

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 20, 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
David W. Parish, Village/Town Historian

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7:00PM. The minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Fox seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the April 6, 2009 public hearing on the budget 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 Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. DAVID PARISH – HISTORIAN REPORT:

David spoke to the Board about the collection of items he has received from Roseann Mayo (Chair of the Town Bicentennial in 1989). Roseann, being very meticulous, saved everything and arranged it very nicely for posterity. Included in the collection is a letter from the President (George H.W. Bush) and hundreds of photographs of Geneseo people attending parades and various other events. The collection resides in two file cabinets in David's basement office of the Geneseo Building. He hopes to find a more secure place to store those and other items soon. David also plans to hold work sessions to properly label the photographs, perhaps using SUNY student interns to help with the task. He stated that this collection is even more complete than the collection compiled for the 175th anniversary of the Village.

Mayor Hatheway stated that relocating the Historian's office and display area is certainly on the mind of the Board members as they discuss the Geneseo Building. He also thanked David for his display in the front entryway on volunteerism over the years. David thanked the Board and invited them to view the bicentennial collection whenever they had the chance.

3. 2009-10 BUDGET ADOPTION:

Deputy Mayor Brennan asked that the Board reconsider the Tourism line in the proposed budget (\$2,000) for next year. She would like to see the line reinstated to the previous funding of \$4,000. Mayor Hatheway stated that lines could be readjusted within the budget at this point without too much trouble. Trustee Fox offered to increase the line to \$3,000. He then stated his desire to have the various departments work within their budgets and avoid the many budget transfers that have occurred in the past.

Mayor Hatheway stated that what is really being *adopted* tonight is the tax rate. Lines within the budget can be moved around somewhat, as long as the tax rate is set. After discussion, Trustee Fox moved to adopt the 2009-2010 budget (General/Water/Sewer Funds) as presented to the Board of

Trustees on March 16, but amend the tax rate of \$6.63 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Trustee Fox moved to increase the originally proposed tax rate by two cents, to \$6.65. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion. Clerk Merrick asked if the amount of appropriated fund balance should remain the same (\$74,000); the response was yes. The increased revenue is to be allocated to Tourism (\$1,000 for a total of \$3,000) and to Celebrations (\$1500 for a total of \$6,500) for the concert series in the Park. 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 and the 2009-2010 budget was adopted.

4. REQUESTS:

- ✓ Relay for Life – the event, scheduled for April 25 at the SUNY Merritt Gym, is one of the biggest Cancer Fund raising events in the northeast. Mayor Hatheway hoped to stop by during the evening.
- ✓ Downtown Revitalization Program – Mayor Hatheway reported that the Program includes Louise Wadsworth’s Alliance for Business Growth program. Funding for the program has been eliminated for 2010. Patrick Rountree (Director, Livingston County Economic Development) has taken it over and hosted a meeting of several mayors in the County two weeks ago. During the course of Louise’s program, 120 jobs were created, 58 new businesses were formed and \$470,000 of funding has been used. Pat is looking for the nine villages in the County to consider funding \$50,000 to keep the program running. The County Board of Supervisors might be willing to match that funding. As for the towns, Dick noted that supervisors from Lima and Mt. Morris attended the meeting as well. Geneseo has not been a benefactor of the program directly, but has benefited indirectly, an example being Mary Mohan’s students involved with Main Street studies under Louise’s guidance. Deputy Mayor Brennan wondered if the Village should take the lead with a show of support for the continuation of the program. Mayor Hatheway said that we will stay informed about the future of the program, but that a decision wasn’t necessary at this point in time.
- ✓ Tobacco Action Partnership – Diana Cannon, representing the County Health Dept., is the coordinator for the Tobacco Action Partnership of Livingston County. They work to prevent initiation of tobacco use, to promote cessation from tobacco use, and to decrease social acceptability of tobacco use. They would like an endorsement from the Village that they will neither accept nor solicit any financial contributions, sponsorships, or gifts from any tobacco company, person, or activity that promotes tobacco use. They asked that the Board consider this endorsement for activities at Highland Park. Highland Park would become a ‘No Thanks Big Tobacco’ venue. The Board discussed a general ‘no smoking’ policy for all Village owned facilities. After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to accept the endorsement (no soliciting, no advertising etc.) for Highland Park suggested by the Livingston County Tobacco Action Partnership. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- ✓ Hearthside Cats – Lanna Ruddy, organizer for the spring “Walk for Cats” asks permission to hold the walk on May 3rd starting and finishing at Highland Park. The Board was supportive and notification will be sent. Chief Osganian has been informed.
- ✓ Triathlon – The SUNY Geneseo Triathlon Club would like to hold an event on September 13. The event would consist of a swim, bike and run that will traverse both the campus and the greater Geneseo community. The bike portion of the event would be in the Village and the group has been in contact with Chief Osganian. The Board was supportive of the event as long as the event organizers are prepared to pay for any overtime incurred by the Village Police Department specifically for that purpose.

5. SIGN GRANT FUNDING:

After discussion and review of a report given by Clerk Merrick showing \$50,567.91 expended in sign grants since the program's inception in 1996, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to increase the amount to be awarded to \$60,000 from the current limit of \$50,000. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The Board recognized that the program has been extremely successful in terms of improving the business climate in the Village, and heightening the aesthetics. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

6. GENESEO BUILDING PROPOSAL:

A proposal has been received from Clark Patterson Lee (Roger Vanderbrook) to prepare an engineering report in order for the Village of Geneseo to pursue grant possibilities for the Geneseo Building. Grantsman Bernie Thoma discussed the need for a report of this nature during a meeting recently. Mayor Hatheway explained that in a sense the report would be similar to the report MRB's Ryan Colvin is preparing for the Main/Wadsworth/Court project. The report would contain a summary of existing conditions of the building, potential uses, proposed modifications and potential unknowns of construction. Clark Patterson is prepared to use previous research to prepare the report. The total number of hours is projected as 33.5 hours, for a total cost not to exceed \$4,000. A timeline was included with the proposal indicating that the final report would be presented to the Board in July.

Discussion followed. Trustee Fox was enlisted and was happy to meet with Mayor Hatheway and Clark Patterson architect Jon Norris as the report progresses (meetings scheduled for May and June). With regard to relocation of the court, Trustee Fox reported that he is working with Councilman Tenalio to schedule a meeting with the justices and the clerks to discuss the options. He plans to get a commitment of that meeting by May 4th (the next Board meeting). There are two options for temporary space available to the courts.

Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the proposal submitted by Clark Patterson Lee to provide a report that would meet the requirements of pursuing grant funding for the Geneseo Building, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 as described in their proposal dated April 13, 2009. Trustee LaGrou 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 Mayor will contact Jon Norris and schedule a meeting with him and Trustee Fox.

7. 2010 CENSUS:

During a meeting with Nancy Merritt (U.S. Dept. of Commerce Boston Region), Mayor Hatheway and "census clerk" Aprile Mack were informed that the census is essentially a process by which each and every person is counted. Dick is concerned that the off campus students are less likely to be included in that tally, and it is critical that they be involved. He cited the example that the Scoville building funding (Urban Development Action Grant-resulting in the Village's Community Development Fund) was because Geneseo was classified as a *low median income village* since 5,000 of our residents (students) earn little or nothing each year and spend more than six months in this community.

Dick and Aprile discussed with Nancy ways to get the word out to those off-campus residents of the Village. Connections will be made to SUNY Student Government, Greek Organizations and other sources.

The Census workers are now in the process of checking addresses.

8. ONGOING PROJECTS:

- ❖ Village Park – The VFW ‘patio’ is coming along nicely, the bricks are being laid and it should be ready in time for Memorial Day.
- ❖ Fountain – The Fountain Restoration Fundraising Committee sent a letter updating the Friends of the Bear on the progress thus far.
- ❖ YMCA – The Memorandum of Understanding was updated to include the statement Deputy Mayor Brennan suggested about flexibility in programming. Mayor Hatheway will sign the final document when it arrives and send it back to the YMCA.

9. FYI:

- Stimulus Potential – Federal funding is now available for water and sewer projects. Mayor Hatheway said it is unknown whether or not any of our local projects are slated for this assistance.
- Conferences
 - Landmark Society: Saturday, May 2 in Medina.
 - Southern Tier West Local Government Conference: May 6 at Houghton College.
 - Finger Lakes Planning Council: Burgundy Basin Inn on May 15.
 - NYCOM: Main Street Conference in Canandaigua on April 30.
 - Sustainable Communities Summit: RIT in Rochester on June 3.

10. LEGAL ISSUES:

The foreclosure on the Oak Valley Inn has been rescheduled to May 11 according to Attorney Reynolds.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian has started to interview for the part-time position vacated by newly appointed full-time officer McLaughlin.

12. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee LaGrou highlighted Supt. Frazier’s report as follows:

- ✓ The crew cleaned out all the planter islands in the Village and the area near Wendy’s Restaurant that is Village property.
- ✓ The Town bulldozer was used to level soil at the shop on Riverside Drive. The Town roller was used to roll the grass at all the parks, school, the water tank property on Reservoir and at the two facilities on Riverside Drive.
- ✓ The crew assisted the VFW with the patio area in the Village Park.
- ✓ At Highland Park there are new wood chips in the playground area, the spring toys have been repaired, tennis court cracks are being filled, the infield clay dirt has been delivered and spread on the ball field, and the restrooms are now open during the day (with Police officers locking them up at night).
- ✓ Trustee LaGrou moved to declare the following items surplus to the needs of the Village: 2008 Bobcat (#A3L911932), 2003 New Holland TC40 Compact Tractor (inventory tag #126), 2002 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup, and the 1975 roller (inventory tag #124). Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

It has been noted that folks are using the grove across from Temple Hill Bed & Breakfast on nice days to eat their lunch. It was suggested that picnic tables there might be a nice idea. Mayor Hatheway will contact the Wadsworth Library Board (owners of the grove) and ask permission.

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that Supt. McTarnaghan has been in contact with the Health Department regarding the total coliform samples at the water intake point in the Lake. Other than the Watershed Management Program, there is little control over the water quality at the intake point. Additional treatment measures might be necessary in the future.

13. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy and Trustee Hill met with Chief Osganian and Enforcement Officers O'Keefe and Maxwell to discuss ways to notify each other about code violations in the Village. The police made the point that they are the eyes and ears of the streets and when they see issues, they need to let the code office know about them. Procedures will be put in writing. Some issues will be made known to the Fire Department as well.

With regard to concerts in the park, fundraising is continuing, Deputy Mayor Brennan reported. The Town has offered to help with the bookkeeping for the project. Parking for the events will utilize any Campus lots available and the Village municipal lot.

Trustee Fox: John reported that he sat in the new ambulances today (upright – thankfully) but they are not in service yet. Both were delivered last Thursday; one of the old rigs went back and then in another week, the other trade in will go back to the dealer. It will take approximately one week to get the two new ones into full service and they look very similar to the old vehicles. Life expectancy for them is three to five years and he is helping to come up with a better rotation schedule for the vehicles.

Trustee Hill: Brad brought the Board up to date on the River Access Park conditions and work that takes place every year depending on the River water levels. Supt. McTarnaghan has seen folks using the park already this season.

Trustee LaGrou: Tom is working to put together the recreation activity committee to establish procedures for the satellite programs offered in the community. Clerk Merrick mentioned that Lisa Ryan from GCS expressed an interest in serving on the committee.

14. CLERK/TREASURER:

As required by law, Clerk Merrick received notice of a liquor license renewal application by the manager of the Statesman.

After review by Trustee Fox, voucher numbers 999-1093 (for general/water/sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion, Trustee Hill moved and Trustee Fox seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$399,693.16 (voucher number 1070 was voided). 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 water fund vouchers in the amount of \$50,333.41. 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 \$225,492.85. 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 Fox seconded the motion to approve a Community Development voucher in the amount of \$345.00. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

15. OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Fox wondered about the status of the new municipal parking lot entrance. Mayor Hatheway responded that Supt. Frazier is starting to work on the project.

16. 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 9:20PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk