

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 21, 2010

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor  
John Fox, Jr., Deputy Mayor  
Sandra F. Brennan, Trustee  
Thomas J. LaGrou, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the May 17, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Fox moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Brennan. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Abstain, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the May 17, 2010 public hearing on the sewer rate increase were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Fox moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Brennan. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Abstain, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the June 7, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Trustee LaGrou. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Abstain, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The Village Board reviewed the minutes of the June 7, 2010 public hearing on Local Law #4 prohibiting smoking on all real property owned by the Village of Geneseo. Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee LaGrou. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Abstain, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – LIV. CO. DEVELOPMENT CORP.:

Following the presentation at the last meeting by County Economic Development Director Pat Rountree, the Board members reviewed a proposed *Memorandum of Understanding* between the Livingston County Development Corporation and the Village of Geneseo. There was discussion about whether or not the guidelines for the sign grants would be the same as the Village sign grant program that is already in place. Mr. Rountree stressed that these would be *local* decisions, set up by the individual village steering committees. Trustee Brennan has proposed a list of possible committee members and hopes to have them in place and able to attend a meeting scheduled for this Thursday. She has assured the possible members that the task is a short one, with a vigorous schedule to produce a product (sign and façade design guidelines) and the entire project wrapped up by June of next year. Trustee Brennan moved to adopt the memorandum of understanding between the Livingston County Development Corporation and the Village of Geneseo (on file in the Clerk's office) and to authorize the Mayor to sign

the document. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The document will be sent to the Office of Economic Development along with the member village fee of \$3,750.

3. FORMATION OF SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Following up on an email distributed by Mayor Hatheway regarding safety issues among the DPW work crews, and following up on a suggestion by Insurance Agent Andrew Chanler regarding the formation of a safety committee, the Board discussed possible committee members and an upcoming consultation meeting with PESH (Public Employees Safety & Health). Trustee LaGrou has agreed to be the Board liaison to the committee. Forming the committee was suggested as a proactive method of risk management, and a means of keeping everyone aware of safety issues. It was noted that the crews do have an annual refresher course on the safety requirements as well.

4. STUDENT & CAMPUS LIFE REQUEST:

Kathy Trainor has requested consideration to have Campus Life Staff involved in Village projects during their all day retreat in August. She envisions 65 resident advisors and staff signing up to do odd jobs around the Village in an effort to better orient them to the community. It would be held during the week (Thursday, August 12) and Mayor Hatheway will be speaking with Supt. Frazier to see what jobs could be accomplished. Suggestions have included painting the bleachers at Highland Park, working at the River Access Park, window washing and cleaning up the parking lot.

5. POLICE CHIEF'S STAFFING PLAN:

Trustee Brennan reported that Chief Osganian would like to hire current part-time officer Benjamin Swanson to the full-time position vacated by Officer McLaughlin's resignation. That move would be effective July 13. In order to have an orderly transition and job orientation, Chief Osganian would like to fill Ben's part-time position prior to July 13, with Aaron J. Chase. Aaron completed the Rural Police Academy in Batavia on March 5, 2010; Trustee Brennan was involved with the interview with Aaron and recommends him for the position. Currently Aaron works for Perry Police Department and lives in Perry. Following discussion, Trustee Brennan concurs with the recommendation of Chief Osganian and moved to hire Aaron J. Chase effective immediately to fill the part-time position that will be vacated by Officer Swanson in July. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried.

6. TOBACCO COALITION:

Mayor Hatheway attended a celebration event held on Tuesday, June 15 by the Tobacco Control Partners of Livingston County at Central Presbyterian Church. One honoree was the Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees for passing the *smoking prohibited on Village property* law. Following adoption of the local law on June 7<sup>th</sup>, there have been only a few negative comments. Trustee Brennan gave an interview

on the law to news Channel 10 and Mayor Hatheway was interviewed by Channel 13 and radio station WCMF.

7. SIDEWALK PLANS:

An effort is being made to construct a sidewalk between Temple Hill to Byrne Dairy, as requested by the Pedestrian Safety Committee. Letters have been written to Wadsworth Library and to the Temple Hill Cemetery Association to pursue that goal. Supt. Frazier is researching where the State right of way runs through the area.

8. HIGHLAND PARK PROJECT:

Purchase of the Chiara property is progressing according to letters between Attorney Reynolds and Attorney Presutti, Mr. Chiara's lawyer.

A pre-bid meeting for the contractors has been set for Thursday afternoon (June 24<sup>th</sup>) at 2PM. MRB's Pat Nicoletta will attend along with Grant Administrator Bill Reemtsen. One of the reasons for the meeting is to alert the contractors to the requirements the State of NY has for minority and women owned business owners. There must be a "good faith effort" to include these businesses in the project.

9. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

With regard to the Balloon Event organized by Mark Farruggia, Chief Osganian reported that Mr. Farruggia has not yet completed the necessary items needed to hold the event on SUNY property. Until that happens, the event has been put on hold.

Mayor Hatheway has been in contact with the event organizer for the Tour de New York Bike Race scheduled for August 11. While supportive of the event he expressed reluctance to be required to be responsible for police overtime, etc. when there seems to be little benefit to the Village (ie. the bikers will simply pass through and won't be stopping to shop or eat). Chief Osganian has talked with the State Police officer in charge of the event and the sentiment is similar in many communities that they intend to pass through. Further research will be done to see if fees are in order for groups that pass through the community as opposed to community-wide events that bring folks here to shop and benefit the merchants.

The Save-A-Lot grocery store in Mt. Morris is having their grand opening on June 30.

CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding has made it through the budget process at the State Level. The Village has a CHIPS balance currently of \$152,646.70 that includes \$51,219.33 in State Fiscal Year 2010-11 funding as well as a *rollover* balance of \$101,427.37. This money is to be used for the infrastructure project planned for the Main/Court/Wadsworth Street area.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Notification has been received from State of New York Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Geneseo Police Department application for the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program has been reviewed and accepted by the Office of Public Safety. That is the first step in the process.

Trustee Brennan also reported that a safety fair was held at Wal-Mart last Saturday from 2-4PM. Fingerprinting and DNA kits were performed for several children and 26 families were assisted in the outreach program.

Deputy Mayor Fox moved approval of the following fire department members: David Wickson, Paul Kaleka, and Amy Wischnowski and accepted resignations for the following: Andrew Goodspeed, Eric Ludwig, Lindsey Meyer and Jennifer Casinelli. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old pumper 314 has been sold! A Canadian broker looked at the vehicle and within an hour or two had a buyer for the truck, according to Chief Chanler as reported by Deputy Mayor Fox. There was a \$500 commission to sell the truck paid to the broker (a compromise from the \$1,000 initially charged). It was reported that the sale was bittersweet for Chief Chanler as he was the first one to drive the truck when the Village put the pumper in service in 1989.

#### 11. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee LaGrou reported the following items from Supt. McTarnaghan's report:

- The waste tank and the raw well at the water treatment plant were pumped out and cleaned.
- The fountain on Main Street has been cleaned three times so far this season.
- Painting has been done at the wastewater treatment plant.
- There have been several stakeouts performed for various projects around the Village.
- New parts were installed on one piece of equipment at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Sludge has been pumped into the drying beds at the wastewater treatment plant and the pressure regulator vaults have been pumped out.
- The crew will begin smoking the sewers this week to test for stormwater infiltration into the sanitary system.

In addition to those items, the pillars have been painted on the Geneseo Building.

#### 12. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Brennan: Sandy thanked Jason Frazier and his crew for the concert signs and maintenance for the event. The can/bottle-recycling effort was a success and the Board discussed groups that might like to pick them up after the events and return or recycle them.

Trustee Brennan also reported that she and Mayor Hatheway would be meeting with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's regional director Sarah Clark tomorrow at 10AM. The purpose of the meeting is to tour the Geneseo Building in hopes of obtaining some member item funding for renovation.

Another option being pursued is working with Thoma Associates for a NYSOPRHP grant application. Trustee Brennan moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED:

*That Richard B. Hatheway, as Mayor of the Village of Geneseo, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for financial assistance to the Village of Geneseo for the Geneseo Building Project and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.*

Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Deputy Mayor Fox: John reported that a summer meeting of the Healthy Campus Coalition was recently held and they plan to focus again on identifying methods and ways that "parties" are organized. John will be looking into the possibility of holding a 'good neighbor' event with local landlords. The next meeting of the Coalition is scheduled for September 13.

Deputy Mayor Fox also reported that he had a very successful meeting with folks from the Village of Avon's administration. Also he visited with Jason Frazier this past week and went over the proposals for the Geneseo entrance signs that will be installed in partnership with the College and the Town.

With regard to parking in the Village, Deputy Mayor Fox has talked to about a third of the people on Second Street about lining the street with approximately sixty parking spaces. Along with that, John took pictures of the parking lot at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown during a recent visit there. They have a solar powered ticket dispenser that might be an option for the Village municipal lot. The Board discussed the possibility of the Village Parking Committee reconvening to look at some of these options in the near future.

Trustee LaGrou reported that the press box at Highland Park is almost finished.

Trustee LaGrou also was wondering what the stance is on sidewalk signs. He recently encountered a sandwich board sign at Main and Center that seems to him to be an obstruction in the pathway of pedestrians. Trustee Brennan will look into the wording the Zoning Code for temporary signs and will talk with the Code Office.

### 13. CLERK/TREASURER:

After review by Deputy Mayor Fox, voucher numbers 001-093 (for general, water and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion, Deputy Mayor Fox moved and Trustee Brennan seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$219,590.98. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Trustee Brennan moved and Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$81,279.43. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Trustee LaGrou moved and Trustee Brennan seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$40,306.84. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Deputy Mayor Fox moved to approve Highland Park Project vouchers in the amount of \$3,175.73. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion Deputy Mayor Fox moved to approve an Infrastructure & Improvement voucher in the amount of \$1,320.00. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### 14. OLD BUSINESS:

With regard to the Shepard Annexation, Mayor Hatheway composed a letter to the Planning Board asking them to consider a zoning classification for the property recently annexed on Reservoir Road. The letter reads: *since the current land use is both retail and rental residential, the Village Board has assumed throughout the process that it should be considered MU-2. That zoning would be consistent with contiguous properties to the north.* The next meeting of the planning board will be this Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Fox confirmed the Board's position with regard to out of district children attending the summer recreation program. The fee would be \$333 for the six-week program but attendance would only be allowed if the additional enrollment would not exceed the expected enrollment of 120 district children.

#### 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Brennan moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations and the proposed acquisition of real property. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion and the Board entered the session at 6:36PM.

Trustee Brennan moved to come out of executive session at 7:24PM with second from Deputy Mayor Fox. All were in favor. No official action was taken during the session.

#### 16. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee LaGrou moved and Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk