

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 2, 2009

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell Daphne Allen Jake Young Mike Stelljes
David A. Parish Julie Matthews

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7PM. The minutes of the February 23, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fox moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan 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. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROJECT RESOLUTION:

MRB engineer Ryan Colvin and Supt. Frazier attended a meeting with Dept. of Transportation officials to receive guidance on the procedure to be followed to receive federal stimulus funding for the Lima Road resurfacing project. The project will be 100% funded on a reimbursement basis. Step one is to adopt a resolution. Contained within the resolution is an agreement to maintain the street after the project is completed. After review, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved that the following resolution be adopted, with second from Trustee Fox:

**ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROJECTS
MUNICIPAL/SPONSOR RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number: 1

WHEREAS, The Lima Road Recovery Project(s) (hereinafter the “the Projects”) in the Village of Geneseo, in Livingston County, (hereinafter “the Municipality/Sponsor”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 100% Federal funds and 0% non-federal funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal/Sponsor Board duly convened does hereby:

RESOLVE, that the Municipal/Sponsor Board hereby approved the above Projects; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Municipality/Sponsor agrees to advance the Projects through:

- 1) The Municipality/Sponsor’s resources and agrees that the Municipal/Sponsor Board hereby authorizes the Municipality/Sponsor to pay in the first instance the full federal costs and full non-federal costs of any and all phase(s) or portions thereof; and hereby appropriates from the operating budget the funds necessary to complete the Project(s) including all phase(s) or portions thereof.

RESOLVED, that the Municipal/Sponsor Board makes a 100% commitment of the non-federal share (if any) of the costs of Preliminary Engineer/Design phase(s) of work for the Project(s) or portions thereof, with the federal share of such costs to be applied directly by the New York State Department of Transportation (hereinafter “NYSDOT”) pursuant to the State/Local Agreement and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$285,000 is hereby appropriated from operating fund balances and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project(s); and hereby appropriates from existing operating fund balances the funds necessary to complete the Project(s) including all phase(s) or portions thereof, it is further

RESOLVED, that upon completion of construction of the Projects, or a fully usable portion thereof, the Municipality/Sponsor agrees to maintain the Project(s), or fully usable portion thereof, at their sole cost and expense; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share of the Projects exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Municipal/Sponsor Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Geneseo is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, (subject to the Municipal/Sponsor Attorney's approval as to form and content), with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Projects identified in the State/Local Agreement; and providing for the administration of the Projects and the municipality's first instance funding of the non-federal share of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of the Department of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project(s); and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The resolution was passed and Clerk Merrick will forward a certified copy to the Department of Transportation.

3. CIRCULATION & PARKING STUDY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP:

Mayor Hatheway reported that a couple dozen people attended a workshop held on Saturday morning, February 28. Following an introductory presentation by Ed Flynn of LaBella Associates, the attendees broke into three work groups to discuss alternatives to improve circulation, parking, and aesthetics in the study area. One of their tasks was to identify 'SWOT': Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats within the study area. The groups collaborated for an hour and a half, followed by a summary of their conclusions to the group as a whole. Ed Flynn was very much impressed with the level of thought given and the resulting presentations. General consensus was that North Street could be dramatically improved if it had a more residential look, by narrowing it and adding curbing. Curbing and biking/walking lanes would be nice addition to Lima Road out to Country Club. The importance of sidewalks was also emphasized. It was emphatically agreed that we have a very impressive downtown commercial area, and Main Street adds beauty to the community. Everyone also agreed that the Main/Court/North Street intersection is a difficult one.

The results of the workshop will be compiled and shared with the steering committee before a second public meeting is held in May. Deputy Mayor Brennan was impressed that three members of the planning board attended: Sue Richardson, Dori Farthing and David Woods, while Paul Schmied attended as a member of the ZBA. All in all it was a very good public meeting.

4. SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM:

Discussion of the program alternatives as summarized below:

- The Town has requested a joint meeting to provide input to the program. The Board scheduled that meeting for next Monday evening, March 9th at 7PM.

- Responding to a Village request, the Y has submitted a proposal to offer a 6-weeks half-day program (\$30,500), with a swimming component (\$7,500), and a transportation component between Highland Park and Geneseo Central School (\$3,000).
- If the choice were to stay with the Village-sponsored traditional program, the Village Board would need to consider hiring a recreation director to oversee the program *and* any additional requests for sports programs throughout the year. With the Y choice, the satellite programs could be funneled through them.
- Keith Mitchell, Youth Program Director for Livingston County has reiterated that State funding is indeed in jeopardy, as was reported by Clerk Merrick previously. If, by some chance, funding were to be available, it would be 25% less than in previous years. Youth Bureau representative Nita Hawkins added that local recreation programs would most likely be subject to stricter rules and regulations governed by the State within the next five years.
- The Y recognizes that some people feel that “Batavia people” are making decisions for Geneseo’s youth programs; in reality the proposed program has been put together with Geneseo “people” providing significant input. The majority of staff members last year (75%) were from the Geneseo Central School district and the local Y steering committee also has been deeply involved from the outset.
- An alternative proposal is to have the Y run the summer recreation program and have Red Cross run the swimming portion.
- Agreeing that Village Trustees should not be running the recreation program on a day-to-day basis, it was also agreed that additional Board oversight is necessary, no matter which option is selected.
- The program needs to be supervised in such a manner that choices for activities are given, but program planning would still be in the hands of the director. Y Steering committee members agreed to work with Y staff to offer some flexibility especially for older kids (ages 12, 13, 14).
- The Board agreed to examine how best to handle the satellite programs. Perhaps they would best be handled by whoever handles the recreation program during the summer. By letting the Y handle those programs, perhaps better oversight and another level of liability is afforded to the Village.
- Board consensus was reached on the following points:
 - Half day program (9-1) is preferable
 - Accept the proposal offered by the Y, with the understanding that we need to work diligently to get the older kids involved in the program
 - No fees, except for special field trips
 - Village and Local Steering Committee be involved in program planning and oversight
 - Approach the Town of Geneseo to consider providing a level of funding more reflective of youth attendance numbers last summer (recognizing that the Town adopted its budget last fall)
 - Adding a swimming component provided by either the Y (\$7,500 additional plus transportation for swimming at \$3,000 additional) OR the Red Cross perhaps in the afternoon (at a cost of \$11,841.50)

After further discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved pending discussion with the Town that the Village Board give preliminary approval to contract with the Y for a half day recreation program based on the model they submitted, with the stipulation that greater flexibility in programming needs to be incorporated; also, that the Red Cross provide a swimming program to be offered in the afternoons

after the Y-component of the recreation program has ended. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Trustee Fox moved to table the previous motion and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The Board members agreed to meet next Monday night to discuss the issue with the Town Board.

5. BUDGET:

Mayor Hatheway reported that an initial meeting of the Budget Committee was held last Thursday and that budget requests have been received from all departments. The department heads have been exceptionally responsive to the need to look carefully at their budgets and decrease expenditures wherever they could. The next step is for Clerk Merrick to compile those figures, and, in consultation with the Mayor, add the administrative component and the estimated revenues.

With regard to the water fund, rates have remained the same since 2003 and Supt. McTarnaghan has requested that the Board consider an increase due to the additional testing requirements and increasing costs of plant operation (chemicals, utilities, etc.).

With regard to the process, there will be ample time between presentation of the budget to the Board on March 16 and the actual adoption slated for April 20th (with a public hearing scheduled for April 6th) for Board members to study it, offer suggestions and provide input.

6. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Historian David W. Parish distributed his annual report to the Board members. Each year the report gets longer with more and more activity documented. David is doing a lot of research all the time in terms of genealogy, reference questions and consultations. 860 requests for information were received in 2008 with 70% of those emailed to David at geneseohistorydude@hotmail.com.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian submitted his monthly report to the Board. Police calls are up 27% from last year – no explanation as to why at this time.

Trustee Hill asked Chief Osganian about the incident this weekend whereby a SUNY Geneseo student passed away, but the case is under the jurisdiction of the State Police. The property at 4359 Lower Court Street is in the Town of Geneseo. Chief Chanler was the first responder and Officer Szczesniak also initially responded. The student was a member of the Geneseo Fire Department.

The Fire Department celebrated 175 years of continuous support to the community of Geneseo at their annual banquet on Saturday night.

8. PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Hatheway drafted a letter to the property owners of the Main Street/Wadsworth Street block to alert them to surveyors being in the area.

9. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: With regard to Geneseo concerts in the Village park, all six dates are tentatively booked. Music genres and groups include barbershop, 60's and 70's music with Bob's Brother's Band, a New Orleans style jazz band, beach party music, the All Night Ramblers with Cajun Zydeco music, and the Dorfel Family bluegrass band. The committee is moving ahead with a 4PM timeframe on specific Saturday afternoons in June, July and August. The June 19th date will be at 7PM after the Arts Stroll.

Funding levels were decided upon and the committee is hoping to raise \$10,000 for band fees, advertising and other expenses. The Board congratulated the committee on the work thus far and was very supportive and enthusiastic.

10. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick reported that she is working on entering the information given by the departments into the budget lines.

11. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Fox moved and Trustee LaGrou 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 8:58PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk