



Village of East Syracuse

204 North Center Street, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Mayor

Robert T. Tackman

Deputy Mayor

Kimberly Liedka

Trustees

Mary Albanese

Margaret Raesky

Dominic Celletti

Justice

Joseph Zavaglia

Manager/Clerk

Michael Moracco

Parks & Recreation

Thomas Richardson

DPW Superintendent

Randy Hughson

Code Enforcement

Christopher Shields

Fire Chief

Christopher Shields

Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021

6:30pm

Zoom Meeting & Regular

1. Public Hearing: started at 6:34pm

- For local law (2021-1) authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law.

No comments were made

Closed the Public hearing at 6:37pm

2. General Board Meeting

- Call to Order 6:37pm
- Roll Call

Present: Mayor Robert T. Tackman, Deputy Mayor Liedka, Trustee Albanese, Trustee Raesky, Trustee Celletti

Also attending: DPW Superintendent Hughson, Parks & Recreation director Richardson, Manager Moracco, Jeff Temple, Assistant Chief DiBello, President Knierman and Captian White

- Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka to approve Vouchers # 62417 through 62504 for the amount of \$204,104.35

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-32

- Motion** Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Raesky to approve the minutes for 1/4/2021

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-33

- Motion** by Trustee Celletti, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka, to have the Mayor reach out to Key Bank to find out what the amount would be to consider the necessary funds if we were to move forward to purchase in purchasing the demo fire truck from Churchville.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-34

- Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky, to approve local law (2021-1) authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-35

- Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka, to Allow **Restore for life** to use lobby of Municipal Building on Wednesday, February 10th from 12:00-4:00 for a food give away (100 boxes from Food Bank). Only a few volunteers will be in lobby. Food will be put in cars when they drive up. Parks Dept will be on hand to assist.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-36

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8. **Motion** by Mayor Tackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka, to approve contract with ESFD Inc.

Roll Call: Mayor Tackman YES
 Deputy Mayor Liedka YES
 Trustee Albanese YES
 Trustee Raesky YES
 Trustee Celletti NO

Motion Carried

R2021-37

9. **Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky to allow the Village Manager to sign the contract with IFS. IFS provides our web site and support, at a rate \$115/hr. on site and \$100/hr. off-site.

Polling the Board: yes

Motion Carried R2021-38

10. **Motion** by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Trustee Albanese, to have: **Virtual Parent/Child Paint Day** on Tuesday, February 16th at 11:00 am. Rec Staff will put together paint and supply packages for up to 25 Village residents. Participants will pick up packet at Ellis Field Park Mon – Friday between 8:00 – 4:00. Rec staff will give step by step instructions on day of events. Additional info to follow.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-39

11. **Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka, to have: **Bowling Day** at Villages lanes on Thursday, February 17th. Limited space \$6.00/person – Includes 2 hours bowling and shoes. 10:00 – 12:00.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-40

12. **Motion** by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky, to have: **Family Tubing Day** at Four Seasons during February Break on Thursday, February 18th. Cost is 15.00 Village resident, \$20.00 Non-resident. Pre-registration required due to capacity restrictions at Four Seasons. Limit 20.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-41

13. **Motion** by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka, to have a **Virtual talent Show**. Families would send the Recreation Department videos of their act (singing, dancing etc.). Videos would be posted on Facebook with winners getting a prize. Additional info to follow. Feb 13th – 20th

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-42

14. **Motion** by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Raesky to - allow Recreation Dept in conjunction with ESM Students (Mrs. McGinley and Miss Albanese Classes) to provide a Valentine's Day Surprise for Keener Seniors. Lunch made by Rec Staff, cards and treats would be delivered to Keener seniors throughout the Village on Thursday, February 11th starting at 11:30am

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-43

1. Discussion Items:

- **CSX update**

Manager Moracco updated the Board that DPW Superintendent Hughson and the local CSX engineer have been in contact and are addressing the drainage problems. CSX director of PR Maurice has not yet discussed any options addressing the residents' complaints about the noise, lights, and volume of traffic. Village officials did meet on site with Maurice from CSX and discussed different options to possibly implement the residents' concerns. Maurice has provided his cell phone number to the Village and requested that his number be given out to any residents that have concerns.

- **Fire Department officers**

The Mayor informed the Board that this issue would be moved to the executive session.

2. Mayors Comments:

- **Budget season**

The Mayor informed the Board that once again we will be establishing our next year's budget starting in March. The Mayor will be setting up meetings with the Board members along with Department Heads to work through the budget process.

- **Village Emergency Plan**

NYMIR sent the Mayor additional information about establishing an emergency plan. The Mayor will look over NYMIR guidelines and then will continue to work on a Village emergency plan. The mayor will present this to the Board in March to have the Board look it over and make any changes as needed. The goal is to have a final copy and approved by the Board by April of this year.

3. Trustee Comments:

- **Trustee Albanese: Budget Committee**

Mike will be providing monthly budget reports to us so that we all can see each month where the Village is financially. Terry will be providing a new account number in DPW and the Fire department for expenses for employees who are required to have a CDL license for their job. Next meeting is February 25th at 7:00am

4. Manager/ Clerk Comments:

- **Monthly Budget report**

Village Manager presented a general ledger report that would be given to the Board members each month. He asked the Board members to look it over and make sure that it would meet their needs.

- **Employee Handbook**

More copies are being made and will be mailed, emailed or dropped off to fire department members and volunteers. Members and volunteers will have to sign the acknowledgment sheet at the end of the handbook.

- **Sharing work responsibility**

The staff within the clerk's office have been working together to learn each other's job duties, so that if a staff member is out the other clerks will be able to fill in.

- **Update on keys and fobs**

Shalinda is updating again our keys and fobs that are being used, as well as removing those members and staff that no longer need them.

- **NYCOM summary of the State Budget**

The Village Manager provided to each Board member a copy of the NYCOM summary of the States executive budget proposal.

5. Department Reports:

- **Fire Department**

- i. **Red Alert software**

Chief Shields has talked with Dawn about the programs on her computer for Red Alert, it seems that we have a lot of the modules and there are lot more that we could get. Village Manager Morocco provided to the Board members a list of all the modules that we have but are not using them. This information came from the office manager at Red Alert. The LOSAP program was one of the software programs that we have but are not using it fully.

- ii. **Building Fire, Damaged our equipment**

Chief Shields expressed to the Board that some of our equipment had been damaged by an oil substance. It also affected some of the equipment from other fire departments that were also at the site. Chief Shields is working with the insurance company and will keep the Board informed

- iii. **Open caretaker position**

There are two open sports for the caretakers. I am hoping we can fill them tonight.

- **Codes**

1. Chris Shields said that there has been a lot going on working on getting the rental registrations back.
2. Domino's Pizza is going to move inside Walmart
3. Tractor Supply is getting ready to renovate
4. New building being built on Manlius Center Road across the street from the Kia dealership.
5. Garbage is a problem. People are not using trash cans, garbage is getting all over, animals are getting into it and making a mess.
6. Garbage contract is up April 30th. The Mayor would like me to look at what it would take to have all the same trash cans, we should look into this as we redo the garbage contract.

- **DPW**

I have been in contact with CSX we have already fixed culvert on plugged the water is drawing properly

Having problems with getting sewer call, ever since we went to this new phone system. Mike and I will work this out.

- **Parks & Recreation**

1. Mayor Tackman said that Tom would be starting up more programs for the seniors as COVID has been tough on them.
2. Director Richardson said that he will be getting the seniors together for lunch and has some other programs that he will be setting up for them.
3. Director Richardson went over all of the work that he has been doing over these last months and some of the issues the building has had like the HAVC system. He has scheduled all of the summer programs and events so that they will be ready. This is something each year at this time that I have to do it so that we have events in the future

Community Comments

No comments from the public

Motion by trustee Albanese , seconded by Trustee Raesky to go into executive session at 7:56pm

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Raesky, seconded by Trustee Celletti to leave executive session at 8:51pm

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried

Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Albanese to go back to regular meeting at 8:52pm

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried

Motion by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Raesky to hire William Browne as a caretaker at the rate he was at when he left. Start date ASAP

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-44

Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Raesky, to hire Sam Galasso as a caretaker starting Monday 8th of February. Sam will be starting at \$15/hr.

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried R2021-45

Motion by Trustee Albanese, seconded by trustee Raesky, to adjourn

Polling the Board: Yes

Motion Carried **8:56pm**

