

**PUBLIC HEARING  
February 5, 2018**

**RE: Proposed Local Law No. 1, of 2018  
Property tax levy in excess of 2%**

**Mayor Tackman** called the Public Hearing regarding proposed local law No. 1 of 2018, a local law to allow the Village of East Syracuse to adopt a budget for fiscal year commencing June 1, 2018 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by GML§3-c to order at 7PM.

**Local Law No. 1, of 2018** reads as follows:

**A Local Law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of  
the limit established in  
General Municipal Law §3-c**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of East Syracuse to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2018 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of East Syracuse, County of Onondaga, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2018 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability**

If a Court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the Court’s order of Judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

## Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

### **Comments:**

**Mayor Robert T. Tackman** read the proposed local law and explained the history and intent. The State initially promoted the plan as a 2% tax cap but actually it is aligned with inflation. This year the CPI is 2.13%.

Having this local law in place allows the Board to enact a budget that reflects actual operation costs and expenses. Should the budget come in under the limit the Village can waive this exception and residents could qualify for any rebates for local taxes.

The Onondaga County Mayor's Association and NYCOM recommend taking these measures and the Village has adopted similar legislation annually since the inception of the program.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Tackman closed the public hearing at 7:03PM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Village of East Syracuse**  
**February 5, 2018**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance **Mayor Robert T. Tackman** called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Board of Trustees to order at 7:04PM.

Present: Trustee Janet L. Mattox, Trustee Mary Albanese, Deputy Mayor Kimberly A. Liedka, and Mayor Robert T. Tackman.

Also Present: DPW Superintendent Ron Russell, III, Parks Director Tom Richardson, Village Justice Joseph J. Zavaglia, Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby, Fire Chief James Brewster, and Director of Codes Chris Shields.

Excused: Trustee James E. Carr, Jr., Village Engineer Steve Snell, and Village Attorney Robert Germain.

Three Village residents attended including: Housing Authority Chairperson Sally M. Seeley, Shannon Burke and Tracy Wright.

**Review of Correspondence** A record of recent correspondence has been distributed to the Board of Trustees and all department heads to assist in monitoring activities.

Mayor Tackman asked for a moment of silence in recognition and remembrance for the passing of Town of DeWitt Police Officer *Joseph P. Sensus*.

**Motion** – by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka - To accept the following vouchers for payment:

From **Consolidated Fund** Abstract, vouchers numbered 57920 through 57982 and Abstract in the amount of \$242,419.83.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

**Property Tax Cap - Local Law No. 1 of 2018**

**Motion** – by Trustee Mattox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka - To adopt a resolution approving Local Law 1 of 2018 of the Village of East Syracuse, a local law to allow the Village of East Syracuse to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2018 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by GML§3-c. Said Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

### Schedule Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant

**Motion** – by Trustee Mattox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka - To conduct a **public hearing** on March 5, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building Court Room to receive comment and suggestion for application to Onondaga County Community Development for HUD block **grant project funding**.

**Discussion:** Grant application deadline is March 16, 2018. 2017 project for Pavilion was not funded but the alternative for basketball and tennis courts improvements was funded \$25,000. Other projects on the 5-year plan included : Manlius Street Lighting, Walking Path and north-end Parking and Community Garden. Considering project to replace mulch under playground as this has been identified a number of years during insurance assessment as a problem.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

### Schedule Public Hearing – Local Law RE: residency requirement

**Motion** – by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Mattox - To conduct a **public hearing** on March 5, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building Court Room to consider a local law concerning residency requirement for appointed officials as within Onondaga County.

**Discussion:** Mayor Tackman presented that the Village is looking at options for appointed officials and may take this opportunity to change residency requirements to include the whole of Onondaga County and not just the Village.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

### Garbage Contract

On April 1<sup>st</sup> the County opened bids for the Village of East Syracuse garbage contract (Reference number 7987), as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>
Butler Disposal	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00
Syracuse Haulers	\$170,820.00	\$175,565.00	\$180,310.00
Waste Management	\$235,503.84	\$243,703.20	\$252,244.20
Feher Rubbish	\$170,772.55	\$170,772.55	\$170,772.55

**Motion** – by Trustee Mattox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka -Based upon the low bid, to award the Village Garbage contract to **Butler Disposal** for \$165,000.00 for the next year, to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Mayor Tackman noted that Butler Disposal has held the contract since 2011. Overall they do a good job. Seen a lot more loose trash and litter but that may be due to weather conditions.

The following holidays will cause a 1 day **delay in collection** – Saturday instead of the usual Friday:

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day  
Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thanksgiving  
Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas  
Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Day

### **Elections Update**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) is the day for Annual Elections including the Village. The Village of East Syracuse has **no positions** open this year. Our next Elections will be November 5, 2019 for two Trustee positions.

### **NY Main Street grant application**

**Motion** – by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Mattox - To approve and endorse the application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the *NY Main Street grant for East Manlius Street Facades*:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of East Syracuse desires to apply for \$20,000 in financial assistance through the 2018 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the *NY Main Street grant for East Manlius Street Facades*; and

**WHEREAS**, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings on Main Street between North Center Street and 290 Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Syracuse approves and endorses the 2018 *NY Main Street grant for East Manlius Street Facades* for assistance prepared and to be submitted by the Village of East Syracuse.

**Discussion:** This grant will assist in the planning of the project working with the property owners.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Fire Department**

**Motion** – by Trustee Mattox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka - To approve the attendance at training for **Nate Baker** May 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at Fire Academy Montour Falls for *Fire Service Instructor II*. Cost is \$216 (\$25 for registration and \$191 food & lodging). Test for course is \$101.95 from Amazon. Will take a Village vehicle and gas card.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Cats**

**Motion** – by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Liedka - To partner with **Kitty Corner of CNY** to implement a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program in the Village of East Syracuse with the Village's contributing up to \$2000 towards management costs.

**Discussion:** Mayor Tackman noted that this has been a longstanding problem for many years. The Village will still move forward with any legislative options. Director of Code Enforcement Chris Shields reached out and met with Kitty Corner and learned about their Trap-Neuter-Return program that will come into the Village and trap the community cats, and give them medical attention and neutering before they are returned to the area. Cats are clipped to designate they have been neutered.

Trustee Janet Mattox approved of this humane approach.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

## **July 7<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ronald A. Russell, Jr. Fireworks**

**Motion** – by Deputy Mayor Liedka, seconded by Trustee Albanese - To approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with *Infinity* for \$1100 for music and entertainment at the Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event.

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

**Motion** – by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Mattox - To authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with **Zambelli Fireworks** for \$10,500 for fireworks display for 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ronald A. Russell, Jr. Fireworks and Community Days on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> (rain date is Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>).

Polling the Board: All in favor. Motion carried.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

### Village Court – Judge Joseph Zavaglia

Centralized Arraignments have started. Working out really well. No Judges have to be called in the middle of the night any longer. Have arraignments down in the court on State Street from 5:30 PM to 10:30PM. Each judge takes a turn. This is 365 days a year. Judges seem to like this.

Dewitt Police Department have been very diligent is writing Winter Ban Parking tickets during these winter months.

While Bridget is away on vacation, Judge Glassford will be sitting in the office answering phones and taking any fines that are due. She has been coming into the office learning. Will post times and days that office will be open when Bridget is away on the Webpage and answering machine. Will also post a note on door. There is no conflict with this. She is very eager and helpful.

WE have been informed that our SEI court program will now be under the Unified Court System . They will pay for the services to all courts and this will be a great savings to each court. We currently pay about \$1600.00 a year for this service. A great way to start the New Year -saving money!!!

Judge Joseph Zavaglia explained more about the Centralized Arraignments. All arrests after 10:30 will be arraigned the next morning. Between 5:30PM and 10:30PM a single Judge will be scheduled to take all arraignments at the County Justice Center. Working on schedule and training. This helps get Police back out on the road quicker and no more waiting around in holding or searching for an available Judge. Police may still issue appearance tickets.

### Fire Department – Fire Chief James Brewster

#### Fire Calls for the Month of January

Fire, Other	6
Fire, in Structure	1
Outside Equipment	1
Rescue	15
Medical Assistance	1
Motor Vehicles with Injuries	8
Motor Vehicle with no injuries	7
Gas Leak (flammable liquid)	1
Gas Leak (natural gas)	1
Toxic Conditions	1
Electrical Wiring	1
Arching	1

Biological Hazard, confirmed or suspected	1
Service Calls	4
Lock-out	6
Water Problem	4
Smoke/Odor	5
Assist Invalid	1
Coverage Assignment, standby, move up	1
Good Intent	1
Dispatched/Canceled en Route	15
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm	37
CO Detector Activation	<u>2</u>
	121

<u>Mutual Aid Calls</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Received</u>
27001 Bridgeport	1	
34008 Cicero	1	
34011 DeWitt	3	
34016 Fayetteville	1	
34022 Kirkville	1	
34025 Liverpool	2	
34026 Lyncourt	3	1
34028 Manlius	1	
34030 Mattydale		2
34032 Minoa	1	
34037 North Syracuse	<u>2</u>	
	16	

**Fire Chief Brewster** noted an average month is 100 alarms so 121 kept them busy. The Rescue Truck is scheduled to arrive in Buffalo. On target for delivery in approximately 6 weeks. Urged the Board to proceed with conditions agreed to in the 2018 Fire Contract with the Town to hire additional Firehouse caretakers and purchase Engine.

Mayor Tackman asked is anything needs to be signed for the release to display the Rescue Truck. E-One will be fully responsible.

#### **Code Enforcement - Director of Operations Chris Shields**

- Met with Linda Young who runs Kitty Corner Cat Rescue and we discussed bringing the TNR Program into the Village
- William Cramer has started fire inspections for 2018, and rental inspections are underway.
- Letters are continuously being sent out regarding trash being put out without stickers. Most of the time, it's just a matter of the landlord not educating their tenants with the system.



- There are a couple of businesses that are looking at the two vacant properties on Erie Blvd that are which are within the limits. The old Sofa & Chairs store, and the old Saab Auto Center.

Mayor Tackman extended Birthday wishes to Chris.

**DPW – Superintendent Ron Russell, III**

**SNOW OPERATIONS** – DPW crews were involved in plowing, salting and snow removal numerous times during the month. Crews kept the bridges and Manlius Street sidewalks clear with the sidewalk plow as well as the snow blowers. Crews removed snow on Manlius Street and the municipal lots several times. Snow banks in front of hydrants and also at the corner crosswalks was pushed away to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the street at the corners. A comparison to this date (February 5, 2018) and the previous 2 years are shown below.

	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
Salt Trips	13	34	48
Plow Trips	16	21	37
Sidewalk Plow	10	19	31 (includes short routes)
Parking Lots	14	19	34

**SIGN WORK** – Crews changed out numerous signs and also installed several new signs and posts that were damaged. Crews concentrated on stop signs that were beginning to fade.

**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION** – Collection of trees was completed. The trees were taken to OCRRA in Jamesville for composting. Christmas decorations were taken down.

**TREE WORK** - Crews trimmed numerous trees and low hanging branches throughout the village.

**SPECIAL TRASH PICK UP** – Crews picked up trash, tree limbs and other debris village wide on 2 occasions.

**DRAINAGE** - Catch basins were cleared of snow prior to warm temperatures and rain that was in the forecast the week of January 7. Flooding issues on First Street were addressed. DPW is looking into possible ways to correct the problem.

**SANITARY SEWER** – A sanitary sewer overflow occurred on January 12. The overflow lasted approximately 6 hours and was reported to the DEC.

Crews also assisted other village departments several times and performed all other duties such as trash pick up etc.

DPW Superintendent Russell commented on complaints when the sidewalk plow is out on days that it is not snowing. The DPW works what it calls a “short route” for the Bridges and Manlius, Center and Kinne Streets to keep the sidewalks clear so that people will not walk in the road. To do this sometime they have to “knock back” the areas.

Sally Seeley commented that the DPW does a great job, especially this time of year with so much snow.

Director of Code Enforcement Chris Shields noted that only in East Syracuse do we complain about keeping the sidewalks too clean!

### **Parks Department – Director Tom Richardson**

The 2018 Winter - Spring Recreation Brochure is out and available on the Village web site. Copies also will be available at Village office.

Family Skate Night will be held at Clinton Square on Saturday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Fest is taking place on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 pm at Ellis Field Park. See website for more info.

EAVES will be holding a Baby Sitting course on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00 at the Village office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Cost is \$50.00. Register at Village office.

Registration is underway for February break youth activities (February 20 – 23). Forms are available at Village office and online. Activities include roller-skating, Karate, bowling, Out of the Cage Pet Mobile, Paint Day, 3 on 3 basketball Tourney, Intramurals. 44 seniors attended monthly trip to Turning Stone on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Next trip to Turning Stone is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Movie Day - The movie “The Mountain Between us” was shown on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor -village office. Next movie is Wonder on March 8<sup>th</sup>

The inter-generational program between East Syracuse Elementary students and the Keener Seniors was held on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, January 31<sup>th</sup>. Students played bingo with the seniors and celebrated January birthdays. This month students will join seniors on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> for a Valentine’s Day party.

Senior Valentine’s Day Party -Mike Romano & Friends will be performing at Heman St Apts on February 12<sup>th</sup> during the senior luncheon. Bingo at 10:00 am, lunch at 12:00 noon, entertainment at 12:30.

25 residents of Bennett Manor attended luncheon on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Next Bennett Manor Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

18 seniors played pitch in the monthly card party on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Next party is on February 16<sup>th</sup>

Food Sense. Orders for February Food Sense due before February 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Tom Richardson at 952 - 0038 for more information.

**Parks Director Richardson** reported that the Winter/Spring brochure is out and available at the Library and School as well as at the Village Office and on-line.

Reminds everyone about the first Winterfest on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Village Office – Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Annual Report to the NYS Comptroller has been filed. The Independent Audit for fiscal year ending May 31, 2017 has also been completed.

#### **The Village as a Whole**

The 2016/2017 budget was adopted on April 18, 2016. The total budget (for all funds) was \$4,112,320, with revenues of \$1,482,505. This was a 6% decrease of \$280,193 from prior year (\$4,392,513). [This is the third year of a decreasing budget: 2015 was \$4,718,782 and 2014 was \$5,056,921] \$2,574,815 was the amount to be raised by taxes, with \$55,000 appropriated from fund balance.

The General Fund (A) budget for 2016/2017 totaled \$3,954,945. This was a decrease of \$314,018 from prior year 2015/2016 fiscal year. The General Fund 2016/2017 budget included \$1,482,505 in non-property tax revenues, \$2,417,440 in tax revenue and \$55,000 in appropriated fund balance.

The non-property tax sources included payments in lieu of taxes, interest earnings, fees, Court fines, franchise fees, fire protection contract, CHIPS, sales tax, state aid and grants. The 2015/2016 revenues are \$74,724 less than 2015/2016 (\$1,557,229).

Wages and benefits comprised 41% (1,637,415) of the general fund, with payroll representing 21% (\$912,845) and benefits 18% (\$724,570). This is 4% less than prior year. There was a 2% increase in wages offered to most full-time hourly employees.

The 2016/2017 general fund tax rate was \$13.12 per \$1000 of assessed value representing a \$.01 decrease from last year (\$13.13/1000).

The 2016/2017 Sewer Fund (G) budget was \$157,375 with all supported from taxes. The overall expenditures in the sewer fund budgets were \$33,825 more than 2015/2016 (\$123,550). The sewer rate was \$.72 per \$1000 of assessed value, 22% increase above last year (\$.56).

Debt is the major portion of the sewer fund including , sewer construction, capital construction projects (Municipal Building and Hanlon Pool Building) and on-going remediation efforts to complete a NYS DEC Consent Order work plan.

The Village entered into a lease agreement with OCWA on May 19, 2008 for the operation, maintenance and repair of the Village water system and supply water and water services directly to customers of the Village.

There is no F Fund/Water budget for 2016/2017. The last year, 2008/2009 water fund (F) budget was \$245,500.

**Condensed Statement of Net Assets (in thousands of dollars)**

	<u>Governmental Activities And Total Village as of 5/31/2016</u>	<u>Governmental Activities and Total Village as of 5/31/2017</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,341.4	\$ 1,415.7
Capital Assets	<u>\$ 7,342.4</u>	<u>\$ 8,681.4</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,683.9</b>	<b>\$10,097.1</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 725.7	\$ 948.2
Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,807.0</u>	<u>\$ 5,173.9</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,532.7</b>	<b>\$ 6,122.1</b>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>		
<b>Related to Pensions</b>		<b>\$ 144.4</b>
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<b>Related to Pensions</b>		<b>\$ 182.8</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related debt	\$ 4,447.3	\$ 5,011.1
Restricted	\$ 123.6	\$ 124.0
Unrestricted	<u>\$ (1,098.4)</u>	<u>\$ (1,121.7)</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,472.5</b>	<b>\$ 4,013.4</b>

**Statement of Activities**

	<u>General Fund 5/31/2016</u>	<u>General Fund 5/31/2017</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,483.8	\$ 2,604.5
Non-property taxes	\$ 158.5	\$ 134.7
Departmental Revenues	\$ 35.6	\$ 40.1
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,627.9	\$ 1,121.8
Use of money and property	\$ 0.5	\$ 2.6

License and Permits	\$ 50.0	\$ 32.7
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 43.4	\$ 49.6
Revenues from State sources	\$ 614.6	\$ 248.5
Federal Aid		\$ 320.6
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 36.8</u>	<u>\$ 77.8</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,051.1</b>	<b>\$ 4,632.7</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Support	\$ 1,006.9	\$ 1,064.8
Public Safety	\$ 1,054.1	\$ 1,051.4
Transportation	\$ 614.7	\$ 729.8
Culture and recreation	\$ 187.2	\$ 229.7
Home and Community Service	\$ 866.0	\$ 200.7
Employee Benefits	\$ 688.2	\$ 634.8
Debt Service	<u>\$ 608.1</u>	<u>\$ 443.5</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,025.2</b>	<b>\$ 4,354.5</b>
<b>Revenue over/under</b>		
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 25.9</b>	<b>\$ 278.2</b>

The 2016/2017 fiscal year revenues decreased by \$74,724, and amount raised by property taxes increased by \$44,531. State Aid was less than previous year. The Village experienced a decrease in employee benefits and home and community services but an increase in debt services, general support, public safety, transportation, and culture and recreation.

Fund balance for year end 2017 for the General Fund was \$776,781.

### **Debt Administration**

Debt service was approximately 13% of the total expenditures. Principal payments and interest were \$443,470 from the general fund and \$106,650 from the sewer fund. These payments include payments for construction of the Hanlon Pool Building, serial bonds for the Municipal Building, fire & DPW equipment, and road reconstruction.

The State Revolving Fund short term financing was converted to long term debt in August 2016. Total project costs of \$3,236,748 was converted to \$1,302,480 long term financing with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, with \$50,000 from Onondaga County Community Development Grant, \$390,000 anticipated USDA Rural Development grant, \$72,748 municipal contribution and \$1,335,520 CWSRF principal forgiveness.

### **Budget Preparation**

Budget preparation forms were distributed to all Departments for the proposed 2018/2019 budget. The following is the calendar/schedule we will follow for the budget process:

Submission of your estimate	February 12
Tentative budget submitted to Board	March 1
Review by Board of Trustee	March 1 - 31
Public Hearing on budget	by April 15
Adoption of budget	by May 1

There is relief from the Municipal Building debt with the final payment made December 15, 2017. The final payment for Extended Police Services will be in the upcoming year with the last quarterly payment due December 2018. *(for quick calculations every \$200,000 of reduced spending is \$1 off the tax rate.)*

### **Elections**

The Village has no annual elections in 2018. The next elections will be in November 2019 for two (2) Trustee positions, both for a four (4) year term. The Onondaga County Board of Elections conduct the election and all filings, petitions and registration *must* be done through them.

### **Grants**

EFC funding – SSO Mitigation Phase 2, Contract 2 – Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation and Replacement - The Engineers continue to prepare the design of the project. The grant award is \$370,835 based on \$1.5 million project costs with remaining amount financed through 0% interest hardship loan. Engineering is estimated to be \$219,000.

Onondaga County WEP Suburban Green Improvement – Hartwell Ave sewer improvement - This project has been approved for \$200,000 (maximum award is \$250,000).

Onondaga County Community Development Block Grant – The project for Basketball and Tennis Courts improvements was funded \$25,000.

### **Other Committees and Boards**

Zoning – nothing scheduled. Last met December 14, 2017 and approved parking variance for Aldi's building addition.

Planning – will begin site plan review for Aldi's building addition at February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Several members are planning to attend the March 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Federation Symposium at Downtown Marriott/Hotel Syracuse.

Safety – Next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Holidays and/or Changes in Garbage for the year**

The following holidays will cause a 1 day **delay in collection** – Saturday instead of the usual Friday:

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## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Deputy Mayor Kimberly A. Liedka** expressed her thankfulness in working with Kitty Corner to do something about the cat problem. Really appreciate finding some sort of solution.

Noted the comparison on snow operations. Appreciate the work of the crews on DPW. Hear the plows go by early in the morning and late at night – all hours actually. They do a remarkable job. Asked the DPW Superintendent to please share these comments and thank the crew for everything they do.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS – Robert T. Tackman**

Looking to revive the Revitalization Committee. Still have a few more spots to fill. If anyone would like to join or knows someone who would be interested please pass their name along. Also looking for Board of Ethics.

A few months back hosted a breakfast meeting of business owners. One of the things that came from that meeting was a strong interest in re-launching the Chamber or another business connection group. Approached by members of the Manlius Chamber that work in East Syracuse about their interest too in getting a Group going. Will meet next week to see what we can do to get this moving forward.

Will travel to Albany next Sunday for the NYCOM Winter Legislative meeting. Part of this is to meet with local State Legislators to bring NYCOM's and local Village interests forward.

Spoke January 19<sup>th</sup> at the NYCOM conference for Newly Elected Officers. Was a great opportunity to meet with other Village Officials. Networking and sharing concerns is a great help in finding solutions. We're all facing the same challenges and have the same goals.

It was a busy month with another busy one coming up!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **February Break 2018**

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

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Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**Karate – CNY Karate**

**Roller Skating Party**

**Parent Child Paint Day**

**Out of the Cage Pet Mobile**

**Bowling- Rock & Bowl**

**3 on 3 Basketball Tourney**

**Intramurals & Pizza Party**

**Family Ice Skating Night - Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Baby Sitting Course - Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM to 12Noon.**

**Annual ESM Musical “*Les Miserables*” - March 10<sup>th</sup> as guests of Dr. DiSiato.**

**Turning Stone Casino on Thursdays, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Activities:**

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

**Valentine’s Day Party**

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**St. Patrick’s Day Party**

**Spring Parks & Recreation Department:**

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Family Movie Night**

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Build It with LOWES**

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Coloring Contest**

**OCRRA annual Earth Day Clean-Up - Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.** Volunteers will meet at Village Deli at 9AM.

**Day at the Ball Park and the Syracuse Chief’s - Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at NBT Stadium**

**Adult basketball league and open-gym for 9 weeks at ESE gym Tuesdays 6 – 9PM (Leagues) and Thursdays (open gym), May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>**

CNY Karate to offer **Kids Karate** program for four (4) weeks Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 6PM (3 & 4 year olds) and 6:15 – 7PM (5 & older).

Court cancelled – **January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Village Offices are closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for **President’s Day**. **No change** to garbage and recycling pick-up.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**



## COMMUNITY COMMENTS

**Tracey Wright** asked if there is any movement on the Village taking a position on the impacts on Rt. 481 with the proposed changes to Rt. 81. It appears that Syracuse's Mayor has taken a position that pressures the out laying communities.

**Mayor Tackman** reported that the Village Mayor's Association continues to consider its position. The members have discussed and is considering the issue as a whole. This gives its position a bigger voice than as individual municipalities. The responses to the survey are still coming in.

**Trustee Janet Mattox** noted that the Town is hosting a forum on the subject tonight (right now).

**Deputy Mayor Kim Liedka** took a moment to acknowledge the People's Party has terminated its status as an independent nominating committee. Offered a big thank-you to Sally Seeley for all the work she did for the People's Party and the Village. It's a sad day to see it go.

**Sally Seeley** accepted the thanks but noted that she couldn't have done it alone. It was a difficult decision and tougher than thought it would be.

**Mayor Tackman** noted that the People's Party was a part of every local Election for many years. The records have been transferred to the Village and will be preserved as a part of Village history.

**Motion** – by Trustee Albanese, seconded by Trustee Mattox - To enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter.

The members of the Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:33PM to consider personnel matters.

## Review of Correspondence

10/20/17 NYMIR; RE: Recommendations following underwriters survey;

1/5/18 National Grid; RE: field audit;

1/9/18 Web Inquiry; RE: trash pick-up;

1/9/18 Code Enforcement; RE: trash violation at 313 West Manlius Street;

1/10/18 Village Clerk; RE: appointments to Recreation Advisory Commission;

1/10/18 Village Clerk; RE: appointment to Planning Board;

1/10/18 Village Clerk; RE: appointment to ZBA;

1/10/18 Mayor; RE: Town of DeWitt Chief of Police promotion;

1/10/18 Village Clerk; RE: C&S engineering agreement;

1/10/18 Village Clerk; RE: Onondaga County WEP sanitary sewer/pump station operations & maintenance agreement;

1/10/18 Village Attorney; RE: Vito's restaurant lights;

1/10/18 Village Clerk to Fire Department Secretary; RE: new members;

1/11/18 NYS OSC; RE: webinar Accounting for an Enterprise Fund;

1/11/18 Code Enforcement; RE: storage of motor vehicles at 107 Mosher Street;

1/11/18 Code Enforcement; RE: storage of motor vehicles at 115 Mosher Street;

1/11/18 Code Enforcement; RE: garbage violation at 400 Terrace Street;

1/11/18 Charter Communications; RE: upcoming changes;

1/11/18 Onondaga County Department of Finance; RE; eTax software;

1/12/18 Osmose; RE: relocation;

1/12/18 Code Enforcement; RE: code violations at 208 East Yates Street;

1/12/18 Onondaga County Board of Elections; RE; next General Elections;

1/12/18 NYS DOT; RE: CHIPS appropriations;

1/12/18 FJ Pompo & Company; RE: 2017 yearend Financial Statement;

1/15/18 Director of Code Enforcement; RE: department update;

1/15/18 Onondaga County Office of County Executive; RE: Save the Rain award;

1/16/18 Onondaga County Board of Elections; RE: validating Village addresses;

1/16/18 Village Accident Report – Fire Truck 1;

1/17/18 Code Enforcement; RE: driveway at 106 West Heman Street;

1/17/18 Code Enforcement; RE: snow plowing at 113 West Ellis Street;

1/17/18 Hiring Announcement; RE: Firehouse caretakers and Village Clerk;

1/17/18 Mayor; RE; purchase offer for Wallberger Road Caretaker house;

1/17/18 Center for Creative Land recycling; RE: BOA Enhancements;

1/18/18 Village Clerk; RE: Garbage Bids;

1/18/18 Code Enforcement; RE: snowplowing at 109 West Henrietta Street;

1/18/18 Onondaga County Director of Real Property; RE: tax collection software;

1/18/18 NYCOM; RE: Executive Budget;

1/18/18 Eagle News; RE: employment page ads for Village Clerk and Firehouse Caretaker;

1/19/18 Mayor; RE: DPW Foreman interviews;

1/19/18 Village Clerk to Crowley Insurance; RE; Notice of Claim;

1/19/18 Village Clerk; RE: Site Plan review for Aldi's proposed addition;

1/19/18 Village Clerk to Onondaga County Planning; RE: referral for Aldi's addition;

1/19/18 Beazley Breach response Services; RE: employee training resources;

1/22/18 Village Clerk; RE: notice to Department Heads for 2018/2019 Budget;

1/22/18 Village Clerk to Board of Trustees; RE: 2018/2019 budget;

1/22/18 Onondaga County Office of County Executive; RE: Sewer service Intermunicipal agreement fees;

1/23/18 Mayor; RE: Retirement announcement for Dana Vinch;

1/23/18 Mayor; RE; NYCOM Policy Committee appointment;

1/24/18 The People's Party; RE: termination of Committee and Treasurer;

1/25/18 Hancock & Estabrook; RE; Labor & Employment breakfast;

1/25/18 Mayor; RE: SEI program;

1/25/18 CNYRPDB; RE: Stormwater Project training;

1/25/18 Village Clerk to Verizon; RE: cancel service;

1/25/18 Village to EarthLink; RE: cancel service;

1/25/18 Crowley Insurance; RE: update on longstanding litigation;

1/25/18 Mayor; RE: NYS funding for bridges;

1/26/18 Village Clerk to FSAB; RE: account summary;

1/29/18 Butler Disposal; RE: Holiday collection schedule;

1/29/18 SMTC; RE: Bridge funding;

1/31/18 NYCOM; RE: wire transfer fraud targeting;

1/31/18 Parks Director; RE: Cornell Cooperative environmental volunteer;

1/31/18 NYMIR; RE: wire transfer fraud targeting;

2/1/18 Village Clerk to EFC; RE: SSO Mitigation contract 2 payment request;