

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 20, 2008

PRESENT:

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7:00PM. The minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fox moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee-LaGrou-Abstain.

2. DAVID PARISH – THE “BEAR” FACTS:

Historian David Parish reported the following:

- In honor of New York Archives Month, October 2008, the New York Council for the Humanities created a poster that featured a Geneseo photograph taken on July 4, 1921. The caption reads: *Decorated for the parade, Main Street (Route 39) in front of Livingston County Courthouse, Geneseo NY, July 4, 1921 from the Geneseo Photographs collection, Livingston County Historian’s Office.* David presented the Village a copy suitable for framing.
- David presented the Board with the Fall 2008 edition of *The Bear Facts*, his semi-annual newsletter featuring a poem from 1925, a quiz about Geneseo and other newsworthy items.
- David reported that over 400 fourth grade students from Geneseo and Avon recently visited the Livingston County Historical Society Museum on Center Street. One demonstration that captured their attention was a simulated Civil War medical procedure.
- Deputy Mayor Brennan and David plan to meet to discuss grant possibilities. David is also in the process of forming an advisory group.
- David’s next book, *Terrible Tales: Geneseo Ghosts and Livingston Legends* will hopefully be ready for sale between Halloween and Christmas. Donna Kelsey is working on illustrations for this fifth book in the series. The 136-page book will be priced at \$15 if the Board approves. There will be 200 copies printed and ready for sale. The Board was supportive and thanked David for his many contributions to preserving the history of Geneseo.

3. 14 CENTER STREET:

Attorney Reynolds stated that he is reviewing the revised purchase contract that has been signed by the potential purchaser of the property. He will check with the realtor to determine if the contract is in order. In order to expedite the purchase before the next Board meeting occurs, Trustee Fox moved to approve the purchase or sale contract between Mr. & Mrs. DeVries and the Village of

Geneseo, and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents required to facilitate and complete the transfer of 14 Center Street for the purchase price of \$139,900. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried.

The Board then moved to the courtroom at 7:15PM for a second public hearing on the zoning code revisions.

4. PLANNING GRANT MEETING:

The Board reconvened at 8:55PM after the public hearing. Dick brought the Board up to date on the UPWP project and the first meeting of the Steering Committee organized by Stu Brown Associates on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The purpose was to gather steering committee member's thoughts on which intersections and areas are the most important to concentrate on for in-depth analysis.

5. GENESEE VALLEY CONSERVANCY:

Benjamin Gajewski (from the Genesee Valley Conservancy) is studying open spaces/parks scattered around Geneseo with an aim of finding means to connect them. Efforts are focused on walking trails and bike routes. Dick commented that there is a lot of interest in the community right now regarding pedestrians and cyclists, and several of these independent initiatives are dovetailing quite nicely.

6. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Bernie Thoma, Livingston County grantsman, was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Livingston County Association of Village Boards. A survey sheet was distributed to the nine County Villages in order that the firm might have contact information and be able to help with any grant requests forthcoming.

Mayor Hatheway received a call from County Planning Director Angela Ellis asking if we had any information about the owners of the Temple Hill Bed and Breakfast property request to place their property in an agricultural district. That parcel is now three and a half acres in size, after it was subdivided and several lots sold. Protection in the agricultural district would supercede local zoning. An application would be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for action, following a public hearing. Ellis said this has not been done before in a village. Property owner Jon White has all his other properties in ag districts in other communities, and feels having the Village parcel included would provide him some flexibility.

Landscaping and a new garden at the County Chamber of Commerce Building on Lakeville Road are in honor of George Traber, a local *champion for the people of Livingston County, young and old*. George was a supporter of the Livingston County Business Education Alliance as well as a mentor for area youth.

Another garden is being planned by the Geneseo Garden Club at the top of Cavalry Drive in honor of Ruth Linfoot, a pillar of the community who passed away this year.

Notification has been received from Livingston County Youth Bureau Director Keith Mitchell that state funding for youth programs will quite possibly be reduced next year.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Fox sent fire truck replacement information via email to the Board members. He also distributed a presentation put together for the FD membership that includes a schedule for vehicle replacement for future years (ladder truck replacement in 2015, pumper 315 replacement in 2017 and pumper 316 replacement in 2020). In the presentation, the committee (consisting of Charlie Parent, Andrew Chanler, Bill Mills, Steve Zabrocki, David Dewar, Frank Manzo, Ken Richardson, Dean

O'Keefe, Dale Ludwig, Tom Linsner, Terry Price, Craig Moses and Len Mack) states that Pumper 314 was placed in service in 1990 with a twenty-year 'life expectancy'. The truck has been well maintained and may have a market value as high as \$50,000. The committee has researched replacement vehicles in Springwater, Pavilion, Greece and Caledonia and has attended fire shows in Indianapolis, Harrisburg and Baltimore. The new truck features were listed in the presentation as well as differences between the new vehicle and the 1990 model including the addition of anti-lock brakes, air bags, mandatory restraints (seatbelts), higher engine emission standards and air conditioning.

The committee would like direction and approval from the Board to proceed with the bid process to replace pumper 314. Trustee Fox added that this vehicle is the ONLY one that goes out on ALL fire calls and 50% of the EMS calls. It is the first response vehicle. Trustee LaGrou asked how badly it needed to be replaced. John responded that the FD would like to start their vehicle replacement plan with this pumper and go from there. The vehicle is requiring more frequent repairs at this time and it does go out on most of the calls. The members have been talking about its replacement for six or seven years. Tom stated that according to the finance plan put forth, there is a \$300,000 shortfall to finance the \$560,000 vehicle. Along those lines, Trustee Fox would like to have the Board consider increasing the amount transferred to the Fire Equipment Reserve each year. Last May, \$30,000 was transferred.

With regard to funding the purchase, Trustee LaGrou asked about grants and other offsets. John responded that the municipality would have to be in dire straits to obtain any of that type of grant funding. John asked about the State of New York contribution to the FD. Dick said the State has not contributed to that in any way. For instance Albany capitol buildings, and even our own armory are protected by local fire departments but there has been no contribution toward that protection from the State.

After further discussion about funding the purchase, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to authorize the Board to begin to seek funding for the replacement of pumper 314 and to authorize the Fire Department committee to start the bid process. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion. Trustee Fox will find out if there are other options that might cut down the amount to be financed from the current amount of \$335,000. Dick said it appears the consensus is that the Board would like to support the vehicle replacement but are concerned about the financing of the purchase. He added that consideration must be given to the Geneseo Building renovation project, and the funding that will be necessary for that. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

With regard to the police, Trustee Hill showed the Board a picture of the accident on Route 20A when an oversize vehicle took down power and communication lines and impacted traffic for several hours around the Village.

Officer Ed Kenney received the New York State MADD award (for the most DWI arrests) this year and the Board congratulated him on that achievement. The GPD took more drunk drivers off the road than any other local Livingston County agency.

Trustee Hill also reported that he rode with Officer Szczesniak today to see how the plate reader works and was fascinated. He recommended that other Board members take advantage of the opportunity to ride along with the PD.

## 8. PUBLIC WORKS:

Jason reported to Trustee LaGrou that he and the crew are picking up leaves through the end of November. The new Bobcat skid steer loader has been delivered, and the salt shed area has been improved. Ken's Tree Service has been doing tree trimming around the Village as per the contract approved for that service.

Sandy said that she spoke with Supt. McTarnaghan at the Association meeting. Steve reported nothing unusual going on at either the water or the sewer plants.

9. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reminded the Board that the Destination Downtown conference would be held tomorrow in Mt. Morris. Later on in the week she and Trustee Fox will go to the Shared Services Grant workshop in Syracuse.

Sandy asked the Board to consider the next steps in the zoning revision process. She would like to have a workshop meeting to consider the comments heard this evening and to wrap things up. Dick wondered if she would be able to summarize the items brought up tonight. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet for two workshop sessions, each beginning at 6PM prior to the November Board meetings (November 3 and 17).

Trustee Fox: John was supposed to go to the County Courthouse with Councilman Tenalio to look at what would be available to move the Town/Village courts. That meeting has been postponed until next Monday.

Trustee LaGrou: Tom has been in contact with Ted Saunders who would still rather use the Doty Building for the basketball program than the Central School due to the availability of gymnasiums. Tom would like a Village official to appeal to the College to perhaps reduce the cost of using that space (currently the cost would be \$2,500). Trustee Hill agreed to contact the College.

10. CLERK/TREASURER:

First Quarter Financials: Clerk Merrick distributed the first quarter financial reports to the Board including balance sheets, treasurer's report of cash transactions, reports of revenues and expenditures through August 31, 2008.

Voucher numbers 410-516 (for general/water/sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion, Trustee Hill moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$129,091.68. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Trustee Fox moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$55,362.31. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$54,465.90. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

11. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Fox moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:30PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk