

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 3, 2009

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor
John Fox Jr., Trustee
Thomas J. LaGrou, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer
David Woods, Planning Board Member

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Linda Poste Ryan Colvin

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 7:00PM. The minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting were reviewed and tabled due to the absence of Deputy Mayor Brennan and Trustee Hill.

2. LINDA POSTE – CROSS ROAD CONNECTION:

Linda Poste came before the Board to discuss the concept of a crossroad connection to Reservoir Road through her property on Route 20A (and through her rental property on Reservoir Road). She originally presented the idea to the Board and to the Town Board in July 2008. She wondered if the Board was supportive of the concept and what the next steps should be. She cited reasons for building the road would be that it fits in with the access management plan, the fact that the property is available now and might not be in the future and that it would be good for the community. She expects the Village and Town to buy the property from her and would be willing to ‘hold the mortgage’.

Mayor Hatheway stated that while the concept has merit, the feasibility of the Village purchasing additional property and installing a road is another matter. He stated that the Board has not considered it at all, and suggested putting it on the agenda for the next meeting, when all Board members will be present in order to discuss the concept. Linda is looking for a response by August 31 if possible so that she can move forward with her plans.

3. SEQR PROCESS – I & I PROJECT:

The next step in the process is to consider the SEQR document. Ryan Colvin was present to answer any questions that might arise. MRB’s Pat Nicoletta delivered the documents to Clerk Merrick. The Board reviewed Part I of the document. Trustee Fox moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Village of Geneseo intends to undertake improvements of infrastructure on Upper University Drive, Wadsworth Street, Court Street and minor work on Main Street. The work proposed includes replacement of sanitary sewer lines, storm sewers and road reconstruction. The sanitary sewers will be replaced on Upper University Drive and Wadsworth Street to eliminate cross connections between storm and sanitary sewers. In addition, a new sanitary sewer line is proposed behind residents on Main Street to accommodate sanitary sewer laterals.

RESOLVED: That the water and storm sewers are to be replaced on Upper University Drive and Wadsworth Street. Water replacement is also proposed on Court Street to improve flow and pressure. Full road restoration/replacement is proposed for Upper University Drive and Wadsworth Street. Pavement restoration for trench areas due to piping and services will be completed on Main and Court Streets.

RESOLVED: That approval will be required from County and State Agencies. The action is classified as an Unlisted Action per SEQR guidelines. Due to the knowledge of the proposed project

parameters, requirements, and the project location, the Village of Geneseo hereby resolves the Intent to be Lead Agent for the environmental assessment review process for the Infrastructure Improvement Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That notification is sent to all involved agencies regarding this action. If no agency challenges the Village's intent within 30 days, the Village will be the Lead Agent of this project.

Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The resolution was passed and notification will be sent to New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, NYS Dept. of Transportation and Livingston County Health Department. The Board also agreed, as a courtesy, to sent notification to the Town of Geneseo and SUNY Geneseo.

4. HIGHLAND PARK PROJECT:

Quotes for administration services for the project have been received and were tabled until more Board members are present.

Four quotes for survey services were also received and ranged from \$1,475 to \$2,150. Donald R. Thomas (Geneseo) was not only the low bidder, but he also has had extensive experience in the Village. Trustee LaGrou moved to retain Donald R. Thomas to perform the survey services for the four parcels to be acquired by the Village of Geneseo at a cost not to exceed \$1,475. Trustee Fox seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

5. PLANNING BOARD RESPONSE:

Mayor Hatheway prefaced the conversation by stating that Planning Board Chair Griffo has recently responded to a letter the Mayor had written to the Board regarding the feasibility of combining the Town and Village planning boards. The letter had asked the planning board to consider the positives and negatives from a conceptual standpoint only. Mayor Hatheway then turned the topic over to Town and Village Planning Board member David Woods. David stated that the Board considered the possibility and listed several points to consider including the fact that the Town and Village are one community sharing one economic base and one cultural history. David stated that planning for a community is done better and more effectively when a broader and more comprehensive viewpoint is taken. Merging of boards has been done in other communities in the County and David is glad that Geneseo is exploring the ramifications. He added that the issues are essentially the same in both municipalities and if they can be handled together, rather than separately, so much the better. However, David cautioned, merging of the boards should be based on a decision that to do so would benefit the community in ways other than monetarily. It is doubtful there would be any cost savings, so these should not be considered a factor in the decision.

Mayor Hatheway thanked David for his input and stated that he will discuss the merger further with Supervisor Wadsworth and determine what the next steps might be. It was noted that most of the members of both planning boards were Village residents at this time.

With respect to merging the zoning boards, Mr. Woods pointed out that that is less common due to differing sets of zoning laws between municipalities.

6. ZBA REQUEST:

A letter was received from Zoning Board Chair Carolyn Meisel requesting that the Village Board ask the New York State Dept. of Transportation to conduct a traffic impact review to determine the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 20A and Center Street. This comes in conjunction with a request from Byrne Dairy to construct a retail store with fuel dispensing equipment

on East South Street (at the corner of Center Street). It was noted that the original request for the traffic review came from the Livingston County Planning Board review of the project and subsequent letter of July 13, 2009. Mayor Hatheway will send a letter to the DOT with the ZBA request as well as a copy of the letter from the County.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Notification was received from National Grid that they will be adding a 2% surcharge to all utility bills. The letter refers to the new charge as a *Temporary NYS Assessment surcharge* that will be assessed to all New York State gas, electric, steam and water corporations, the Long Island Power Authority, and municipal electric and gas corporations subject to the New York State Public Service Commission's jurisdiction. The surcharge will remain in effect until March 31, 2014 and all monies collected from this assessment will be transferred to New York State for the State's General Fund. Mayor Hatheway called this new State surcharge *unconscionable*.

The TIP application to New York State Dept. of Transportation has been submitted for sidewalks along the south side of Route 20A. It was also noted that a sidewalk has been installed on Village property across from Pizza Hut on Route 20A so that a crosswalk can be installed and perhaps a pushbutton traffic light mechanism as well. Deputy Mayor Brennan was instrumental in negotiating this crosswalk with the Dept. of Transportation.

8. LEGAL ISSUES:

Attorney Reynolds is working diligently on getting papers in order for purchase of the Highland Park properties. Appraisal work is being completed and survey work will commence soon, as well as updating of the various abstracts for the properties.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian distributed his monthly report to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Trustee Fox reported via Chief Chanler that there were 20 fire responses in July as well as 111 ambulance calls. A significant event during the month was standby for the Air Show during Festival weekend. Chief Chanler is also coordinating with the Town and Village for ongoing seasonal maintenance and repair of the fire hydrants.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee LaGrou spoke with Supt. McTarnaghan and the crew has finished flushing hydrants and is now working on other seasonal items.

Supt. Frazier reported the following:

- Suit-Kote is starting to crack fill the streets that will be sealed this year and next week they will perform the sealing process.
- Rubbish day (brush and appliances) took place today.
- The new sidewalk from Haley Avenue to Reservoir Road has been boxed-out and will be ready for concrete soon.
- Parking meters are being painted by the County Summer Youth workforce and will be completed soon.
- The tennis courts at Highland Park have been sealed with matching crack filler.
- There have been water breaks on Court Street and Highland Road and some storm drain issues on Seneca Avenue and at Kelsey Field. No major problems, however.
- Hydrant replacement and repair took place on Second Street, Ryan Drive and Main.
- The Lima Road sewer project will start this week with mobilization of equipment and stockpiling of material next to the site.

11. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Fox requested the water billing consumption figures from Clerk Merrick who provided him with the year-end report by user category previously. It appears that overall water consumption has decreased by approximately 5% over last year.

Trustee LaGrou continues to work on the recreation programs and getting procedures outlined. He mentioned that several coaches got together and obtained spectator liability insurance from Chanler Insurance. Clerk Merrick received a request from a SUNY student about using Kelsey Field for lacrosse this fall. Trustee LaGrou is concerned with over-use of the field during the fall as has happened in the past. The Board agreed that insurance would be a necessary first step and that perhaps the group can consider Highland Park instead. Clerk Merrick will communicate that to the student organizer.

12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick will be attending NYCOM Fall Training School September 21-24, 2009. She last attended in 2005.

Notice of intent to renew the liquor license for Kelly's Saloon was received.

The Board discussed and agreed to hold Sewer Grievance Day on September 21 from 4-6PM.

Clerk Merrick intends to finish up the Annual Report to the State Comptroller this week.

13. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Fox moved and Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk