**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Village of East Syracuse**

**July 2, 2018**

Present: Mayor Robert T. Tackman, Deputy Mayor Kimberly Liedka, Trustee Janet Mattox, Trustee James E. Carr, Trustee Mary C. Albanese

Also Present: DPW Superintendent Ron Russell III, Parks Director Tom Richardson, Director of Code Enforcement Chris Shields, Village Attorney Robert Germain, Sally Seeley, Mike Spiwak (Teen center Director at the Bridge) and Fire Department Members

Called to order at **7 PM**

**Motion by:** Trustee Carr to go into executive session to discuss a particular employee matter at7:02pm.

2nd by trustee Mattox

Polling the board: all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried 7:03pm**

**Motion by:** Trustee Mattox, to exit executive session

2nd by trustee Carr

Polling the board: all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried 8:05pm**

**Motion by:** Trustee Mattox to enter back into regular board meeting

2nd trustee Albanese

Polling the board: all in favor Yes, **Motion Carried 8:07pm**

**Mayor Tackman did address those in the room with the following comment regarding Fire Chief Brewster: The process is continuing and the Village board is taking the matter very seriously. We have to comply with the Civil Service process. During this process Chief Brewster will remain on suspension from both his roles (Fire Chief & Village Caretaker).**

**Motion by:** Trustee Albanese to approve the June 4, 2018 board of trustees meeting

2nd by deputy mayor Liedka

Polling the Board: All in favor Yes. **Motion Carried**

**Motion by-** Trustee Albanese, to accept the following vouchers for payment; from Consolidated

Fund Abstract, vouchers numbers **58578** through **58598** and abstract in the amount of $19,645.08.

B. To accept the following vouchers for payment from consolidated fund abstract,

vouchers numbers **58599** through **58751** in the amount of $257,303.25 for fiscal year 2018/2090

2nd by Trustee Mattox

Polling the Board: Mayor Tackman abstained from voucher #58690, All in favor. Yes, **Motion Carried**

**Motion** **by:** Deputy Mayor Liedka to approve Nate Baker for training, for the Swift Water

Rescue on July 16th through the 19th. There will be no cost to the Village for registration and food. Training will take place in Oriskany New York

Motion by: Trustee Albanese

2nd: Trustee Carr

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Motion- by:** Deputy Mayor Liedka to approve the Inter-Municipal lease agreement

with the Town of Dewitt, for the use of our substation, located inside the Village Hall building, to be use but the Dewitt police. (Two years @ $1.00 a year)

2nd: Trustee Carr

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Motion by**: Trustee Albanese to approve the resolution number 2018-051, supporting

Participation in the CNY Storm Water Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program.

2nd: Trustee Mattox

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Motion** **by:** Deputy Mayor Liedka to appoint Chris Shields as the village Flood Plan

Administrator, for the Onondaga County Hazard Mitigation Program.

2nd: Trustee Carr

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Motion** **by:** Trustee Carr to move the Key Fobs responsibility, to the Village Clerk’s office.

2nd: Trustee Mattox

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Motion** **by:** Trustee Mattox to approve buying more security cameras for the Hanlon pool park

Up to the amount of $3,405.00.

2nd: trustee Albanese

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Mayor’s Remarks:**

DPW needs to replace a plow truck, this will take some time in ordering. It could take up to 7 or 8 months to get it in and the longer we take, the interest rates could go up. We have put this into our budget to move forward. We have looked at three finance companies the best one was Sun First for a 7 years @ 3.38%. Payments would be $29,298.88 per year.

**Motion by:** Trustee Carr to approve signing a contract with Sun First for the purchase of a new

plow truck at a rate of 3.38% over seven years. At a projected cost of $29,298.88 per year.

2nd by: trustee Albanese

Polling the board, all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**CFA Grant** for 2018 needs to be submitted by July 27th. The grants can be for improving

playgrounds, revitalization, improvement of pedestrian streets and walkways. Looking for suggestions from the Board.

**Motion by:** trustee Mattox to apply for this years, CFA grant for **Village Park upgrades**.

Sidewalk improvements, dog park, playground equipment,picnic tables for the new pavilion.

2nd by: Deputy Mayor Liedka

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Revitalization Committee:** The Mayor will put out request, looking for volunteers to be on the committee. The mayor would really like to get this program up and running. This is a Brownfield revitalization program, Robert Germain stated, “Yes, He would help if needed with committee.”

**Village local laws enforcement by the Town of Dewitt police:** all laws are subjects to the Chief of police, it is not up to the Town Board if the police enforce or help support village local laws. We knew, when we did the merger that there would be some problems with their local law enforcement. Since Chief Anton has become the chief of police at Dewitt, we are in agreement to set up talks, on how to move forward with support from the police department. Regarding the three strike law it is too much for the police department to track, they just don’t have the personnel. But they would be willing to help support us. Other concerns from the public have recently been brought to our attention, such as the curfew law, panhandlers, and the three strikes policy.

The Mayor will set up a meeting with the police department and the village.

**Last year’s department budgets balances:** the budget numbers were just submitted to the board and time will be is needed to review them. The Mayor suggested that, he would like to wait until the end of July. It will give us a more accurate account, and all invoices will have then been posted.

Trustee Albanese asked are we supposed to have monthly meetings to go over the department budgets? All other Trustees said “Yes”.

**The status of the fire contract:** we are still waiting for the Town Supervisor to get back to us regarding our letter. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney Robert Germain if he had heard back from the Town Supervisor. He has not heard from the supervisor nor the town attorneys. The mayor asked Robert Germain if you don’t hear back by the end of next week to let me know.

**Court security retiring**: Court clerk and village judge are looking at their resources for replacement.

**Motion by** trustee Albanese the resignation of Peter our current court security officer.

2nd by Trustee Mattox

Polling the board all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Bike Helmet Program:** The Mayor would like to create an awards program, to encourage children to wear their bike helmets while riding. Free helmets would be given out by the Village. Children wearing their helmets would be given some type of voucher by Village Staff or police, this would allow them to go and get a free ice cream at the village Deli. The Mayor was going to reach out to the REC Committee to see if they would help raise funds for this. Mayor has already contacted one of the bike companies to see if they would possibly sell bike helmets to the village at their cost, this is something that the mayor has looking into. The County also offers a program for helmets and the Mayor is looking into this.

Trustee Carr asked how much are you looking for to start this program. The Mayor requested $1,500.

**Motion by:** Deputy Mayor Liedka to use $1500 out of the revitalization fund for the purchase of

bike helmets.

2nd by Trustee Albanese

Polling the Board, all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**Motion by:** Trustee Carr toapprove 5 new members to the fire department, Benjamin Conley,

Joshua Ambrose, Dominic Celletti, ( we were only given 4 names: Joshua, Ben, Mike & Dominic and Michael Kareglius

2nd by trustee Albanese

Polling the Board, all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**The Mayor’s Comments**

* Attended the Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2018 Update – Steering committee meeting. I have been appointed to the steering committee to represent all Villages in Onondaga County. Mike Moracco also attended an afternoon workshop regarding the plan update.
* Hartwell Ave – I sent a request to the County DOT asking if there is anything they can do to help with the traffic concerns. I also copied the request to our County Legislator, DeWitt PD and the County Undersheriff.

**The Board Members Comments**

Trustee Carr: I would like to say congratulations to Chris Shields becoming the Flood Plan Administrator. And I would also like to congratulate even though it hasn’t yet happened, having the Dewitt police using our village building as a substation. Mayor would you ask at the next police commission meeting if and when they will be using bikes, and a new spider motorcycle. I feel it will be great for the public to see that.

The Mayor has already requested this but he will remind them again.

Trustee Albanese; commented that she has seen Rec. Staff with their orange shirts on patrolling the park and playing with the kids at the park.

**Department Reports**

Attached

**Public Comments**

Mike Spiwak Teen Center Director at the Bridge spoke about how, nice it has been having police officers stop by at the park and interact with the teens. Also have police support so close by when problems happen. Mike also talked about how he would like to have a place where the teens can hang out, like a teen café. He had other ideas and wanted to share them with the board. Mayor Tackman suggested that he and Deputy Liedka should arrange a meeting and discuss these programs.

**Next Board Meeting**

Aug. 6, 2018 at 7:00pm

**Motion by** Trustee Albanese to adjourn,

2nd by deputy Mayor

Polling the Board, all in favor, Yes **Motion Carried**

**9:06PM**

Submitted by:

Michael Moracco