

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 16, 2009

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor	Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor	Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Thomas J. LaGrou, Trustee	Dean O'Keefe, Code Enforcement Officer
Bradley R. Hill, Trustee	

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell Mark Scoville

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the November 2, 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 Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. CHIEF OSGANIAN:

Eric talked to the owners of the Pawn Shop today and they are willing to have customers fill out a form indicating where the items they are interested in selling came from. In addition to that, Eric would like the Board to consider an ordinance similar to the one used in the City of Rochester. Items pawned in Rochester are not sold until the police check them against items reportedly stolen. The Board discussed fine points in the Rochester ordinance with Eric briefly. Trustee Hill will work with the Chief to fashion an ordinance for the Village, it will be turned over to Attorney Reynolds for review and then a public hearing would be scheduled for consideration of the local law to enact the legislation.

Eric also mentioned that a part-time position occupied by Robert Fuller needs to be reconsidered. Robert has signed on for another assignment in Afghanistan. His part-time position could be filled temporarily according to consultation with the Livingston County Personnel office. Trustee Hill moved to grant a one-year leave of absence (beginning November 17, 2009) to Robert Fuller and to allow Chief Osganian to seek a temporary replacement for the part-time position. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Brennan asked Chief Osganian about parking issues on Ward Place in response to a question posed by a resident. Eric said there is no parking on Ward, it usually is not a problem, and officers will make sure offenders are ticketed.

3. MARK SCOVILLE – ISSUES PERTAINING TO ENGINEERING COSTS & SEWER UNITS:

Mark came before the Board questioning a bill he received for engineering costs incurred on 6/4 and 6/24/09. He doesn't feel the hour and a half billed for work done on 6/4 and 6/24 is owed (total of \$157.50). He was not present at the 6/24 meeting and doesn't feel he owes the charge for the hour on 6/24. MRB's Scott DeHollander wrote a letter dated June 4 to Matt Griffo, Planning Board Chair in regard to the 42 Court Street Apartments project. Mark agreed to the charge for that work after that was made clear. Regarding the charge for the meeting on 6/24, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to remove that charge (\$105) from the bill owed by Mr. Scoville contingent upon verification with the Planning Board Chair and the engineer whether or not a discussion took place about the project at that meeting. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A second issue deals with the water and sewer bill for the tavern on Center Street (former Matthes property), which the Scoville's recently purchased. It appears that the property is being charged for five sewer units, yet there is only one person living there. Mayor Hatheway stated that there would normally be a minimum of two units charged, one for the living space and one for the tavern, but due to the high water consumption history, the sewer units were assessed to five effective with the November billing. The Scoville's purchased the property three weeks ago. Sewer/water bills are retroactive, Dick said, and therefore the bill that is due is for the August through October consumption. Mr. Scoville does not want to pay the \$1,100 November bill. Following discussion, the Board was in agreement to reduce the sewer units to two. It was also the consensus of the Board that nothing would be done about the water charges in arrears, which should have been paid by the former owner prior to closing; however, the sewer charge could be reduced to 2 units (\$100), decreasing Mr. Scoville's bill by \$150. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to reduce the sewer charge from \$250 representing 5 units to \$100 representing 2 units, and to reduce the minimum number of sewer units assigned to the property to two units. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4. ZONING MAP:

Mayor Hatheway stated that the County Planning Dept. drew the map (dated October 2009) from the information generated and given to them via the Master Plan and Code revisions; it includes the new zoning district classification names. Dean O'Keefe and the Code Office would appreciate it if the Board approved it now so it can be used as the basis on which to make their decisions. The last map was approved in 2007. Mark Shepard's property is not yet on the map, as the annexation has not yet occurred. The various district boundaries were discussed both in the downtown area and in other areas throughout the Village. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to officially adopt the October 2009 map of the Village of Geneseo as prepared by the Livingston County Planning Department. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. It was noted that there is now a listing by parcel of every property in the village including its zoning classification; this will be a helpful tool to use in addition to the map. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

5. CIRCULATION & PARKING STUDY DRAFT REPORT:

Ed Flynn has forwarded a draft report to committee members for their review. After the changes are considered, it will be presented to the Village in final form, Mayor Hatheway reported.

6. YMCA-COLLEGE PROPOSAL:

Announcement was made at a meeting held on November 4 that the YMCA is partnering with SUNY Geneseo to build a 108,000 square foot building with 58,000 devoted to YMCA activities. The project would be the first of its kind in New York State. The \$30 million dollar project would be located west of the ice arena on College property off of Route 63. The presentation was well attended and well done, Mayor Hatheway reported.

7. DECEMBER ASSOCIATION MEETING:

The next meeting of the Livingston County Association of Village Boards is scheduled for December 9th (instead of the 16th) at the National Hotel in Cuylerville, hosted by Leicester.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Catholic Charities has requested to hold their annual Weekend of Caring event on April 24, 2010. The Board was supportive.

A note of thanks was sent from Jackson's Team for Kidstart (ARC) for allowing the event to take place at Highland Park on October 3rd.

A letter was sent on behalf of the Association of Village Boards to various state legislators in regard to NYCOM's position on the Governor's budget deficit reduction plan to decrease Aid to Municipalities.

Stu Brown sent notice of grant program application deadlines approaching.

A resident of Livingston Street sent a letter that she is not happy with the taste of the water. A copy was given to Supt. McTarnaghan.

9. HIGHLAND PARK PROJECT UPDATE:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that there was a Highland Park meeting today with grant administrator Bill Reemtsen, MRB's Pat Nicoletta, Supt. Frazier, Mayor Hatheway and Clerk Merrick. It was a good meeting and the "team" is confident that the project is moving along. Appraiser Dick Zarajczyk is working to complete the appraisals to State specifications. When they are complete, they will be forwarded to the State Parks Dept. via Karen Ferguson. Sandy reported that Bill and Pat were informed that the Village has officially completed the purchase of the Simms property. Supt. Frazier has reviewed the project and has determined that the crew will be able to work on several of the items in an effort to keep costs down. The next steps will be to send out RFP's for any possible asbestos contamination followed by removal from the old DPW building, and for the archeological review of the site. The group will meet again in mid-December. Hopefully the park project can be completed next summer, although the project completion date is not until 2012. The project includes more restrooms (in the current concession stand area), and new concession stand equidistance between the current ball fields and the new athletic field. Once a topographic survey has been finished and a preliminary site plan developed, the proposed plan will be shared with the public.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Hill talked to Chief Chanler today. Fund drive letters have gone out to folks with a Geneseo mailing address. A fund drive of this nature has not been held since 2004. The FD hopes to buy some new equipment with the funds raised. The annual turkey fundraiser will be held this Saturday. The new truck was displayed in front of the Geneseo Building for the Board members this evening.

A bid process was outlined for the Spartan/Saulsbury truck (former pumper 314). Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to declare that truck (1990 Spartan/Saulsbury Rescue Pumper Vin# 1S9BTOLXKC185159) in excess of the needs of the Village and to authorize the Fire Department to advertise the vehicle for sale. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. Bids will be due by December 29 and hopefully awarded to the highest bidder on January 4, 2010.

Regarding the fire contract with the Town of Geneseo and the ambulance contract with the Town of Groveland, a tentative contract price was received from Groveland, but no response has been forthcoming from Geneseo.

Police department: nothing further.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan highlighted Jason's report of activity:

- ✓ Leaf pickup is going strong and will continue into December.
- ✓ The Lima Road project is complete. The Village crew addressed some driveway approaches, paving in three driveways, and topsoil in some areas.
- ✓ The crew is working on servicing all snow removal equipment.

- ✓ All buildings have been winterized for the season.
- ✓ There was a water main break on Franklin Street last Friday that was repaired with no problems encountered.

Trustee LaGrou reported that Supt. McTarnaghan met with MRB and the water mapping project is wrapping up. The annual sludge removal took place from the STP and over three truckloads were removed. The water/sewer crew has been helping the DPW crew pick up leaves. The Department of Health will be performing an inspection of the water plant on Friday. Tom plans to attend.

Trustee Hill wondered about street lighting out Lima Road. The street lights end in the vicinity of the Smith residence at number 258. Some residents have wondered if the lights could be extended to the Village limits. Mayor Hatheway suggested that they write a letter to the Village Board requesting that the Board consider that.

12. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reviewed the vouchers and noticed the last bill for the portable toilet at the River Access Park. She wonders how many use the park; attendance has not been measured as yet, according to Trustee Hill. Cost for the portable toilet amounts to about \$400 a season. The benches and tables are slated to stay out during the winter, but Sandy will check about moving them inside.

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that GUMA has offered to add to the number of trees that are lit during the holiday season. The Board was supportive of additional trees being lit (along Main Street) if GUMA is willing to purchase the lights. The Village crew will install. The individual property owners keep the lights lit during the overnight. Trustee LaGrou thinks that it is remarkable that they do get lit and that everyone cooperates.

Sandy also reported that Concerts in the Park are being considered for 2010 with dates for 6-7 concerts having been registered in the Clerk's office. Concerts will be held between 7-9PM on Saturday nights except for the Friday night arts stroll event. The committee will try to seek out Livingston County musicians and has been successful thus far. The Board was supportive.

Trustee Hill – nothing further.

Trustee LaGrou: the recreation committee is working on a standardized application for groups wanting to use Village parks and programs under the auspices of Geneseo Youth Recreation. The committee is working on requirements for groups and organizers of the various programs. A green light has been given to the winter basketball league, however, due to the fact that they will be starting soon. Mayor Hatheway wondered about the financial aspect when monies are being collected for shirts, etc. and possibly admission fees. Tom said the committee would look into that aspect as well.

13. CLERK/TREASURER:

Mayor Hatheway has written to the towns of Geneseo and Groveland with regard to the additional amount due for the summer recreation program. Groveland was billed \$1,012 additional for 2008 and \$1,482 additional for 2009. They have agreed to pay the 2009 amount but not the 2008 amount as that year has been closed out. No response has been received from Geneseo as yet.

Following review by Deputy Mayor Brennan, voucher numbers (minus voucher number 518) 497-584 (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 \$181,384.12. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-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 \$60,491.82. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Trustee Hill moved and Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$28,474.87. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve Highland Park Project vouchers in the amount of \$56,764.69. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion Trustee LaGrou moved to approve Lima Road Project (ARRA project) vouchers in the amount of \$151,218.00. Trustee Hill seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion Trustee Hill moved to approve an Infrastructure and Improvement Project voucher in the amount of \$2,802.00. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

14. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan 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 6:45PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk