

Geneseo Town Board Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: William Wadsworth, Supervisor
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Patti LaVigne, Councilwoman
Matthew Griffo, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Courtney Kennedy, Town Clerk
Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
Dan Gocek, Underberg & Kessler
David Parish, Town/Village Historian
Robert Harris, Planning Board Member
Joanne Harris
Todd Cucchiara

ABSENT: Jerald Wrubel, Councilman

MEETING OPENING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The flag was pledged and a moment of silence was held for the men and women serving around the world.

Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilwoman LaVigne seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016, as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

GENESEO TOWN & VILLAGE HISTORIAN DAVID PARISH:

David Parish presented his annual report to the board members and distributed the spring 2016 edition of *The Bear Facts*. Mr. Parish stated that he had been doing research on Jemima Wilkinson. Mr. Parish stated that in the late 1780's, Jemima and her followers decided to move to Central New York, specifically Geneseo. Mr. Parish stated that the movement did not have enough money so they withdrew their purchase offer, at which point Jeremiah Wadsworth purchased it. Mr. Parish informed the board members that he has found a SUNY intern that is very interested in helping with various projects. Mr. Parish would like to see Geneseo obtain two historical markers, one at the foot of Court Street for the prisoner of war camp and one at Kelsey Field where the county fair was once held. He hopes to provide guidance to his intern on creating proposals for such markers. "I am Geneseo" currently has 235 pages. Mr. Parish stated that over the past two months he felt like he was putting together these pages as a textual book by connecting the different parts so that it makes sense. The book is being told by an acorn that fell under the river. Mr. Parish thanked the board members for their time and support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:21 p.m. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Griffo seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

At 8:58 p.m. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Griffo seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session, with no action taken. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

PAYROLL PROCESSING/OFFICE STAFFING:

The board was informed of ***Deputy Town Clerk Christine Lennington's resignation***, effective May 27, 2016. After discussing staffing options, a savings of approximately \$18,000 to \$20,000 annually was identified by delegating duties to existing clerks and utilizing a payroll service. Councilwoman LaVigne moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor Wadsworth to research and hire a vendor for ***payroll services***. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilwoman LaVigne seconded the motion to ***assign specific duties*** of Ms. Lennington's position to Linda LeMoyne and Courtney Kennedy, with each employee receiving a salary increase of \$2,832; this amount is to compensate the employees for performing the new duties for the remainder of the year. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

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Councilwoman LaVigne moved and Councilman Griffo seconded the motion to hire a **part time clerk** for three days a week at a rate not to exceed \$14.00 an hour. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilwoman LaVigne seconded the motion to enter into a contract with Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy for the creation of office procedures, research on the town overseeing school tax collection, research on the town processing the water billing functions, and office oversight. Once written, the contract will identify the specific duties, the time in which a \$5,000 stipend will be paid, and indicate that all tasks must be complete by the end of 2016. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye, Irwin-aye, LaVigne-aye, Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:14 p.m. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Griffo seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Kennedy, Town Clerk