

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 6, 2010

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell	Kathy Trainor	Ashley Swede	Anne Marie Glose
Brittany Ostertag	Amy Sheldon	Spring Morrow	Angel Berry
Jeff Todd			

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:30PM. The minutes of the November 15, 2010 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, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Deputy Mayor Fox-Abstain.

The minutes of the November 15, 2010 public hearing 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, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Deputy Mayor Fox-Abstain.

2. SUNY HYDROGEOLOGY STUDENTS:

Anne Marie Glose, Brittany Ostertag and Ashley Swede are SUNY students from Dr. Amy Sheldon's Hydrogeology class. They came before the Village Board to present ideas for their Drains to Streams public awareness program. The goal of this program is to inform the public of the fate of water in the storm drains and the impact it may have on the local environment. If the public is more aware, perhaps they will be more conscious about what is deposited into the drains.

The students would like to distribute door tags to property owners in a specified area (North to South Streets and Second Street to Highland Road inclusive) that describe problem watershed contaminants that in the Village's case end up in the waters of the Genesee River. Another goal would be to place markers on the storm drains to alert the public. Municipalities have used plastic or metal markers, or painted a symbol on the storm sewer catch basins. The students passed out sample pictures of some of the markers. The Geology Department will be helping with the cost of the door tags, according to Dr. Sheldon. The cost of the markers is not known at this point in time until a specific design is chosen. Dr. Sheldon added that the hope is that if a service learning initiative is started, it will be ongoing.

The students were looking for input from the Board members on the project and stated that they would be back to ask permission for the specific markers that were chosen. Trustee Brennan suggested painting on the catch basins for a more "green" approach. Overall the Board thought it was a worthwhile project. The

students will pursue arranging a tour of the wastewater treatment plant as well as a tour of the water plant facilities.

3. SPRING MORROW – HOLIDAY MAIN STREET EVENTS:

Spring Morrow came before the Board on behalf of other merchants in the Village to talk about Christmas in the Village, an event that is planned for this Saturday, December 11. They would like to close Center Street as has been done in the past from Main Street to the area of 5-7 Center Street in order to erect two 15-foot tents. The street would be closed from 10AM until 7PM. The various departments will be alerted to the closure (DPW, police and fire).

With regard to “parking holidays” or covering the meters for downtown shoppers, the Board discussed when that should begin. It was decided that the meter covers would be placed on December 17th and remain through the holidays. There will be free parking on the 11th (Saturday) as stated on the meters.

Spring also asked permission to display lights similar to ones placed in the boulevard trees on Main Street in the four trees in the vicinity of Livingston Appliance and Image Empire. The merchants in that area will provide the lights if Supt. Frazier will place them in the trees. The Board was supportive of this and will let Jason know.

4. HIGHLAND PARK UPDATE:

Grant administrator Bill Reemtsen has submitted another payment request to the State in the amount of \$260,000, Mayor Hatheway reported. This is the second payment request submitted and no funding has yet been received from the Parks Department.

Jason said today that the pavilion is essentially finished and they are still working on the concession/restroom facility. Dan Dimpfl stated to Trustee Brennan that the drainage swales were working just as they should during the heavy rains experienced last week.

Jason plans to continue working during the winter and is looking at the possibility of a grand opening around the end of April.

5. FARMER’S MARKET INITIATIVE:

Trustee Brennan reported there was a request from David Matthews to meet and discuss the prospect of pursuing a farmer’s market in the Village. Sandy and Dick met with David, Cate Concannon and Dave Bojanowski who worked on Perry’s farmer’s market. Currently they are exploring where the market might be placed and on what day it would be open. They will put together a business plan to present to the Board. They would like a Board liaison and Trustee Duff volunteered for that position.

6. YMCA PROPOSAL:

YMCA representatives have submitted a proposal for next summer’s youth recreation program. Mayor Hatheway distributed it to the Board members for their review.

7. ABVI PROCLAMATION:

ABVI Goodwill had their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday. Mayor Hatheway had been asked to prepare a proclamation and did so in conjunction with Supervisor Wadsworth. It reads:

WHEREAS, the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI)-Goodwill will fill a long-vacant retail space in our community of Geneseo;

AND WHEREAS, the new Goodwill store will provide a place for the community to shop for gently used and even new items;

AND WHEREAS, the new store provides a place for people to donate their clothes, books and other household items;

AND WHEREAS, the new store will make an immediate economic impact by employing 20 people, including those who may have vision loss or other barriers to employment;

AND WHEREAS, the new store will operate a Community Center where local agencies and organizations can provide space for needed programs;

AND WHEREAS, the new store will make a significant environmental impact by saving thousands of pounds of clothes, books and household items from the landfill every year;

AND WHEREAS, the sales revenue from all nine regional Goodwill stores is re-invested into programs and services that serve the blind and visually impaired in our community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Geneseo Town Council and the Geneseo Village Board of Trustees hereby proclaims today, Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 as "GOODWILL SATURDAY IN GENESEO, LIVINGSTON COUNTY," and urges residents of the region to shop and donate at the new Goodwill store as every purchase and donation helps ABVI-Goodwill positively affect the lives of people with vision loss and who have other barriers to independence.

8. WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM:

Mayor Hatheway received a note from Darren Mrak wondering about the status of the policy and Dick responded that Trustee LaGrou continues to work on that and it will be forthcoming.

9. SEWER EASEMENTS:

Sewer easements have been drawn up and are ready for approval to install a manhole in the rear of the property at 4 Main Street. Donald Thomas' office has prepared the surveys for the three properties impacted by the installation. Supts. Frazier and McTarnaghan will deliver the easements to the homeowners for their review and approval.

10. HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

David Parish distributed a report to the Board members about a workshop he attended. One segment of the workshop was entitled "Aging in Place". According to a recent study, 18% of the people of Western NY State counties are over age 60 and that number will increase by 113% by 2030. Planning for livable communities becomes very important and that coincides with potential plans already being formed for Geneseo.

11. NYCOM RESOLUTION:

Mayor Hatheway distributed a resolution, suggested by NYCOM that addresses the implications of the Governor-Elect's tax cap proposal. NYCOM's stance has been that if there was a property tax cap enacted, there should be a mandate relief plan in place as well. The Board members will review the proposed resolution.

12. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

- ❖ Groveland: A letter has been sent to the Town supervisor with regard to the ambulance contract.
- ❖ Conesus Lake Association: The Association has written a letter to the County to reconsider the watershed management position and the restructuring of the watershed management office.
- ❖ Wadsworth Library: A note thanking Supt. Frazier and the crew for all the work they do at the Library and in the grove at Temple Hill.
- ❖ NYSPR & HP: Notification has been received from the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation that the grant application for the Geneseo Building (in the amount of \$2.2 million) has been denied. There were 259 applications requesting a total of \$61 million with only \$13.4 million available.
- ❖ Red Cross: David A. Parish sent a note of thanks for allowing the Red Cross Craft Show banner to be displayed. The craft show is a large fundraiser for the organization.
- ❖ Town of Geneseo: Notification was received that the Town adopted a local law modifying Geneseo's election districts to include the Shepard Annexation consisting of 4154 and 4162 Reservoir Road in Election District #5 within the Village of Geneseo.
- ❖ Ash tree inventory: The County Planning Department has made great progress in the County-wide inventory, but had some questions about names of specific areas in the Village including the grove at Temple Hill, the Civil War memorial and the area near Wendy's at the Reservoir Road/Route 20A intersection. Dick would like to expand the project and undertake a tree inventory for the entire Village.
- ❖ Association meeting: The next meeting of the Association of Village Boards will be with the Village of Caledonia hosting on December 15.
- ❖ Village Board holiday gathering: The Board discussed and agreed to meet at 3PM on December 20th and then hold the gathering at 5PM at the home of Mayor Hatheway. Clerk Merrick will advertise the change in meeting time.

13. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Brennan highlighted the report provided by Police Chief Osganian.

Deputy Mayor Fox moved to accept resignations for four members of the Fire Department: Jessica Shumway, Adam Dumas, Patrick Heffernan, and Johannes Hoersch. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. John also reported that the application for federal funding for the diesel exhaust system was denied. John is encouraging the department officials to develop a cost/benefit analysis for the project and a plan to implement the project a little at a time.

The Fire/EMS personnel answered a call to assist with a four-wheeler in the river on Saturday around noon. The incident occurred near the Canaseraga Creek bridge in the Mt. Morris area.

Deputy Mayor Fox asked if the Board could consider the list of street sign revisions that was compiled by Code Officer/Meter Attendant O'Keefe. After discussion, a public hearing was set for January 10, 2011 at 5:45PM to consider a local law to amend the Code to include placement of some of the parking and other signs.

14. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Duff highlighted items from the DPW department as follows:

- Leaf pickup has been completed for this year.
- Highland Park items:
 - Site work is complete; reseeding will be done in the spring
 - Concession/restroom walls, roof, window, and doors are installed and the interior rough in is being completed.
 - Pavilion floor is poured and the roof is completed.
 - Playground is complete, with new wood chips installed in the surrounding border area.
 - Some trees have been planted in the pond area and new trees around the ice rink and pavilion.
- Sidewalk equipment is ready to perform snow removal.
- 400 tons of salt have been delivered, 3 large plow trucks and 6 pickups are ready for snow removal also.

With regard to water/sewer department activity, Supt. McTarnaghan reports that routine maintenance has been completed on mowers and trucks. Some water meter replacements have been completed as well as routine jobs around the two plants.

15. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Brennan: nothing further other than to make sure Supt. Frazier is asked to put the lights in the trees at the northeast end of the business district. Trustee Duff said she would take care of that.

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Deputy Mayor Fox: John reported that the YMCA steering committee will be requesting the use of Highland Park somewhere around the 5th of May to kick off a family marathon involving a 26.2 mile run/walk program over 5 weeks. Julie Matthews is the chairperson for that event. The Board discussed the possibility of coordinating the opening day of Little League with the grand opening of the park improvements and the family fun marathon event. Mayor Hatheway will discuss that possibility with Little League coordinator Sean Ledwith.

Trustee Brennan asked what the YMCA event was that was held at the Geneseo building on November 29th. John replied that it was an event to honor families that contributed their time and donated money to the first campaign to raise funds for the Livingston County Strong Communities Campaign. \$4,000 was raised. Daphne Allen and John Fox were recognized as volunteers of the year for Livingston County. The Board congratulated John for that honor.

16. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick is working to finishing up the books in order to prepare the second quarter reports for the board meeting on December 20th.

17. OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Hatheway will be meeting on Thursday morning with MRB to discuss the Infrastructure Improvement project for Main/Wadsworth/Court Streets. Supts. Frazier and McTarnaghan will also be present at that meeting.

18. PERSONNEL ISSUES/NEGOTIATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Fox moved to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with the DPW and Police unions. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and following a unanimous vote the session began at 6:54PM.

Trustee Brennan moved to come out of executive session at 7:24PM. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor. No formal action was taken during the session.

19. 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, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk