

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 7, 2008

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor  
John Fox Jr., Trustee  
Bradley R. Hill, Trustee  
Thomas J. LaGrou, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer  
J. Thomas Reynolds, Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mark Gillespie            Gail White

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7PM. The minutes of the June 16, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. After consulting with the Livingston County Personnel Office, Clerk Merrick asked the Board to consider amending the motion to create the second position of Village Streets Superintendent. Trustee Hill moved to add the phrase *retroactive to June 2, 2008* to the motion creating the position. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion to add the phrase and the vote was as follows: Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. Trustee Hill then moved to accept the minutes as amended with second from Trustee LaGrou. The vote was as follows: Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Fox-Abstain.

2. GAIL WHITE SIGN GRANT CONSIDERATION:

Gail explained to the Board that she applied for a variance (for a sign at her business located at 114 Temple Hill Street) to the Board of Appeals and it was approved at a meeting last week. There was some discussion about applying for the sign grant program even though a sign grant is not permitted out of the commercial district. A motion (approving the variance) was made as follows:

*With no further discussion, P. Schmied moved the Zoning Board of the Village of Geneseo grants permission to Temple Hill B & B, rep. Gail White to erect a free standing sign 36" high x 48" wide not to exceed over 6' in height at grade level which is composed of gold metal-flake, white, and other colors of Scotchcal 2mil premium cast 8-year cut vinyl mounted on two vertical installed pressure treated 8'x 4"x 4" posts put 2' in the ground with cement, including finials and mounted into routed slots in 4" x 4"s in 2"x 2" for top and bottom of sign; sign not to be illuminated and located 8' west of the street line and behind the sidewalk within the curve of the driveway; with final design to be approved by the Village of Geneseo Planning Board as per sign grant application. T. Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Chair C. Meisel- aye; P. Schmied – aye; and T. Wilson – aye. The motion carried.*

Once it was discovered the following day that the sign was not eligible for a grant, it was suggested that Gail appear before this Board to discuss the situation in the hope that she could move forward with the process to erect the sign irrespective of the grant. The Board of Appeals has no jurisdiction over the sign grants, Mayor Hatheway stated. There has never been a sign grant issued other than in the commercial district.

Dick then asked Attorney Reynolds what the ramifications would be to uphold the motion made by the ZBA without granting the sign grant portion of the motion. The motion would need to be amended to delete the mention of a sign grant. Attorney Reynolds said that he could write a letter

stating that the ZBA exceeded their authority and they should amend the motion, deleting any reference of a sign grant. They should concede that the reworded motion is valid. The Village Board concurs. Attorney Reynolds will draft a letter to the ZBA to that effect.

Gail will now finalize her design and go before the Planning Board. Gail thanked the Board for allowing her time to discuss the situation with them.

3. 14 CENTER STREET:

The Board discussed the possible re-sizing of the lot (after a driveway and parking area are established) and possibilities for sale of the property. A new appraisal will be ordered on that basis.

4. GENESEO BUILDING ROOF PROJECT:

The project is wrapping up, Mayor Hatheway reported. Most of the shingles are on the north and south sides and they are waiting for the gutters to be delivered.

5. PARKS GRANT APPLICATION:

The application has been submitted and Stu Brown's office provided the Village with a copy. Stu thought the application was well done and the Village presented a strong case for funding. Clerk Merrick asked for pre-approval to pay the remaining appraisal fees to Upstate Management & Appraisal in the amount of \$1,500. The Board approved that pre-payment and the voucher will appear on the July abstract.

6. UPWP UPDATE:

Thirty-five firms requested copies of the request for proposals for the Circulation and Parking study and seven have been returned. The committee is now charged with evaluating the proposals by July 16<sup>th</sup>. After that the committee will be making a recommendation to this Board to hire a firm to perform the study, Mayor Hatheway reported.

7. ZONING PROJECT PROGRESS:

The Zoning Committee held a public information meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> with valid points being raised, Mayor Hatheway reported. The committee will work on those items before turning the proposal over to the Village Board for further action.

8. STRONG PROPOSAL:

Corrin Strong would like to host a tennis club at his Hartford House property. That is not possible with the current zoning in that area, which Mayor Hatheway conveyed, as did Code Officers Maxwell and O'Keefe. In order to make a club possible in a residential district, Dick indicated that it is a complex matter and would take some time to determine a course of action. Attorney Reynolds said that based on his analysis, the expansion of the activities allowed in the R1-a zoning district would have to be considered. Reynolds said the Zoning Board could make a recommendation to the Village Board to consider a local law to change those parameters.

After discussion, the Board agreed that the idea of a tennis club on the Strong property was viable, but the process would have to go through proper channels. Possibilities include incorporating appropriate provisions into the zoning code revisions being explored at this time, going through a rezoning process, or seeking a variance through the ZBA. Public hearings are required in any of these possibilities, so it can't happen overnight.

9. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board discussed plans Linda Poste has for her property (approximately 5 acres) at 4222 Lakeville Road. Linda will be meeting with the Town Board this week to discuss the plans as well.

10. LEGAL ITEMS:

Attorney Reynolds brought the Board up to date on the Hollis/Oak Valley Inn situation.

With regard to rental housing, there have been some minor questions that have been raised and Attorney Reynolds will be asking the Board to consider finalizing it at the next meeting.

The Conesus Lake Association is planning a Watershed tour on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, which will include a lunch/land management tour and a lake tour. Registration forms are available for anyone interested.

Sheriff York sent a letter supporting investigation of a *roundabout* at the Court and Main intersection. Mayor Hatheway said that it would be interesting to see what the consulting firm comes up with while performing the Circulation & Parking Study of that area.

Attorney Reynolds has written a note about the pile of dirt in the Cedarwood subdivision (in an area behind Steeplechase).

11. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Hill: With regard to the Fire Department, George Hicks has resigned as the 2<sup>nd</sup> fire chief and taken a position with the FDNY effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Charlie Parent has assumed the 2<sup>nd</sup> asst. fire chief position effective June 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Hill moved to approve Charlie for that position with second from Trustee Fox. All were in favor and publicly thanked Charlie for assuming those responsibilities and wished George well in his new position downstate.

Police items: Trustee Hill reported that they plan to have a booth at the summer festival from 9AM-2PM on Friday and Saturday in front of the Village Building promoting the bicycle rodeo to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> as well as other public relations initiatives.

With regard to staffing for summer festival, Trustee Hill asked Chief how many additional hours were anticipated and the response was sixteen compared to twenty last year. David Beers has accepted the full time position with the police force effective July 2. Trustee Hill moved to approve Mr. Beers at a step 3 (wage) instead of a step 2 as was previously approved. Trustee Fox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chief Osganian recommends Daniel McLaughlin to fill a part-time position on the force. Daniel has worked for the Village of Avon and the County and was interviewed by Trustees Fox and Hill as well as the Chief. Trustee Hill so moved with second from Trustee LaGrou. The vote was as follows: Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

12. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee LaGrou talked with Street Supt. Frazier who feels pretty comfortable with the job. The crew has been painting crosswalks and parking spaces and getting ready for the festival. Doug Welch has started his part-time position with the Village and is working on sewer line maintenance.

Supt. McTarnaghan has been working on smoking the sewers and identifying problem areas where the stormwater is infiltrating the sanitary sewer.

The water/sewer plant generator will be tested on Friday.

The wastewater treatment facility was inspected by DEC last February. No violations were noted, although the infiltration issue was mentioned in the letter received from Craig Jackson, Environmental Engineer for Region 8.

The crew will be flushing water hydrants soon.

13. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Fox: has been researching different methods of metered parking and illustrated several options to the Board. He has been in discussion with meter attendant O'Keefe as well.

With regard to the summer recreation program, according to YMCA representatives and Gretchen Roth, there are 163 youth signed up for the first two weeks. The contract with YMCA provided for a general enrollment of 120. Trustee LaGrou talked with Gretchen who said that the first day (today) was chaotic but fun! Trustee Fox is in favor of some sort of evaluation process after a period of time (two weeks perhaps) to see how the program is running.

Trustee Hill: Signs have been installed at the River Access Park and at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Lower Court and signs stating *no swimming, no wading, etc.* The Scouts are ready to build picnic tables and benches (perhaps in the next week or two) pending final approval from their superiors. They are also going to try to purchase some fir trees to provide some visual barriers.

Trustee LaGrou raised the issue of the replacement of the chain-link outfield fence on the Little League field at Highland Park with a portable fence. He questioned if that could be delayed until we had received notification of the pending grant. The Mayor responded by noting that last February the Board agreed to replace the permanent fence once the Little League season had concluded, and he was committed to that course of action.

14. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick reported that she is working on closing the 07-08 books and preparing the annual financial report to the State.

15. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee LaGrou moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk