

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 9, 2010

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor  
Sandra F. Brennan, Trustee  
Margaret E. Duff, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:15PM. The minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. HIGHLAND PARK UPDATE:

The project is about to begin. Bill Reemtsen has said that everything is clear as far as minority and woman owned business requirements for the two contractors and the notice of award has been signed for the two contracts. A pre-construction meeting has been set up for Thursday of this week. A letter was delivered to the neighbors around the perimeter of the park notifying them that *the Village has selected the contractors, and anticipate the possibility of equipment being moved on site as early as August 16*. The letter also invited the neighbors to a public information meeting at the Depot on Monday, August 16 at 6PM.

Supt. Frazier has worked it out with Frontier to move the equipment in through the Frontier driveway located adjacent to the park.

Also, Jason obtained two quotes for the asbestos abatement of the old DPW building roof. One was for \$8,140 (from Environmental Construction Group) and the other \$8,149 (from NY Environmental Technologies) He recommends awarding the work to Environmental Construction Group for \$8,140. Trustee Brennan so moved and seconded by Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Clerk Merrick has been in contact with BPD Municipal Finance (Chuck Bastian) about a second bond anticipation note to finance the next phase of the project.

3. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:

YMCA provided a breakdown of participation in the program after the first half (3 weeks). According to the breakdown, there have been 143 kids enrolled, with an average number of participants each week of 125. 92% of the children are enrolled for multiple weeks and 77% of the children enrolled in the program are under the age of 10. Swim lesson demographics include 168 total number of children enrolled, with 58 of those children not enrolled in the summer rec program. 29 of the "swimmers" are under the age of 5 and 120 "swimmers" are between 5 and 10 years old.

4. ABVI GOODWILL GROUNDBREAKING:

Mayor Hatheway reported that the groundbreaking was held last week with a good list of attendees as was covered by the Livingston County News. They hope to open by November and will be providing 22 jobs. It was noted that they intend to fix up the façade of the building in the former Livingston Plaza.

5. ASSESSMENT CHALLENGES:

Some challenges to town assessment rolls have been received; one from Roclan Development (Valley View Apartments), and on some Court Street properties recently purchased by Rocco Dragani (High Street Properties LLC). The legal challenges are filed against the Town Assessor, Town and Village and Geneseo Central School (as taxing entities).

6. STUDENT & CAMPUS LIFE PROJECTS:

Kathy Trainor (SUNY office of Student & Campus Life) started a month or two ago to get student and campus life personnel involved in local projects to familiarize them with the community, Mayor Hatheway stated. The folks will be working on the projects this Wednesday. Some of the projects include painting the bleachers at Highland Park, applying clear stain to the picnic tables at the Village Park and the River Access Park, and staining the benches in front of the Geneseo Building and other places on Main Street. A group of the workers also plan to clean up debris along the wall on Route 20A.

7. PESH LETTER:

Mayor Hatheway received the official response from the NYS Dept. of Labor, Division of Safety and Health summarizing the meeting that was held in July. The next step in the process is to perform the workplace violence survey and then consider a policy for the Village.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

SUNY Geneseo sent notification of their plans to have fireworks during Homecoming celebrations on September 25.

Clerk Merrick found interesting information that might affect gross earnings for 2011. It seems that contained within the new federal health care plan is a provision to tax employer paid health benefits as gross earnings. This provision would also affect social security and Medicare employer match taxes (as they are based on a percentage of gross earnings). Clerk Merrick is checking with CPP, the Village's payroll service provider for any information they might have on this.

A request has come in from Jennifer Bugbee to host the Stormer's Soccer Club from 6:30 – 8PM on Kelsey Field after the GCS modified teams have finished for the afternoon. The Soccer Club has their own liability insurance and Jen has provided all the background information requested on the Village's sports program application. After review by the Board, Trustee Duff moved to approve the use of Kelsey Field for this purpose with second from Trustee Brennan. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Approval has been received from the Health Department for the Hampton Inn water main installation.

Information has been received from USDA regarding the Infiltration and Inflow project funding. The letter states that *the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding has been expended and we are now transitioning your project to our annually appropriated fiscal year allocation. For the water system improvements, the ranking score was 65 and can compete with similar applications. However, based upon funding availability for this program and the number of applications pending, funding may not be available for some time.* The sewer system improvements ranked a score of 25. With the disparity between the scores, and the exact wording in both letters, Mayor Hatheway is unsure as to what the numbers mean. The letters have been faxed to engineer Ryan Colvin for clarification.

## 9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Brennan moved membership approval for Megan Spelman and accepted resignation from the Fire Department for Mark Lattime. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

As for the Police Department, there were 729 calls for service during the month of July according to Chief Osganian's report. That number represents a 13% increase over last year so far. There were 12 motor vehicle accidents during the month; the officers issued 210 traffic citations and made 21 arrests for criminal offenses in addition to two DWI arrests for the month.

Officer Jason Yasso has completed simunitions training in Ithaca NY. Trustee Brennan was unsure what that training involved and will check further with the Chief.

The Department has again received the Law Enforcement Challenge Award in the Municipal Police category. The International Association of Police Chiefs sponsors the award. GPD is the only NYS agency receiving this honor. Trustee Brennan added that it speaks to the dedication and perseverance of the Department as a whole.

## 10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. Frazier submitted the following report via Trustee Duff:

- All the streets planned for micro paving have been done (Tuscarora, Melody, Haley and the north side of Main) and some others have been crack-filled only. This process is done on a five-year cycle.
- Sidewalk replacement will start next week.
- Requests for proposals have been sent out for tree trimming and removals.
- The crew is replacing stones and re-pointing the mortar in the rock wall at the Village Park.
- Crosswalks have been painted on Main and Second Streets (10) and parking stalls (Main Street) have been painted as well. The County will paint the center yellow lines on the streets this month.

## 11. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Brennan: She received a memo from Linda Poste today with information on the Bradford Pear and it's susceptibility to self-seeding and noticed that Jason had planned to purchase some Bradford Pear trees as replacements, and intends to point out to him the Bradford Pear is not listed as a permitted species in the new Zoning Code. Apparently the trees are susceptible to trunk splitting as they mature, having an unpleasant scent, being an attraction for starlings and seeding that might be yet another invasive plant species for North America to contend with.

Trustee Brennan also reported that the Supporters of Main Street are planning a *Meet and Greet* event for all business owners in the MU-1 district (Main Street) for September 23 (save the date cards are going out). The event (to be held in the Geneseo Building) is planned to last approximately an hour including a discussion of progress made by the Tourism Committee to encourage folks to use Main Street businesses. Another topic will be looking at marketing proposals from students and then a teaser for the upcoming grant program. The SMS Committee is hopeful that there will be a good turnout. The Welcome Center volunteers will be serving refreshments.

Another reach-out will take place in the future for professional office folks (lawyers, doctors, etc.), Trustee Brennan reported.

Trustee Duff mentioned that she received a call from a Second Street resident concerned about the new parking lines. She explained to the caller that there would be an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing scheduled for September 13, 2010 at 5:15PM.

12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick notified the Board that she has received a copy of the liquor license application for the Vital Spot (3 Bank Street).

Clerk Merrick continues to work on closing the books for fiscal year 2009-10 and filing the Annual Update Document with the State Comptroller. The annual report is due by August 31, 2010.

13. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Brennan moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk