

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 22, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING to consider Local Law 1, 2010: Secondhand Dealers

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor  
John Fox, Jr., Trustee  
Bradley R. Hill, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer  
Eric Osganian, Police Chief

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell

1. HEARING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the public hearing at 5:30PM, noting that the appropriate notification of the public hearing had been published and stating that the Village Board is proposing to regulate secondhand dealers who set up shop in the Village upon recommendation of the Police Chief.

Chief Osganian has kept the Board up to date and informed during the drafting of the law with the assistance of Trustee Hill and Attorney Reynolds. The wording for the law was taken from a sample obtained from the City of Newark.

The law states in the opening section that *The Village Board of the Village of Geneseo finds that there have been increased cases of larceny within its jurisdiction and adjacent jurisdictions. In many cases, attempts have been made to sell stolen property to dealers of secondhand articles for cash. It is the intention of this Board to adopt this chapter, which requires recordkeeping and a holding period by such dealers, which will assist in making the sale of stolen property more difficult, will help in the recovery of identifiable property and will discourage larceny in and around the Village of Geneseo.*

It looks like the secondhand dealer that recently set up shop in the Village has left town. At this point the Chief didn't know of any others anticipating opening a shop in the Village. However, by adopting this local law, legislation will be in place for the future.

2. HEARING CLOSED:

Hearing no comments, Trustee Hill moved and Trustee Fox seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The vote was as follows: Trustee Fox-Aye, Trustee Hill-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the hearing closed at 6:12PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk