

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 24, 2011

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell Josh Williams – Editor of the Genesee Sun web newspaper
Geneseesun.com

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the January 10, 2011 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-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the January 10, 2011 public hearing on chapter 123 Vehicles & Traffic were reviewed. Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee LaGrou. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Trustee Duff entered the meeting.

2. II PLANS:

Mayor Hatheway reported that Supts. Frazier and McTarnaghan delivered letters summarizing the project to affected residents; the letter was also mailed to non-resident landlords. Notice of the informational meeting to be held this evening at 7PM was included in the letter. Discussion followed about various aspects of the project and how it will affect residents. Portions of the project that are meant to alleviate Main Street sanitary sewer issues be eliminated if the appropriate easements can not be obtained.

A related aspect of the project is to replace the water line to the York meter pit that is located on the Village side of the river. The water line runs down Riverside Drive to the pit. In the last month, there have been two or three water main breaks in that line. There has been conversation with York Supervisor Deming with regard to this portion of the project.

The decision has been made to delay the bid opening from February 24 until March 9 with a pre-bid conference to be held on February 25 instead of February 16. Plans will be released by MRB Group on February 15, 2011 instead of January 26 and they will be preparing a new bid notice to that effect. The Health Department has approved the plans and a verbal approval has been obtained from the DEC.

3. DOH INITIATIVE – Main Street Goes Blue:

Mayor Hatheway met with Mary Margaret Stallone from the Livingston County Department of Health. They received a grant to increase public awareness about colon cancer. Strings of blue lights will be placed in the windows for the month of March complete with signs advising folks to obtain colon cancer screening. Ms. Stallone wondered if other businesses on Main Street would be interested in placing lights in their windows also. Dick suggested that she get in contact with Liz Porter and gave

her copies of the business reference pages from the newly completed business inventory. Geneseo is to serve as the test area for the program and Ms. Stallone will be in contact with Supervisor Wadsworth and Howard Appell. Dick thought it was a wonderful idea from a health standpoint, and yet another means of bringing attention to the Main Street business district.

4. FARMER'S MARKET PROGRESS – TRUSTEE DUFF:

Trustee Duff met with the group proposing a Farmer's Market for Geneseo. They (David Matthews, Cate Concannon and Dave Bojanowski) are moving forward with a great plan, she reported. They are looking at four possible sites and wondered if they needed to go to the Planning Board or the Village Board; the response was that it was not permanent so the Village Board would be the place to start. They will need to purchase tents and pay a market manager, but hope to be eventually self-sustaining. They have looked at different types of vendors and other aspects, such as what day to hold the market. Margaret was impressed with the progress thus far and said that the group would be coming to a Village Board meeting soon to discuss their plans.

5. SUMMER RECREATION:

Mayor Hatheway had a good meeting with YMCA program coordinator Erik Fix last week and Erik is excited to be able to start the program plans earlier this year. They discussed the park project with regard to the increased size of the park and the additional opportunities that affords. The second pavilion and the second set of bathrooms will enable separation of the older kids from the younger kids and the new facilities will make a huge difference in the program planning.

6. FIRE/AMBULANCE – CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF GENESEO:

Deputy Mayor Fox requested that the Board members consider approval of the same terms of the contract for fire and ambulance service that was in place last year at a total cost to the Town of \$139,000. The contract is reflective of the same breakout of operating expenses and the renewal was prepared and signed by the Town Board. Deputy Mayor Fox moved that we execute the renewal of the fire and ambulance contract with the Town in the amount of \$139,000 and sign the document. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

7. OPERATING PLANS/PROCEDURES:

Trustee Brennan moved to adopt the General Operating Procedures dated 1/24/2011 as it has been revised. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Procedures deal with a local state of emergency declaration due to weather or other natural or national/local emergency situations.

Deputy Mayor Fox moved to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan dated 1/24/2011. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. The EOP deals with minimizing disasters or potential disasters and their effects, and provides for effective local responses when disasters occur, and to facilitate local recovery.

8. RG&E RESPONSE:

As a result of the Village's appeal to RG&E about the streetlights on Park Street, they have decided that the poles will remain as is with no additional cost to the village. Existing poles will be there for another year or so and then they might be replaced with RG&E's colonial post top light, if that is what the village requests. Those lights are similar to the lights in the Woodbine subdivision, Mayor Hatheway reported. He wrote then to SUNY Vice President Levison and a facilities representative pointing out that those streetlights lights are really for SUNY's benefit, since they align the major entryway to the campus. The next step is to get a quote from RG&E, and then determine if

the College is able to assist the Village in installing new lights. Dick commended Trustee Brennan for her idea to take a look at that area and the possibilities therein.

9. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter has been received from a resident of 22 Groveland Road expressing gratitude for the Geneseo Police Department helping with an issue last fall.

The semi-annual Village/College meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 11 at 8AM at the campus house.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Brennan highlighted the annual report from the GPD for 2010. It was noted that motor vehicle accidents were down, and there has been a decrease in the number of traffic tickets issued. The number of parking tickets issued has shown a 24% increase. Chief Osganian has secured \$46,000 in grants and the Department has received State and national awards in 2010.

Deputy Mayor Fox reported 23 calls month to date in January including fire and EMT service. John attended a campus coalition meeting today and the incident that occurred last December on Court Street was discussed. That event was enlightening for a lot of people, John commented. The College does an excellent job of educating the students on the effects of this excessive behavior. The most positive thing that has taken place is to have the students call when another student is in trouble.

The Fire Department banquet is scheduled for February 12 at the Big Tree.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

GAC Project: Mayor Hatheway reported that the filter media at the water treatment plant has been replaced with granular activated carbon. They are now tweaking the process in terms of chemical dosage and other aspects and hopefully there will be taste and odor improvements in the water supply. This change in filter media will assist York and the Town of Geneseo with residual chlorine in the lines as well.

Trustee Duff highlighted Supt. Frazier's report including the sweeper bid results. Two bids were received, one from Joe Johnson Equipment for the Raptor Night-Hawk Sweeper in the amount of \$99,011.00 and one from J & J Equipment for a Tymco Sweeper in the amount of \$114,100.00. The Raptor sweeper doesn't meet the specifications advertised and Jason would like approval for the other model that meets specifications and was demoed by the DPW Department personnel. Trustee Duff moved to approve the bid for the Tymco Sweeper in the amount of \$114,100 upon recommendation of Supt. Frazier. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Other items reported were:

1. Hockey rink has great ice and is used a lot by everyone. Crews have been removing the snow and resurfacing the ice (with a makeshift "zamboni" Mayor Hatheway added).
2. Christmas tree collection is still going on.
3. We have used approx. 150 tons of salt so far this winter for the streets.

12. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Brennan: The façade grant program applications are due by January 31. Sandy reported that one application has been received. The committee is prepared to meet and review it. It has been made very clear that the County people (Julie Marshall and Louise Wadsworth) can come to the meeting and give guidance on the procedure but will not participate in the scoring of the application.

Trustee Brennan also reported that an application is being prepared for an Urban Forestry grant program. Supt. Frazier has completed the calculations for the application including the number of trees desired and the cost. He and Sandy will meet tomorrow to go over the plan and the narrative portion of the application. Deputy Mayor Fox moved to adopt the following resolution: That Sandra F. Brennan, as Trustee of the Village of Geneseo, or such person's successor, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Geneseo for an Urban Forestry Grant. Trustee Duff seconded the motion to adopt the resolution and the vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Trustee Duff: nothing further

Deputy Mayor Fox: John reported that Chief Chanler is still researching the exhaust system for the fire building that will include seven exhaust line drops and cost approximately \$61,000. Financing options are also being explored.

Trustee LaGrou: Tom met with Dick today and completed the workplace violence policy. The Board discussed the basic tenets of the policy and following that discussion Trustee LaGrou moved to adopt the Village of Geneseo Workplace Violence Prevention Program that is in its final editing stages. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Board thanked Tom for the work done on this project.

13. CLERK/TREASURER:

Following review by Trustee LaGrou, voucher numbers 670-752 (for general, water and sewer funds) were presented for approval.

Trustee LaGrou left the meeting.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Fox moved and Trustee Brennan seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$78,814.94. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Trustee Brennan moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$39,469.04. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Trustee Duff moved and Trustee Brennan seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$12,406.07. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Trustee Brennan moved to approve Highland Park Project vouchers #046-049 in the amount of \$43,842.89. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Duff moved to approve Infrastructure Improvements Project vouchers in the amount of \$14,290.61. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Duff moved to approve a Community Development voucher in the amount of \$532.50. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

14. PERSONNEL ISSUES/NEGOTIATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Fox moved to enter into executive session to discuss ongoing contract negotiations with the DPW and Police unions. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and following a unanimous vote the session began at 6:35PM.

Trustee Duff moved to come out of executive session at 6:55PM. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. No formal action was taken during the session.

15. LOCAL LAW #2, 2011 – PROVIDE FOR TAX EXEMPTION:

Trustee Brennan moved to adopt Local Law #2, 2011 to provide for a property tax exemption for anyone that has spent more than \$10,000 to convert a Main Street building to mixed-use occupancy. The exemption would apply to the increased assessment for structure improvements only and be a full exemption for years 1-8 following the conversion and then 80% of exemption base for year 9, 60% of exemption base for year 10, 40% of exemption base for year 11 and 20% of exemption base for year 12. Other provisions are enumerated in the minutes for the public hearing that was held tonight. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried and the local law was adopted.

16. 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 6:57PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk