

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 5, 2009

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor

Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor

Bradley R. Hill, Trustee

Thomas J. LaGrou, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer

J. Thomas Reynolds, Attorney

Ron Maxwell, Code Officer

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Joe Ferrero

Bill Barkley

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7PM. The minutes of the December 15, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the December 15, 2008 public hearing were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. FIRE TRUCK:

The truck was ordered as of last Tuesday and financing is in place; documents were signed and shipped back to Oshkosh Capital and Pierce Manufacturing. The paperwork was considerable, Mayor Hatheway reported. The loan process begins effective January 1, 2009. Oshkosh sends \$300,000 to Pierce who starts to build the truck. That results in a \$16,000 reduction overall in the price of the vehicle from Pierce. However, there is an interest payment of approximately \$8,000 due Oshkosh in June. The extra cost of the financing at 5% (vs an estimated 4% through a BAN) is absorbed by the decrease in price of the vehicle, plus the additional cost of meeting new federal requirements and reconfiguring the cab if the vehicle was ordered after January 1. Deputy Mayor Brennan wondered if the \$16,000 was an additional discount; Dick said that yes, after the documents were received that became clear.

Trustee LaGrou asked when the truck would be ready. Dick stated it would be about eight months (August). The down payment (approximately \$250,000) will be due when the truck is delivered in August and payments will be annually for the next four years (after the initial interest payment in June 2009).

3. ZONING CODE REVISIONS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan went over the most recent revisions from Bergmann Associates and discussed them with the Board members.

Mayor Hatheway requested a motion to accept the zoning code as modified. Trustee Hill moved to accept the changes that were presented to the Board this evening and to adopt them into the final draft of the Village Zoning Code Chapter 130, effectively Local Law #1, 2009. Trustee Fox has seen the changes and has written to support what has been proposed. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Mayor Hatheway and the Board offered a huge, huge thank you to Sandy and to former Trustee Bill Lofquist for spearheading this project and seeing it through. Sandy gave credit to a number of members of the community (Ken Book, Kurt Christiansen, Dan Dimpfl, Terry Price, Brad Swett, and Louise Wadsworth) as well and to Bergmann Associates and Code Officers Maxwell and O'Keefe who worked very hard and were very responsive to what the committee wanted to do. Many businesspeople from the community also worked hard, especially Dawn Aprile and many changes were made to the various drafts to accommodate their interests. This is a huge accomplishment, Mayor Hatheway concluded.

4. LEGAL ISSUES:

A letter was received today requesting annexation of property located at 4162 Reservoir Road (Verizon Wireless store) and 4151 Reservoir Road (residential rental property) from Shepard Properties LLC. The request also indicates that Mr. Mark Shepard would like a zoning classification of *MU-2 Mixed Use with the consideration of annexing the adjoining eight acres in the future*. The Town Board was also sent a copy of the letter. Discussion followed. Mr. Shepard will need to get a survey completed and go through a property subdivision process, according to Code Officer Maxwell. The unauthorized sewer hookup to the Verizon Store that took place last year has not been assessed a sewer unit charge at this point in time, Mayor Hatheway explained, because that would legitimize the hookup. When the property is annexed, Mr. Shepard will be expected to pay for the service that has been utilized during this process. If the property annexation does not take place, Mr. Shepard will be instructed to disconnect the illegal connection and pursue other options for sewage treatment for his building.

5. WATER TOPICS:

Dick reported that on December 18th he attended a seminar hosted by the Livingston County Dept. of Health regarding water capacity issues. On a county-wide basis, there seems to be a gap between the water operators and the elected officials. It is incumbent upon the water operators to talk to the elected officials about things like rates, etc. and at least here in the Village, that communication does take place. Interesting topics brought up were adequacy of infrastructure and the need to provide upgrades.

Supt. McTarnaghan has suggested continuing the water line mapping project by mapping the water lines from the Village property line to the tank and from the tank to the water plant. That will cost an additional couple thousand dollars according to MRB. Dick Thomas will do the survey work mapping the lines and valves etc. and then eventually that will all be brought together on the maps similar to the GIS maps of the sewer system. That work will continue once the weather breaks.

MRB engineer Ryan Colvin has wanted to get together the Town, Village and York representatives to look at the water system as a whole. One of the issues concerns the best way to feed the new Lowe's building. Many of the alterations that happen outside the Village impact the Village system, and it is important for all parties to work together. That meeting will be scheduled soon, Dick reported.

With regard to wastewater, very soon a sit-down discussion will take place with Supt. McTarnaghan and an MRB engineer to prepare a game plan and a thorough review of the infiltration/inflow situation, Dick concluded.

6. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

Mayor Hatheway is concerned about properties on Orchard Street and Lower Court. Code Officer Maxwell will drive down there and inspect the conditions.

7. RENTAL HOUSING:

Attorney Reynolds reported that the Village and the Geneseo Rental Housing Association are in agreement and the issue will be finalized very soon.

8. GRANT APPLICATION:

Mayor Hatheway has been in touch with Bernie Thoma with regard to a GIS grant application through the State Archives and Records Administration (SARA). The Town was not interested in applying with the Village for this grant because they are also applying for a SARA grant to upgrade some of their storage areas. Requests will go out to various firms to provide a needs assessment for the project involving all departments within the Village.

9. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Planning Board member Chuck Nesbitt submitted his official letter of resignation effective immediately and the Board received that with regret.

As a result of that vacancy, Mayor Hatheway appointed David Woods (former director of the Livingston County Planning Department) to fill the vacancy expiring in 2013. Since that is a mayoral appointment, no vote was necessary. Dick commented that David will be a real asset to the Planning Board, and the Board agreed.

Also, along those lines, Heather Ferrero, Planner for Livingston County, wrote to report the training hours completed by the Planning Board and the ZBA members. All of the members are current with those training requirements.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Hill reported the calendar year statistics for the Fire Department: 244 fire calls, 1597 ambulance calls and as of 10AM today, there have been 17 ambulance calls for January 2009. The Department personnel have responded to several fire calls recently. Five fire fighters are currently enrolled in the Basic Firefighter I class. The defibrillators have arrived and the office staff will be trained very soon so that one may be placed in the Geneseo Building. The Department will mark 175 years of service in 2009 and that will be celebrated at the annual banquet to be held on February 28th at the Big Tree Inn.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the following new Fire Department members: Brendan Filardo, Gloria Kon and Michael Hansburger and to approve senior exempt status for Ryan Edmunds. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Hill reported that contained within Chief Osganian's monthly report is grant award information as follows: bullet proof vest grant in the amount of \$1,042, a grant for child passenger seats of \$3,200, a *Buckle Up New York* grant of \$5,780 for seatbelt compliance enforcement purposes and a *STEP* grant in the amount of \$12,200 for aggressive driving violation patrols. There will be a child safety seat check at the Fire Hall on January 17 from noon to 4pm.

Clerk Merrick noted that Chief Osganian's December 17th memo states that the new police vehicle was picked up and the emergency equipment was being installed in Buffalo. Delacy Ford offered to take two retired police vehicles in trade and will forward a check to the Village for what is received at auction. Trustee Hill moved to declare the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAFP71WX1X173227) and the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAHP71WX3X209770) surplus to the Village needs. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

Tom and Sandy reported that operations were as usual over the holiday season.

12. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Hill: On behalf of Trustee Fox, Brad wondered when the preliminary budget meetings would be and would there be an opportunity for the Board liaisons to participate in any way with the various departments. Dick went over the budget process and welcomed any input the liaisons might offer.

Trustee LaGrou: Tom reported that he would be meeting with Supt. Frazier soon to discuss fence options at Highland Park.

13. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick reported that the staff is back from the holiday break and full steam ahead for the second half of the fiscal year!

Mayor Hatheway and the Board commended Clerk Deb Lund for the excellent holiday display in the front windows of the Geneseo Building.

Mayor Hatheway plans to write to the department heads asking them to look at and think about a 5% decrease in expenses for 2009-2010. They have been exceptionally responsive in the past and have not been unrealistic at all in forming their budgets. It would be a good idea, however, in the present economic climate to give them a closer look and perhaps decrease them somewhat.

14. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk