

Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Building.

PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Richard Taylor, Councilman
Felicisimo Manapol, Councilman
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Russell, Underberg & Kessler
Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
Patti LaVigne, Planning Board Member
Mary Linden, Genesee Sun
Mary Nitsche, Geneseo Tourism
James Somerville, Geneseo Tourism
James Whitehead, Geneseo Tourism
Tom Hill, Geneseo Tourism
James McNally, Geneseo Tourism
Kathryn Fitzsimmons, Geneseo Tourism
Robert Thayer
Jean Bennett, Town Clerk, Recording Secretary
Chad Timothy, Highway Department
Arlene Somerville, Geneseo Tourism
Anita Whitehead, Geneseo Tourism
Kathy Trainor, Geneseo Tourism
Lisa Burns, Liv. Co. Chamber of Commerce
Bob Wilcox, Geneseo Tourism
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MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES & ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS, 2014 BUDGET:

At 5:30 pm, Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order. Councilman Manapol led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was held for our servicemen and women serving around the world.

The Board reviewed the *minutes of September 26th*. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None. Supervisor Wadsworth abstained from voting as he had been absent from that meeting.

The Board reviewed the *October abstract (abstract #10) of vouchers*. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to approve payment for vouchers #1685 through #1735 on abstract #10 in the following amounts:

General A vouchers	\$ 11,681.56
General B vouchers	\$ 4,440.56
Highway DA vouchers	\$ 6,886.36
Highway DB vouchers	\$ 83,115.09
Special Light District SL vouchers	\$ 314.86
Sewer District SS1 vouchers	\$ 101.12
Water O&M SW0 vouchers	\$ 3,243.99

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and totaling \$109,783.54 . Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

The Board discussed scheduling the **public hearing on the 2014 budget**. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to schedule the public hearing on the 2014 budget for October 24th at 7:15 pm. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

Councilman Wrubel moved that the Town Board consider **restoring an additional \$3,500 in DB5140.100**–Brush & Weed Personal Services for roadside mowing, and could be taken from contingency fund. Since the hearing on the budget has not been held, the Board agreed that this item could be considered without having to have a motion, and no second was made to the motion.

CONSERVATION LICENSE SALES:

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that the New York State Department of Conservation is requesting the Town Clerk, as a License Issuing Agent, sign an updated agreement in order to continue selling conservation licenses as of January 1st, 2014. The updated contract reflects changes that will take place due to a change in contract provider for DEC license sales software program and agent support. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the NYS DEC License Issuing Agent Agreement. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

COURT AUDIT:

The Board reviewed a letter from the NYS Unified Court System requesting a copy of the most recent court audit. Since the last court audit was done was in 2002 of the 2001 records, it was suggested that the Village may join with the Town to hire a private firm to do an audit of the Court books. Mr. Wrubel moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to authorize the Supervisor to communicate with the Village Board and propose that the Village join with the Town to hire a firm to audit both the Town and Village Court books; and, if the Village does not choose to participate in the audit, the Town will have the Town Court books audited. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

COMPUTER FOR HISTORIAN:

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that Historian David Parish read in the minutes that the Town declared two (2) computers as surplus to be taken to the Recycling Center, and David would like one of these computers to replace his 10-year old computer. The possibility of giving him the computer used by the former Clerk to the Assessor was discussed. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to reassign one of the computers (*Computer serial number 926503U LKCYXNC; and monitor serial number ETLAL080047500DSE74202*) from the Assessor's Office to the Historian's Office at 119 Main Street. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

WATER/SEWER ISSUES:

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Councilman Taylor moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to authorize the levy of the Town of Geneseo's unpaid water and sewer bills to the 2014 Town tax bills. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilman Taylor seconded the motion to ***adopt the following sewer unit charge changes for commercial properties***, effective with the November, 2013 billing, as follows:

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Sewer Unit changes effective with the November, 2013 billing:

<i>Commercial Name/Owner</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Current Sewer Units</i>	<i>Sewer Units effective 11/2013</i>	<i>Account Number</i>
Applebees		35	33	14640
Balileo Group		2	3	13779
Bruckel, Peter / PEMM (Car Wash)		48	35	13785
Bruckel, Peter / PEMM (MiniMart)		5	6	13786
Coast Professional		2	4	14724
Colony Dry Cleaners		16	18	13783
Morgan Estates ACF		43	46	13764
Tractor Supply		1	2	14625

Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

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GENESEO TOURISM PRESENTATION:

Arlene Somerville addressed the Board on behalf of the Geneseo Tourism Committee. She stressed the value of investing in tourism, and reviewed the Tourism Committee's report dated October 10, 2013 with the Board. Arlene informed the Board of some of the committee's activities within the last year, which included: maintaining their tourism website, www.geneseony.com; facebook activity; extensive revisions to the Geneseo brochure; continued "table tents" program- cards on dining tables in restaurants; welcome packets for Air Show pilots & RV attendees as well as the local banks and Wadsworth Library; information tables at Farmers' Market; distribution of many brochures; SUNY Geneseo student orientation leader program; continued advertising in many brochures of area attractions; and many other numerous accomplishments. There were 16,683 website visitors to the Tourism site in July of 2013 and 14,199 in August, 2013, with businesses, where to eat and where to shop as the busiest sections visited for both of those months.

Arlene reviewed some of the committees' plans for 2014 to increase the Tourism Committee's effectiveness. They plan to update their brochure and will continue with the established programs, including welcome packet distribution at various events, advertising in various visitors' guides, etc., as outlined in the report.

Arlene presented the 2014 Tourism budget to the Board and requested a contribution of \$5,500 from the Town of Geneseo, a \$500 increase from 2013.

Arlene advised that the 2014 budget is very similar to the 2013 budget except for two line items and she brought them to the Board's attention. They were: 1) an increase in the cost for an ad in the Livingston County Visitors' Guide – this is due to the guide going to a larger size of 8" X 11" and a likely cost of \$1100 for a full page ad rather than the \$350 ad that has been placed in the past; and 2) Participation in the county's "Shop in Livingston" television commercial advertising campaign. Each community can enhance this county program by purchasing an ad that spotlights their community. Each participating community will be featured for 20 seconds of a 30-second commercial which will be shown 100 times from November 9th through December 25th for a cost of \$500.

Board Members thanked the Tourism Committee for all of the volunteer work their committee members do to increase tourism in Geneseo.

At this time, Lisa Burns, VP of Livingston County Chamber of Commerce Office of Tourism & Marketing, presented Arlene Somerville with flowers, informing her that she has been selected to receive the William Pryor Letchworth Award for Excellence in Tourism. This award will be presented to Arlene on Thursday, November 7th at their annual Tourism Harvest Luncheon. Congratulations were extended to Arlene.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution for Snow and Ice Control on state roads:

STATE ROADS

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SNOW & ICE CONTROL

RESOLVE, that the agreement which became effective July 1, 1974, between the County of Livingston and this Town, relating to the control of snow and ice on the State Highways within this Town, and such adjacent territory within said County as might be agreed upon by the County and the Town Superintendent of Highways, and the changes and modifications of said agreement heretofore approved by this Town, be and the same hereby are extended for an additional period of one year, until June 30, 2016.

Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Included in Board packets were the following items: September Code Enforcement report; Invitation to the Crew Club Fundraising dinner to be held on November 16th; Town of Leicester public hearing notice on a moratorium on natural gas activities; Email from Andrew Chanler regarding insurance if Long Point Park Beach is closed for swimming.

Councilman Wrubel reported that he appreciated a phone call he received from Bob Kelsey, President of Temple Hill Cemetery Association, informing him of the results of the Cemetery Association's fundraising.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:30 pm Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

At 7:45 pm Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None. It was reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

2014 BUDGET:

Ms. Irwin and Mr. Taylor requested that the impact to the 2014 budget be calculated if Long Point Park Lifeguards are added for Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays; and if more money is budgeted for additional Park Caretaker hours.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:50 pm Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jean Bennett, Town Clerk