

Minutes of Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman
Felicisimo Manapol, Councilman
Patti LaVigne, Councilwoman
Larry Levey – Highway Superintendent
Linda LeMoyne- Clerk to the Supervisor
Courtney Kennedy-Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Chas Nitsche Mary L. Nitsche Kathryn Fitzsimmons
Arleen Somerville Dan Faulkner Joanne Harris
Robert Harris Kathleen Trainor Angelique Santiago
Tom Hill Donna Kelsey Louise Wadsworth
Bob Wilcox

ARRIVING LATE: Ed Russell—Town Attorney

MEETING OPENING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Councilman Wrubel led the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was held for service men and women serving around the world and in remembrance of September 11th for all of those who served that day.

The Board reviewed and approved the August 21st minutes. Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye; LaVigne-aye. Nays: None.

The Board reviewed and approved the August 28th minutes. Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilman Manapol seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2014 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye; LaVigne-aye. Nays: None.

The Board reviewed abstract #9 of 2014. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to approve payment for vouchers #639 through #709 on abstract #9 in the following amounts:

General A vouchers	\$42,745.21
General B vouchers	\$20,672.18

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Highway DA vouchers	\$4,681.62
Highway DB vouchers	\$57,379.21
Special Light District vouchers	\$217.10
Sewer District vouchers	\$102.49
Water O&M SW0 vouchers	\$3,798.49

and totaling \$129,596.30. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; LaVigne-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

WATER ASSESSMENT ROLL PUBLIC HEARING:

At 7:18 pm Supervisor Wadsworth opened the public hearing on the Water Assessment Roll. Mr. Dan Faulkner asked how a water unit is determined. Supervisor Wadsworth explained that a single family residence is assessed 1 water unit, a parcel with a house and apartment would be assessed with 1.5 water units. Mr. Faulkner alleged that Carol LaVigne entered his house while he was trying to sell it and increased his number of water units to 1.5. He stated that an in-law apartment had previously been added to the residence, with his daughter currently residing in the apartment. Mr. Faulkner believes that his home should have been grandfathered in and should not be assessed any additional water units because there is not a kitchen sink in the apartment. Supervisor Wadsworth recommended a meeting with the town's new assessor, Tammy Baker. There were no additional comments at this time and the hearing was left open for further comments.

2015 BUDGET:

Supervisor Wadsworth updated the board on the progress of the 2015 budget. The first draft of the budget should be available for the September 25th meeting. Supervisor Wadsworth explained that diligent work has been done each year since 2009 to fix the budget issues. The board members were asked to thoroughly look over the budget figures and ask as many questions as possible.

GENESEO TOURISM PRESENTATION:

Mary Kay Nitsche addressed the board on behalf of the Geneseo Tourism Committee. Ms. Nitsche provided board members with a 2014 Chart of Programs/Scope of Work spreadsheet. The spreadsheet provided a detailed explanation of each program the committee was involved in throughout the year. There were 192,000 visitors to the Tourism website this year. The 2015 Tourism budget was presented next. Ms. Nitsche explained each expense and stated that expenses will be almost the same as 2014. The committee has included a \$5,500 contribution from the Town of Geneseo as income on their budget; however, is still expecting an estimated deficit of \$550.00. An examination of the budget will be performed to determine if any cuts can be made. The Geneseo Tourism Committee hopes to put together new and existing maps to create a "walk ability and trails" guide.

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Supervisor Wadsworth asked the committee for some input on Long Point Park. He wondered if the park could be incorporated and marketed more through their programs. Supervisor Wadsworth would like to make the park “the place to go”. Help from the Tourism Committee and the formation of a **Long Point Park Committee** may achieve this result. Mr. Wilcox suggested the possibility of a tourism member(s) joining the committee for Long Point Park, shall one be created.

Board Members thanked the Tourism Committee for all of the volunteer work their committee members do to increase tourism in Geneseo. Supervisor Wadsworth commended the committee for their impressive work on the submitted spreadsheet and the current Geneseo Guide & Map.

CONESUS LAKE/ LONG POINT PARK:

During the budget update, Supervisor Wadsworth explained that funds will be given to Long Point Park in the 2015 budget. The allocation of said funds is still under review with some options being the reinstatement of the number of lifeguards to that of 2013, improving the playground area, and a need for a manager of the lifeguards.

Highway Superintendent Levey mentioned that it may be beneficial to move the **Walter Kingston Museum** to the garage at Long Point. Councilman Manapol agreed with his recommendation and stated that the fireplace and lamps that are still located in the garage will be a nice addition to the museum. Supervisor Wadsworth asked Superintendent Levey to look more into the option.

TRANSFER STATION COUPONS:

Courtney Kennedy recommended a possible change to the appearance of transfer station coupons from a perforated booklet to a single sheet business card. Each card would be the same cost as the smallest booklet book of coupons, \$20.00. Tickets are currently \$1.00 each. The card would have twenty (20) recycling symbols. These symbols would be equivalent to one ticket in the current booklet. Councilwoman Irwin has asked to see the product larger and on thicker paper.

WATER DISTRICT ASSESSMENT ROLL:

At 8:06 pm, with no additional comments on the Water District Assessment Roll, Supervisor Wadsworth closed the public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:07pm, Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilwoman LaVigne seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; LaVigne-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

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At 8:24 pm Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session, with no action taken. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; LaVigne-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Supervisor Wadsworth provided the members with a proposed ***change to paid leave for part-time employees***. Under the current employee handbook, part time employees are to accrue then (10) percent of their annual hours in paid leave. Supervisor Wadsworth recommended a reduction to five (5) percent of their annual hours. The revision will state who is a qualified part time employee.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:29 pm Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilman Manapol seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; LaVigne-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

Courtney Kennedy, Town Clerk