April 12th**. **Registration fee is \$150.00.**

PARK MAINTENANCE COMMENTS

- Normal Litter/trash/grounds checks & salt checks.
- Breakfast with Santa and hayride related tasks, decorate, set up, etc.
- Decoration on Hill (pool)
- Start ice rink setup, frame, braces and straps complete, cubby's and skates.
- Help as asked/needed luncheons, seniors, crossing kids, food sense.
- Received Fed Ex playground parts, checked park against packing slip.
- Start taking down Christmas Decorations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMENTS

Chris Shields spoke about the situation on Silver Street. We had a resident parking complaint about parking at the Silver Street Venue. The DeWitt PD was called. The practice of the police department is to talk to the people and give them the chance to move their vehicles. Shortly after, the East Syracuse Fire Department was unable to get by due to the parking situation. The Fire Department went in also and asked them to move. They eventually did. We will follow up with Village attorney on this situation.

DECEMBER 2023

Rental Registration — approximately 400 rental registration packets were mailed out to all property owners who own rental property within the Village. All rental property shall be registered for 2024 no later than January 31, 2024.

ORDER TO REMEDY VIOLATIONS ISSUED

Village of East Syracuse Municipal Code (Local Law)
(2) 5265-3 Delinquent Rental Registration (1)
5340-22 Front Yard Parking in Residential

Building Permits Issued

BUILDING	FENCE	POOL / HOT TUB	DEMO
3			
SIGN	FILL/DRAINAGE	SOLAR	CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

Rental & Fire Inspections Completed

Rental Inspections (18)
Commercial Fire Inspections (14)

Special Letters

201 Upton St	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office
203 Upton St	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office
104 McCool Ave	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office
108 Upton St	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office
220 W Yates St	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office
108 E Ellis St	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office
306 % Highland St	Letter to Albert Kerr, Town of DeWitt Assessor on ZBA variance issued
6508 Basile Rowe	Zoning Determination and Compliance Letter for Green Express Med LLC
3137 Erie Blvd E	Zoning Verification letter to NYS DMV for Caliber Collision to get registered
207 W Ellis St	Letter confirming old violations have been closed
319 W Manlius St	Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office

618 W Manlius St Notice to update legal mailing address w/ Town of DeWitt Assessors Office

Codes Court December 19, 2023

1. 114 East Ave — Nuisance vehicle
Property owner no show again. Judge scheduled for a "Trial in absentia" to be held in January 2024
2. 303 N Center St — Junk in yard & broken front door
Door fixed, junk in the yard still there. The property owner is attempting to evict tenant causing the mess. Back in court in January 2024.

Commercial Construction in progress

- 3137 Erie Blvd E— Caliber Collision
- 6641 Manlius Center Rd — Tractor Supply

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings Held

Planning Board — December 11, 2023 4:30pm

Zoning Board - December 28, 2023 6:30pm

Upcoming Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Planning Board —January 8, 2023 4:30pm

Agenda: 214 Kinne St — more in-depth site plans for condos

Zoning Board No meeting scheduled at this time

Motion to Adjourn at 730

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Albanese

2nd By: Trustee Ment

Polling the Board: Yes Motion Carried