

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 6, 2008

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor  
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor  
John Fox Jr., Trustee  
Bradley R. Hill, Trustee  
Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer  
J. Thomas Reynolds, Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell      Ted Saunders      Paul Schmied

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7PM. The minutes of the September 29, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. RETURN OF COMPANY "A":

The return of Alpha Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the New York Army National Guard last Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> was a marvelous, marvelous experience according to Mayor Hatheway. The soldiers disembarked the busses, flags were passed out, and Sheriff and Village Police vehicles escorted them down Main Street and out Route 39 to the Armory where a ceremony was held. The VFW and American Legion really pulled together and made this welcome home event happen, involving other posts from nearby communities. The soldier's families were there and the entire event was very impressive.

Howard Appell said that when the soldiers were deployed to Afghanistan, they were broken up into small groups all over that country. Miraculously, none of them suffered any injuries or casualties during their time there and they came home as a group.

3. DOT RESPONSE – 20A:

A year or so ago the Town Planning Board worked with the Village Planning Board and asked NYS DOT to consider left turning lanes for the intersection of Route 20A at Megan Drive/Reservoir Road and Route 20A at Volunteer Road/Genesee Valley Plaza, Mayor Hatheway stated. A response was received stating that: *A three-year accident summary was compiled, peak hour traffic counts were taken, an analysis of the operation of the traffic signal was conducted and the physical features of the intersection were noted. The accident history did not reveal any unusual problems at these intersections, which additional left turn arrows might correct. In fact, during the three-year accident summary, there were no left turn accidents on Route 20A at Megan Drive/Reservoir Road or at Route 20A at Volunteer Road/Genesee Valley Plaza.*

The letter does state that *our investigation did reveal the need to install pedestrian pushbuttons at the intersection of Route 20A and Megan Drive/Reservoir Road. The pushbuttons will provide pedestrians adequate green time to cross Route 20A when the buttons are activated by a pedestrian. This work will be done by contract in the 2009 construction season.* Deputy Mayor Brennan mentioned that the pedestrian committee concurs with that. Trustee Fox asked for additional crossings perhaps at Volunteer Road and Sandy said that the pedestrian group is prepared to ask for that also.

Dick mentioned that this is the third cooperative action accomplished with DOT recently, referring to the crossing lane appearing on Route 20A in the vicinity of Prospect Street, and that DOT agreed to re-stripe and thereby restrict the unsafe ‘passing’ of vehicles in that area.

#### 4. YOUTH RECREATION DISCUSSION:

- **YMCA**

Sandy and Dick met with YMCA reps Wess Audsley and Erik Fix last week and they will be supplying additional information on the program that they sponsored this past summer. They provided the Board with a draft survey that they want to send out to participants of the summer program; average attendance was around 115 youth. They still feel that a full-day program would be beneficial. Wess and Erik are open to suggestions on how to make the program better for next year.

- **Satellite Programs**

A request has been received from Ted Saunders regarding insurance coverage for the **winter basketball program** for youth in grades 4-6 to be held at Geneseo Central School. This program has been in existence for over 20 years. Ted Saunders would like to have the program continue under the ‘umbrella’ of Geneseo Youth Recreation. Dick said that he talked to the Y reps about protocol and procedures they follow for these sports programs. One important procedure that should be followed would include background checks on all of the coaches and helpers. Ted replied that he has an insurance background so certain protocols are followed and the ‘helpers’ are parents of the children. Attorney Reynolds added that the background checks could be performed somewhat easily. Sandy said the Y did offer their services to oversee these ‘satellite’ programs from a minimal standpoint through a more thorough approach. Ted’s program is unlike most in that no fees are charged and there is no cost to the children. Trustee Fox would like to find out from the School Board why the programs are not sponsored by them since one of the leagues is coached by GCS teacher Paul Hazard. Trustee Hill would like to see these programs covered under Geneseo Youth Recreation at least for the time being since assurance was given in the spring that these programs would not be jeopardized. Ted said that the program was held at Finger Lakes DDSO (the Doty building) over 8-9 years with no charge and they had free reign of that athletic facility. But now that the College has taken that building over, the cost would be on the order of \$2,500 to continue to use the gym. After further discussion, Trustee Hill moved to allow the two basketball programs, one coached by Paul Hazard and one coached by Ted Saunders for youth in grades 4-6 to be held in the large and small gyms at Geneseo Central School to be covered under the auspices of Geneseo Youth Recreation and to be covered under Village insurance policies. Dick said that it would be a good start to reactivate the Geneseo Youth Recreation Board of which Ted Saunders was a member. Sandy would like to see a list of the coaches and volunteers for the basketball league and Ted agreed to supply that. Trustee Fox seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. Trustee Fox asked Clerk Merrick to update the list of ‘satellite programs’.

**Soccer program at Kelsey field** – According to Amanda Flannery, a soccer program for college age adults has been using Kelsey Field in the afternoon after the GCS soccer teams are finished. *The Geneseo Soccer Club* has obtained spectator liability insurance and supplied the Village with a certificate of insurance and contact information. The Board members had no problem with having the field used and

Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to allow the Geneseo Soccer Club permission to use Kelsey Field according to the guidelines they provided with the stipulation that Central School uses have highest priority even if the Central School schedule is altered a bit. Trustee Hill seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

- **Highland Park**

A Center Street resident sent a letter highlighting activity at the park since the permanent fence has been removed. All of the Board members received a copy.

## 5. WADSWORTH STREET:

Mayor Hatheway reported that MRB engineer Ryan Colvin had been asked recently to provide a cost estimate for what would be involved in completely restoring Wadsworth Street. Ryan provided a cost estimate of approximately \$1.7 million for a new street surface from University Drive to Court Street including new water, sanitary and storm sewer lines. Also included would be new sanitary sewer lines between the properties on Main and Wadsworth Streets (in a north/south direction) through back lots to improve sanitary sewer service to certain Main Street properties. A right of way would have to be established in the back yards of the Wadsworth Street properties (with the accompanying easements) for the sewer line.

The cost is allocated as 11% for water, 34% for sanitary, and the other 55% for general fund items including street surfacing and storm sewers. The project would insure a full separation of sanitary and storm sewer lines. The Village mains would be replaced and the property owners would be responsible for the laterals. These cost estimates are using 2008 construction figures and include sidewalks, etc. included in the rebuilding of the street.

Deputy Mayor Brennan asked about the priority listing of projects of this type. Dick responded that the thought was Wadsworth Street would be the next large project to tackle. Even though North Street has become a focal point for reconstruction needs, the water and sewer lines do not pose the same aged condition as those on Wadsworth, nor are the sanitary and storm lines interconnected. Addressing Wadsworth would mean upgrading the inadequate water line, and taking steps to resolve the excess storm water infiltration into sanitary lines.

Dick concluded that this is a preliminary cost estimate only at this point to give an idea of the scope of the project should the Board want to pursue it. Currently, according to the Annual Fiscal report recently filed with the Comptroller's office, there is a sewer fund balance of approximately \$380,000 plus money set aside for sewer line work and capital projects. There is another \$186,000 set aside in the water fund for water line replacement. However, we would be looking at long term financing for a good portion of the costs.

## 6. LEGAL ITEMS:

With regard to 14 Center Street, Attorney Reynolds stated that the package is going out to the buyer's attorney this week. The survey has been completed and things are in good order as far as the Village goes. Trustee Fox had questions about the survey and whether or not there would be a two or one-way entrance to the municipal lot off of Center Street. Dick's feeling was that we had planned all along for two lanes to allow for entrance/exit.

Attorney Reynolds checked with Justice Taddeo's court clerk regarding the Rental housing issue and stated that there is nothing new at this point. Attorney LaGrou is also wondering where it stands with the court. Mayor Hatheway wondered if letters had gone out to landlords asking them to register. Consensus was that they had not.

Attorney Reynolds will be attending the Village ZBA hearing tomorrow afternoon for a property owner that is asking for a variance to allow more tenants than are allowed in his rental dwelling.

7. GENESEO BUILDING:

Currently there is \$660,000 in land and buildings reserve and another \$65,000 in the operating budget for “buildings” (an annual budget line item). The statutory installment bond (for the 14 Center Street purchase) amount in this budget is \$50,000. Those two items total \$115,000 set aside annually that could be used for the Geneseo Building renovation, according to Mayor Hatheway. Therefore, there would be money to pay on debt service for the renovation without increasing taxes and fund balances are available to help defray the cost in the water and sewer funds as well.

Sandy wondered what the next steps would be. The Board discussed those options including the meeting scheduled with the Town to discuss the shared services that Trustee Fox will be attending.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian requests that the Board consider hiring Jesse D. Cole for a temporary part-time position with the police force to fill Robert Fuller’s position. Trustee Hill moved to hire Jesse to the position and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Included in the Chief’s monthly report was a very nice letter from the parents of young man Officer Szczesniak helped after he fell off his bicycle on Court Street. Jeff ‘went the extra mile’ to insure that the parents, who lived downstate, were kept apprised of the situation as it unfolded.

9. PUBLIC WORKS:

Things are running smoothly at the water department, Sandy reported; the crew is following through with some of the issues brought to light by the State DOH Comprehensive Performance Evaluation.

Sandy pointed out to Jason Frazier a dead oak tree on Temple Hill that needed to be taken down. On that same note, Dick asked the Board members to be “on the lookout” for places in the Village where trees could be planted next spring. He has found several places during walks around the Village.

10. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that Supt. Frazier and Chief Osganian have been asked to meet with part of the pedestrian safety committee to give their opinion about where pedestrian crossings might be placed.

With regard to the Tourism website (geneseony.com), Sandy has been sitting in on the discussions about updating the site. The goal is still to involve the geneseony.org website so that the two sites can be intertwined at some point. The .com site renovation is making good progress. Trustee Fox will be working with Councilman Tenalio to update the .org site and get them (.com and .org) interwoven.

Mayor Hatheway reported that the General Wadsworth statue has been completed and is in storage in Geneseo. There is discussion now at the County level as to where it might be placed on County property at the north end of Main Street.

11. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick is preparing the first quarter financial statements for the Board and will have them ready at the next meeting.

12. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Fox seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk