

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 9, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law to amend Chapter 123 Vehicles & Traffic Section 123-51
Schedule II Speed Limits

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor Marsha Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Sandra F. Brennan, Trustee
Margaret Duff, Trustee

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the public hearing at 5:15PM. Notices were posted to advertise this public hearing to amend Chapter 123 Vehicles & Traffic Section 123-51 Schedule II Speed Limits. The State Department of Transportation (which has jurisdiction over Route 20A) has issued an order (File #24.04-20A, Study #04090164) to add to Section 1024.04, Subdivision (d), a statement that reads: *35 mph on Route 20A, S.H. 8096 between Reservoir Road and the easterly Village of Geneseo boundary. A distance of 0.4+- mile within the Village of Geneseo.* The order states further that Section 1024.13, Subdivision (b) is amended to read as follows: *45 mph on Route 20A, S.H. 8096 between the easterly boundary of the Village of Geneseo and a point 0.8+- mile easterly.* The second section of the order involves a section of 20A that is outside the Village limits.

In order for the Village to enforce the change in speed limit and subsequently collect any fines that result from tickets written, a change to the Code of the Village of Geneseo must be enacted through the local law process. Mayor Hatheway stated that was the reason for this public hearing.

The change in speed limit comes as a result of the Village Board of Trustees asking the State to consider a reduction in the 45 mph speed limit between Millenium Drive and the easterly Village line. Due to congestion and a number of relatively recent commercial/retail establishments, the Board and Chief of Police felt that a speed limit of 45 mph was not prudent in that area. The State DOT conducted a study and determined that *a 35 mph speed limit is justified between Reservoir Road and the easterly boundary of the Village of Geneseo at Volunteer Road. Our consideration of roadway characteristics, radar data and the review by the State Police indicates that a 35 mph speed limit is appropriate on this portion of Route 20A. The revised transitions from 30 mph to 35 mph and from 35 mph to 45 mph will coincide with the changes in roadway characteristics at those points. This change will result in a 0.6 mile long 35 mph speed limit that will provide an adequate length of speed zone and provide a sound basis for enforcement efforts.*

Trustee Brennan wondered if a short form SEQR process should be performed for this change in Village Code. She will research that aspect before the Board renders a decision to adopt the local law.

2. MEETING CLOSE:

Hearing no further discussion, Trustee Brennan moved to close the public hearing and Trustee Duff seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the hearing was closed at 5:50PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk