

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 23, 2009

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell	Jake Young	Allyn Stelljes	Mike Stelljes
Connor Callahan	David A. Parish	Isaac A. Rodriguez	Diony Young
Daphne Allen	Julie Matthews	Joshua Davis	

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7:00PM. The minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. CONNOR CALLAHAN – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WRAP-UP:

Mayor Hatheway invited Connor to speak to the Board about his project: to construct five picnic tables at the River Access Park. Connor reported that delays were encountered but the picnic tables are in storage and ready to be placed in the park this spring. He presented the Board with pictures of the various stages of the project that took place last November. He used a ‘mass production’ technique to assemble the tables using pressure treated lumber and a crew of fellow scouts. Every table was built identically and to specifications outlined prior to construction. Connor explained the process in detail. After the tables were assembled, they were picked up by the DPW and moved into storage. Recognition for funds donated (\$515) from various groups and businesses will be indicated on each table on plaques supplied by David Mann Jewelers. The project was completed under budget and Connor returned \$430 to the Village of Geneseo for matching funds that were not necessary. Connor would like to see the unused funds go toward staining the tables and maintaining the park in the future. He offered to help with the staining when the weather permits. Supt. Frazier plans to anchor the tables in place in the park as well.

The Board offered congratulations and thanks for a job well done. Connor outlined the project, followed through with his plan and completed what he set out to do. Connor hopes to have his Eagle Scout ceremony in the park.

3. JAKE YOUNG & ALLYN STELLJES – SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM:

Mayor Hatheway invited GCS 4th grader and local resident Jake Young to come before the Board to talk about the summer youth program. Jake has attended the Geneseo Summer Recreation program for the past three years. He stated that the program last year was too strict with YMCA and there were not as many games and not very many older (third and fourth grade) kids were there. He liked the program when it was run by the Village and gave several reasons why. He said that it felt more like summer and the YMCA made it feel more like school. He said a full day program would be too long. He would like to see the Village Board get more feedback from the kids that go to summer rec rather than just adults and parents.

Jake originated a petition that he read to the signors and to the Board members: *Save Summer Rec – To Geneseo Village Board: We liked summer rec better when it was run by Geneseo. More kids had more fun, and that’s what summer’s all about. Please don’t have YMCA in control.* The petitions included 103 signatures. Jake also interviewed Mrs. Roth and presented the responses to that interview.

Mayor Hatheway asked what prompted him to come visit the Village Board. Jake responded that his choice was to either tell the Board how the kids feel or have summer rec change. He stated that this is Geneseo, our town, and the YMCA is 30 miles away and making decisions.

Allyn Stelljes also presented a letter to the Board and feels that if the YMCA does take over it is eliminating a choice for the older kids. A less restrictive structure where kids have more choices is a better model for the older kids.

Diony Young asked to speak and thanked Jake for his presentation. She and her husband came to Geneseo in 1966 and were instrumental in creating a park at the Highland Road site. During 1974-78 she served in charge of Geneseo Youth Recreation. The program was very successful; children arrived at 9AM and had a variety of games to play, arts and crafts to participate in and other activities. The Y program sounds more like a childcare program. She feels that a full day program would be too long for the children. She concluded by saying that for Jake’s sake and for all the children’s sake that signed the petition, the program might revert back to the way it was originally designed. It worked very successfully for a number of years.

Mayor Hatheway invited David Andrew Parish to speak. David met with Deputy Mayor Brennan and Trustee Hill earlier today to discuss the Red Cross swimming program and how that might be something to consider along with summer recreation. David presented the Board members with a proposal from the American Red Cross (he serves as Director of the Northern Livingston County Chapter) to host the swimming program at the Geneseo Central School pool. The proposal is based on 120 participants, with 10 instructors for three two-week sessions at a total cost of \$11,841.50 with no cost for use of the pool facility. Funding for the program would come from the Village, but the Red Cross would hire the lifeguards, pay the personnel and run the program. David hopes to obtain funding from the Office of Children & Family Services and because of that, he would hope that the children would not be charged to participate.

Trustee Fox met with Geneseo/Wyoming YMCA Director Wess Audsley along with Deputy Mayor Brennan last week. There was a good understanding about what the Y has to offer and a recap of how the program ran last summer. John’s concern is that there has been a good summer rec program in the past but there is a question of liability for the Village with the program and one of the things the Board members need to do is to become much more active in the program, whatever form it takes. They need to attend and observe. They (whomever is running the program) need to report to the Board. John feels it is the right thing for this community to give the opportunity to run the program again this year to the Y.

Trustee Hill stated that the Board is not comparing program ‘apples to apples’. The rec program presented by the Y did not include a swimming component. That will be an additional cost. Brad tends to feel in favor of the Village running the rec program and the Red Cross providing the swim component. He would also like to see the transportation component included. According to his calculations, the Roth/Rose program with the Red Cross swimming component would cost about \$32,000.

Deputy Mayor Brennan is opposed to a full day program. She supports a half-day program, and after all the mail she received, a local program with local controls and a more active role by the Board members.

Trustee LaGrou stated that he is right on the fence too, and applauded Jake on his presentation. He doesn’t think the kids enjoyed the program as much as previous years. On the other hand he would

love to see the Y come into the community. Trustee Hill added that if the Y were in the community, with a facility, it would be an entirely different discussion. Deputy Mayor Brennan stated that perhaps the rec program might not be the vehicle to bring a Y to the community.

Mayor Hatheway brought the discussion together and outlined points on which we seem to have consensus: swimming is an important component. Generally he heard that the Board is not supportive of a full day program or the consensus is that a full day is not necessary. Trustee Hill said that another factor is to reduce some of the burden on the Clerk's office by having someone coordinate and screen personnel and programs under the Geneseo Youth Recreation umbrella. Along with that thought, Mayor Hatheway proposed placing a moratorium on the Village Board granting approval for any new youth camps, clinics, programs, pending adoption of a protocol policy and procedure. The Board agreed.

After further discussion, Trustee Fox agreed to go back to the Y folks, ask them to propose a half-day program with a swim and transportation component so that all of the proposals can be considered in like fashion. However, the Board agreed that there are some things the Y is not willing to compromise on and cost won't be the only factor. Therefore, he is in favor of communicating to the Y what the children desire in the program. There is some reaction to the lock-step approach, he stated. Trustee Fox will contact the Y reps and report back to the Board.

4. LEGAL ISSUES:

Athletica loan program: Attorney Reynolds received the corporate credit reports, but not the personal report. Trustee LaGrou wondered if this money would be used for business purposes in the Village and the response was yes.

Annexation (Shepard property): Some paperwork has been received, according to Attorney Reynolds, however he has some question about the map of the parcel and will research that further. An adequate description of the property to be annexed must also be written.

Rental housing: Code Officer O'Keefe requested a copy of the stipulation agreement. Clerk Merrick will check to see if she has a copy in her file. The letter to property owners has gone out and inspections are being scheduled.

5. GIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT – SARA GRANT APPLICATION:

Mayor Hatheway reported that the application has been submitted to the State Archives and Records Administration by Thoma Development Consultants. The grant is for \$12,300 for a needs assessment to determine how the GIS system could benefit various departments. MRB Group, LaBella and Clark Patterson responded to the request for proposals.

6. CIRCULATION & PARKING STUDY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP:

The next step in the study is to hold community meetings. A workshop is scheduled for February 28th at the Central Presbyterian Church from 9AM until noon. Notification of the workshop has been posted in various places and in the local newspaper.

7. AIDS ROCHESTER BIKE EVENT:

Joshua Davis, Special Event Coordinator for AIDS Rochester, Inc. requests permission to pass through Geneseo during the 2009 AIDS Rochester Red Ribbon Ride. Riders (approximately 300) will travel 100 miles from Rochester around Letchworth Park and back to Rochester on September 20. They would like to pass through Geneseo from the north on Avon Road and then west on Court Street and south on Genesee Street (Route 63). Joshua has been in contact with Chief Osganian. The Board expressed support for the event and Joshua thanked them for their consideration.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Mayor Hatheway reported that Jason received a fax from the Greater Rochester Transportation Council stating that the Village is still on the list for stimulus funding but only for the Lima Road resurfacing at this time.

There was conversation about the Livingston County newspaper subscription with Howard Appell.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo thanked the Board for allowing Debra Martin to present consumer protection information at the February 9th meeting.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Fox reported that Chief Chanler plans to have his budget information ready by the 24th. Chief Chanler has been in contact with Clerk Merrick to reconcile the Med-Ex ambulance billing deposits.

There have been 198 ambulance calls since the first of January and 48 fire calls, according to information supplied to Trustee Fox. The total membership stands at 104 volunteers. Trustee Fox moved to approve membership for Andrew Lam and to accept resignation requests from Masake Bannai, Earl Voss, Tyler Massaro, and Donald Furman. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Hill reported that police calls are up 20% for this period of time over the last. Canine officer Rosko participated in a burglary arrest and received some newspaper notoriety for his achievement. One officer in the department is on a waiting list to transfer to the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. Chief Osganian is ready with his budget numbers for 2009-2010.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee LaGrou reported the following from Supt. Frazier's update:

- The crew is busy servicing equipment through the winter.
- 350 tons of salt have been used so far this winter and 70 additional tons have been ordered.
- Lima Road is on the list for stimulus funding, which would help pay for milling of the top 2" and repaving, and replacing a section of 8" sewer line (600'). The federal funds of \$285,000 for the project are 100% granted with no match necessary from the Village.
- Tub grinding of the brush pile will take place this week by Terry Tree service.
- The crew is still picking up Christmas trees placed on the boulevard.
- The portable outfield fence will arrive this week and be stored at the old DPW garage for now. The total cost is \$5,324 including a \$795.55 discount for ordering it this month.
- The Little League fields will need 32-48 tons of infield mix for the two fields at a cost of \$78 per ton. Twenty four tons of material was purchased in March of 2007, 2005, and 2003. It was suggested that Little League be approached to offset Village expenses by contributing half of the cost.

The potholes are being patched around the Village.

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that evaluations are being reviewed for possible use with the various departments.

Clerk Merrick has received budget estimates from Supt. Frazier.

11. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: was not able to attend the Restore NY grant information meeting but noted that the Village did attempt to secure funding for local merchants through that program last year. The lack of interest from the private sector resulted in no application being submitted.

Trustee Fox: showed the Board possible space configurations for the clerks and the courts at the Town facility on Millennium Drive. He indicated that the configuration and concept were in their infancy and were developed from discussions with Supervisor Wadsworth and Councilman Tenalio.

Trustee Hill: met today with David A. Parish and Deputy Mayor Brennan to discuss the Red Cross Aquatic Program possibilities. Brad was very impressed with the programs that they have been offering at the Central School thus far.

Trustee LaGrou: spoke with Ted Saunders about being on the committee to develop policies and procedures for outside groups that would like to hold sports programs for “Geneseo” kids. Trustee Hill volunteered to be on the committee as well.

12. CLERK/TREASURER:

January Financials Report: Clerk Merrick distributed the January financial report to the Board.

Deputy Mayor Brennan commented about the projector that was purchased by the clerk’s office and the screen that is available for anyone wishing to make a presentation in the boardroom.

After approval by Deputy Mayor Brennan, voucher numbers 837-931 (for general/water/sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$73,089.84. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Fox-Nay.

After discussion Trustee Hill moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$50,180.54. 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, Trustee Hill moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$19,422.12. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Hill seconded the motion to approve community development vouchers in the amount of \$843.00. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

13. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Fox moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan 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 10:02PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk