

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 4, 2010

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor                      Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer  
Sandra F. Brennan, Trustee  
John Fox, Jr., Deputy Mayor

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell                      Aaron & Brigit Heap

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:30PM. The minutes of the last meeting were tabled until more Board members are present.

2. HIGHLAND PARK PROGRESS:

The Heaps were present to express a concern with the fence that is being installed at the rear of the properties acquired by the Village. They were hoping it would be a privacy fence, but found that it is possible to see through the fence into their backyard. They also understood that there would be a gate in the fence to enable entry into the park. Mayor Hatheway stated that the Village could not include a gate because everyone would want one, the gates would be on Village property and locking etc. would be an issue along with liability issues, as advised by the Village Attorney. The Heaps were advised that vegetation would be planted that might alleviate the privacy issue. Mr. Heap suggested putting the slats together on the Village's side of the fence to eliminate the problem. The fence has not been installed as yet at the Heaps property; installation has begun near the Stuyvesant side of the park. The current design looks very nice, but he is concerned more with privacy than aesthetics. The Board said that they would give consideration to Mr. Heap's request and he complimented the Board on the park project progress and thanked them for their consideration.

As for progress thus far, Mayor Hatheway reported that the former DPW building is completely down and the site has been cleared and readied for the pavers (honeycomb shaped pavement).

Discussion about the plantings took place and Trustee Brennan will be in touch with David Matthews. The athletic field has been hydro-seeded and the fall rains have been advantageous.

Contractor Marianacci is on schedule to start building construction this month and hopes to finish the restroom and pavilion by the end of November.

It seems as though everyone is pleased with what is going on so far, Mayor Hatheway concluded.

3. COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT INITIATIVE:

County Planning Director Angela Ellis is applying for a Genesee Transportation Council UPWP Grant to develop a countywide transportation connectivity plan. The grant would be similar to the UPWP Grant the Village obtained for the Circulation and Parking study. She would like to use the Village as a case study, drawing on the Circulation Study, as well as findings gleaned by the pedestrian safety committee. A meeting is planned for this Thursday, October 7 at 10AM at the Government Center. Trustee Brennan is interested in following the project but is unable to attend that day; Mayor Hatheway plans to attend.

4. GARDEN CLUB EVENT:

The Geneseo Garden Club together with the J. Livingston Wadsworth American Legion Post 271 and the Frederick W. Totten VFW Post 5005 have obtained and installed the first Blue Star Memorial marker in Livingston County. The Blue Star memorial began in 1945 as a tribute to honor all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the armed forces of the United States. The National Garden Clubs began the memorial tribute and chose the blue star for the star on flags displayed in homes and businesses denoting a family member serving during World War II. The star has been placed at the Town of Geneseo Park at the corner of Lakeville Road and Volunteer Road. A dedication ceremony is planned for October 15, 2010 at 10AM. Trustee Brennan plans to attend the ceremony on behalf of the Board.

5. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS:

SUNY President Dahl will be hosting the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday, October 27 from noon to 3PM. Touted as the *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Explore and Partner Tour*, the afternoon will include student project presentations on the Mt. Morris downtown revitalization, a tour of the Integrated Science Center and Opportunities for Business Access, and Rooftop Networking at the Science Center.

Another event sponsored by the Chamber is a program with David Cyrkin from Mann's Jeweler's presenting a discussion on Mastering Main Street Downtown. That program is scheduled for Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

6. CHIPS (NYS Consolidated Highway Improvement Program):

Notification has been received from Assemblyman Burling that the Village will receive a slight increase in funding this year, to about \$51,000 representing a .85% change over last year or \$430.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Chances and Changes is planning a walk to benefit victims of domestic violence on October 16 in the Village. They would like to place purple ribbons on the meters and have a window display contest. Trustee Brennan will be one of the judges of the contest.

The Rocha run was Saturday, Mayor Hatheway reported. There were about 125 participants with most of them coming from out of the area.

ISO: Insurance Services Office evaluates all jurisdictions that have a building code enforcement department. Working on behalf of insurance companies around the country, ISO uses the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) to recognize the building codes in effect in the community and how the community enforces them. A questionnaire along with a letter will be sent to Code Officer Ron Maxwell for his review. ISO ratings come into play when property insurance rates are being developed for a community.

A request has been received from the VFW to support their reinstated practice of placing individual flags on Veterans graves for Memorial Day. Mayor Hatheway consulted with NYCOM attorney Richard Sinnote who stated that this would not be a proper municipal purpose to use taxpayer funds according to Village law, General Municipal law and Veteran's Affair law. Mayor Hatheway will respond to the request accordingly.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Deputy Mayor Fox reported on behalf of Chief Chanler that there were 17 fire calls during September and 165 ambulance calls. There was a house fire on Lakeville Groveland Road on September 22. Lakeville and Livonia fire departments responded for the use of manpower. This is the first use of mutual aid in the district since November 2008. Also as of September 27<sup>th</sup>, there are a total

of 108 members on the active roster. Thirty-two of the members are full time SUNY students. Andrew continues to research quotes for the building structure repair that will be necessary in the near future.

Police Department: Trustee Brennan noted that Chief Osganian presented his monthly activity report for September, which proved to be a busy month. There will be a child safety seat check on October 30 at the Fire Hall from 12-4PM.

#### 9. PUBLIC WORKS:

Steve McTarnaghan ran into a problem with the bid for the new water/sewer pickup. Two bids for the truck were received last June, one from Hoselton Chevrolet and one from Sun Chevrolet. The Hoselton bid was higher and for the wrong model. The Sun quote turned out to be for the wrong model as well. They can't deliver the truck for the price quoted (\$24,158 accepted at the June 7, 2010 meeting). The price of the truck is \$4,000 more, but Sun Chevrolet has offered the truck to the Village for an additional \$2,600. They acknowledged that it was their mistake and are willing to sell the truck at cost. Supt. McTarnaghan would like to purchase the truck for the bid price of \$24,158 plus the additional \$2,600. The consensus was to support Supt. McTarnaghan's recommendation and purchase the truck for the additional amount of \$2,600. If the truck were to be re-bid, Sun has already stated their bid would be \$4000 higher. Thus, it makes sense for the Board to select the less-expensive option, which is to agree to the extra \$2,600, rather than the expected \$4,000.

DPW report: Supt. Frazier submitted the following report:

1. Cemetery sidewalk/driveway is completed; we paved 1050' of asphalt.
2. Terry Tree will start the tree pruning and removals this week.
3. Rubbish day is today, usually takes two days.
4. Highland Park project is going well, field is seeded, ponds are complete, fence posts are in and the wood fence is starting to go on the posts, walking path will start this week, storm lines at Highland Road will be completed today, trail will start going in this week.
5. New pavilion and outbuilding are going to be under way this week by Marianacci Inc.
6. Old DPW site is being excavated by our crews: remove all asphalt, concrete, footings and prepare the area for grass pavers, relocate and dig trenches for new gas and electric to be reinstalled which feed the Depot.
7. Playground: I have ordered the playground we received the quote for, it should be delivered this week; installation will take place after our crew digs the whole area for the installers.
8. Livingston County will apply yellow centerline striping this October.
9. Our crews are installing the 6" sewer line (400') and water line to the concession building at the Park.
10. A new storage shed is on order for the concrete pad we left at the old DPW complex in the south end of the footprint. It will be 12' x 22', with vinyl siding (cream), a steel roof (brown), white trim, an overhead door, and a 36" door.
11. Concrete sidewalks to be replaced this year have been completed and topsoil has been applied.

Supt. McTarnaghan informed the Board that he is working with the Code Office to draw up steps to make sure businesses abide by regulations in place for the disposal of grease. Apparently some businesses have been letting the grease dispense into the sanitary sewer system. State law and Village regulations stipulate that grease traps must be installed and maintained. Businesses without traps will be forced to install them and have 90 days to comply.

#### 10. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Brennan: Sandy highlighted a report from the Geneseo Tourism Committee. During July and August, the geneseony.com website averaged 464 hits per day and the business directory had

3,062 visits during July and 3,267 during August. The site is very useful to a lot of people looking for information about the community. Geneseo, NY has 823 friends on Facebook. The Committee presented to the Town Board recently and asked them to consider a budget allocation for 2011 in the amount of \$4,500 representing a \$500 increase over the previous year. The Village Board might want to expect the same presentation and request for their budget year 2011-12, Trustee Brennan concluded.

Trustee Brennan attended the County watershed management meeting and attended the NY Planning Federation Conference in Lake Placid. She stated that she was energized from the conference and brought back a lot of material to share. She helped with a presentation on Planning Challenges in Gateway communities. The presentation was well received.

Deputy Mayor Fox: John reported that the entrance signs have been installed complete with flowers and a pumpkin for a seasonal touch.

Deputy Mayor Fox was pleased with Howard Appell's report on the Second Street parking issue in last week's Livingston County News.

A discussion followed about the rental housing variance just issued by the ZBA for the Estruch property on Livingston Street.

Deputy Mayor Fox had a discussion with Daphne Allen to start the 2011 discussion about the summer recreation program.

Deputy Mayor Fox reported that Clerk Lund has been working on a centralized calendar for the office based on a sample he provided via email. The calendar would list all banners, park requests, field use and Geneseo Building room reservations in one place. It was suggested that the calendar be on the website and available for everyone to review.

It was noted that a complaint has been received with regard to a sidewalk replacement on South Street. Apparently Supt. Frazier quoted a cost to the resident of \$76 and then the actual bill amounted to \$150.

11. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick had no report at this time.

12. PERSONNEL ISSUES:

The Board discussed several personnel issues along with goals and objectives for the coming months.

13. MEETING CLOSE:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk