

Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Building.

PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor
Richard Taylor, Councilman
Felicisimo Manapol, Councilman

ABSENT: Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Coniglio, Underberg & Kessler
Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
Linda LeMoyné, Clerk to the Supervisor
Kim Levey
Daniel Levey
Branden Merrick
Chad Timothy
Joy Timothy
Olivia Timothy
Stan Johnson
Jeremy Secor
Lee Davis, Local SEIU United Union Rep.
Kathy Trainor
Katie DiLaura, Secretary to the Supervisor, Recording Secretary

Erica Eck
Jillian Foley
Megan Normann
Howard Appell
William Curry
John Zmich
Phil Jones
Robert Thayer
Paige Waldron
Kelsey Lopresto
Adam Czudak
Patty LaVigne
Carol LaVigne

MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES & ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS, 2014 BUDGET:

At 7:00 pm, Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order. Supervisor Wadsworth 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 October 10, 2013*. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilman Manapol seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

The Board reviewed the *October abstract (abstract #10) of pre-pay vouchers*. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilman Manapol seconded the motion to approve payment for vouchers #1674 through #1684 on abstract #10 in the following amounts:

General A vouchers	\$ 13,227.33
General B vouchers	\$ 96.82
Highway DA vouchers	\$ 130.91
Sewer District SS1 vouchers	\$ 23.91
Water O&M SW0 vouchers	\$ 321.39

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and totaling \$13,800.36. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

TEMPLE HILL CEMETERY DRAW:

Supervisor Wadsworth informed that board that the Temple Hill Cemetery association did make a request for \$6,000 for financial aid. He noted that this does not affect the cemetery budget for next year. No action was necessary.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS TRAINING SESSIONS:

Included in the meeting packet was and information packet on upcoming training sessions being held by the Association of Towns. While training funds have been cut, Councilman Taylor suggested that the training in Rochester has always been beneficial, and suggested that the new councilperson attend. Councilman Manapol and Supervisor Wadsworth agreed.

VISITOR—CHAD TIMOTHY, FORMER TOWN OF GENESEO HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE:

Chad Timothy requested to be added to the agenda to present his concerns to the board after his termination from the Highway department on October 17, 2013. Mr. Timothy distributed a packet of notes to the board. He went on to express his concern over the manner in which he was terminated and also for the future of the Town Highway department. After Mr. Timothy was finished, he asked the board if another former highway employee could speak, which they agreed to. Jeremy Secor came and spoke to the board, agreeing with Mr. Timothy. Finally, Lee Davis, Local SEIU United Union Representative, approached the Board and expressed his concern at hearing about Mr. Timothy's termination.

2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET—PUBLIC HEARING:

At 7:15 pm Supervisor Wadsworth opened the public hearing on the 2014 Tentative Budget and asked if there are any comments. Several members of the community were present to ask questions.

Both Carol LaVigne and Patti LaVigne expressed concern about the amount of support staff for department heads, specifically for the new assessor. Carol LaVigne was also concerned with the "misc." items being removed from the assessor's budget. She also suggested that in future budget preparations, it would be beneficial for board members to meet with department heads to discuss cuts to their budget line items. Finally, she suggested that any work done by Town employees to assist the assessor should reflect their time in the assessor's budget.

Patti LaVigne also asked for clarification on Water/Sewer funds. Supervisor Wadsworth explained that all revenues collected in a water funds must remain in that water fund.

Robert Thayer, from North Road, inquired about various phone bills, which Supervisor Wadsworth answered, and also about the meaning of the different codes. Linda LeMoyne explained the meaning of the different codes.

John Zmich raised some questions on budget cuts and possible efficiencies within the office. Supervisor Wadsworth offered to meet with John at a later date to go over the day-to-day workings in the office. Supervisor Wadsworth also explained our contingency accounts and stated that he would like the board to review the budget periodically throughout the year.

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Kathy Trainor expressed her concern over the decrease of the Long Point Park budget. She said that because she is involved in so many community organizations, she gets to hear first-hand the positive comments on the town, especially for our parks. She stated that she sees the benefits of the parks as a value to our residents and community, and also to our neighboring communities. She went on to say that it would be a shame to lose our swimming area and lifeguards, especially after recent years' investments of a new bathroom and new docks. She concluded that by taking this away it could cause a ripple effect throughout the community.

Councilman Manapol then gave a plea to the Board to remove all cuts to the park. He wanted people to recognize what the previous administration has done for the park. He then pointed out the hard work of our park caretaker, Rick Pieper, the crowds of people that the craft show and Fiddler's Picnic bring to the area, and attraction of the swimming area, all for the benefit of our community and our neighboring communities. Councilman Manapol concluded by stating that he wanted to ensure that the Town's mission remains the same and that he hopes Geneseo continues to attract tourists and remains a welcoming community.

Phil Jones then stood up and asked the Board what process is usually taken by the Board to get to the budget presented at the meeting. Supervisor Wadsworth explained that the budget work gets underway in May and that he and Linda LeMoyné, and any interested Board members meet once a week. He also stated that these budget meetings are open to the public. He offered to meet with Mr. Jones at a later date to further discuss the budget preparation.

William Curry from Temple Hill Cemetery spoke next. Mr. Curry expressed his sincere gratitude to the Town for their financial assistance this year. He then stated that there are three major issues that the cemetery is facing currently: dead/damaged trees on the property creating a safety hazard, the house at the cemetery is in dire need of insulation, and their current lawn mower needs to be replaced. Mr. Curry stated that they have received an estimate for the tree issue. He then asked the Board either for assistance in taking care of these issues, or for funding their repair. Mr. Curry also expressed his desire to keep the operation with the Temple Hill Cemetery Association, instead of just handing it over to the Town. Supervisor Wadsworth requested a copy of the price quotes and offered to have Mr. Curry attend a later Board meeting to further discuss the matter.

At this time there were no more comments from the public. Councilman Taylor made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:45 pm, seconded by Councilman Manapol. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 pm, Councilman Taylor moved and Councilman Manapol seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Katie DiLaura, Secretary to the Supervisor