

A regular meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: W. Wadsworth, D. Dimpfl, D. Dwyer, F. Manapol, M. Tenalio  
ALSO PRESENT: C. LaVigne-Assessor, L. Levey-Hwy Supt, R. Maxwell-Code Enf Officer, R. Gray – Deputy Hwy Supt, J. Coniglio-Town Atty, D. Faulkner-CLA, H. Appell – Liv Co News

**MEETING OPENING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councilman Manapol led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was held for those service men and women around the world.

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dimpfl moved and Mr. Tenalio seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2008 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Tenalio-aye; Dwyer-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 WATER DISTRICT ASSESSMENT ROLL:**

At 7:05 pm Supervisor Wadsworth opened the public hearing to hear any objections to the 2008 special assessment roll of the Town of Geneseo's Special Water Districts. Since there were no comments, the hearing was left open and regular business continued.

**LOWES:**

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that he has talked with Lowe's Site development Manager Taylor McDermott and Lowe's is continuing ahead as designed and as approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Tenalio added that though Lowe's has canceled some of their construction plans for new stores in some locations, Geneseo is one of the locations left on "the plan", despite cutbacks and the poor economy.

**TOWN & VILLAGE SHARED SERVICES:**

Supervisor Wadsworth advised that he spoke with Mayor Hatheway at a conference they both attended. The Village Board is moving forward with renovation of the downstairs of the Geneseo Building, 119 Main Street, and is wondering if the town is going to participate in the future renovation of the upstairs. Both Supervisor Wadsworth and Councilman Tenalio agreed that the Agreement for shared Court and Code Enforcement services is a priority and sets the foundation for other decisions.

Mr. Tenalio updated the Board on the progress regarding town and village shared services. Both the Code Enforcement office and the Court have submitted updated information/data relating to their departments which will be utilized in the development and formation of the agreement. Mr. Tenalio stated that the plan is to review the court's work load, work with a grant writer to obtain a grant for digitizing court records and meanwhile work with the courts and the boards regarding where

court will move to. Mr. Tenalio will be scheduling a meeting with Village Trustee John Fox at the end of next week to continue their discussion. Town and Village Justices will be brought into the court dialogue after initial consultation with the Court Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell will be involved in the code office discussion.

Councilman Manapol reported that he attended a grant workshop in Syracuse with Village Trustees Brennan and Fox. Ms. Brennan “spearheads” the **side walk committee** that he is on and money for the development of sidewalks is available through a grant. He is hopeful the town and village boards will pass a resolution in support of applying for such a grant, and money can be obtained for a sidewalk project(s).

#### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Assessor Carol LaVigne advised the Board about a **Cold War partial real property tax exemption** that can be made available for qualifying veterans who served in the military during peacetime between September 2, 1945 through December 26, 1991. Ms. LaVigne stated it is expected there will be minimal implications and Livingston County has passed this exemption for veterans. If the Town wishes to follow suit, it must be done by local law. Board Members had Livingston County’s law in their packets.

Mr. Tenalio moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to introduce the proposed local law to grant a partial exemption from real property taxation to qualifying Cold War Veterans and schedule a public hearing on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Tenalio-aye; Manapol-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

Additionally, Ms. LaVigne updated the Board on the exemption income limits being increased for **senior citizen and disabilities exemptions** to \$19,500 with a sliding scale up to \$27,899.99.

#### **STREET LIGHTING:**

The town has received a recommendation for the **installation of a street light** at the intersection of Route 63 and 20A (at the Fall Brook fruit stand). Councilman Tenalio will take a look at the intersection, however, since both roads are state roads, the town may not have the authority to have street lighting in the NYSDOT right-of-way.

#### **WATER & SEWER ISSUES:**

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that LCWSA is interested in taking over the **Town of Groveland’s water system** on the lake. However, since the cost to the Groveland customers would increase, it is doubtful that they will be interested in making this change.

Hwy Supt Levey updated the Board on the following water issues:

**Groveland Road water pump station** – electricity has been restored and RG&E has installed a new transformer. A meeting is to be held with representatives

from the village, MRB Group, Seward and the town to resolve the issues with the pump station;

***Volunteer Road sewer pump station*** – RG&E has projected that electric service will be on town property for the pump station by mid November.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT:**

Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution approving the Livingston County Snow & Ice Agreement for the county's 15.95 mile of roads in the Town of Geneseo, effective October 15, 2008 through October 14, 2009 at a rate of \$3900 per mile:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Highway Law Section 135-a providing for snow and ice control on County Roads within the Town, the Supervisor and the Town Highway Superintendent be and they are directed to execute a contract with the County Highway Superintendent of the County of Livingston for the Town to undertake and perform snow and ice control on County Roads located in the Town for the period beginning October 15, 2008 and ending October 14, 2009 at the rates therein provided. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Manapol-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Tenalio-aye. Nays: None.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Supervisor Wadsworth and Councilman Manapol both commented that the October 21<sup>st</sup> "Destination Downtown" conference on revitalization of business districts they both attended in Mt. Morris was excellent and informative.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 WATER DISTRICT ASSESSMENT ROLL:**

At 7:35 pm, since there were no comments or questions on the public hearing on the special water districts assessment roll, Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Dimpfl seconded the motion to close the public hearing and adopt the 2008 special assessment roll for the town's water districts. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Manapol-aye; Tenalio-aye. Nays: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:35 pm Mr. Dimpfl moved and Mr. Tenalio seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss highway union negotiations, with the Town Attorney remaining. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Dwyer-aye; Manapol-aye; Tenalio-aye.

At 8:55 pm Mr. Dimpfl moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Dwyer-aye; Manapol-aye; Tenalio-aye. Nays: None. It was reported that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:55 pm Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Tenalio seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Jean Bennett, Town Clerk