

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 21, 2011

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
David W. Parish, Town/Village Historian

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Howard Appell Spring Morrow (Frugal Fashionista) Bob Davis (Geneseo Computers)
Tara Johnson Angel Berry (Envy Salon)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the November 7, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Deputy Mayor Fox. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Trustee Duff-Abstain. The motion carried.

The minutes of the November 7, 2011 public hearing on Code amendments were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Fox moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Brennan. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Trustee Duff-Abstain. The motion carried.

2. DAVID W. PARISH - HISTORIAN:

David thanked the Board for allowing him time to speak and stated that four years ago he wrote an article about gas energy in Geneseo being the rage a century ago. Gas sites were mentioned that might be very productive. Now everyone is talking about hydraulic fracturing (the propagation of fractures in a rock layer caused by the presence of a pressurized fluid) in the quest for underground sources of gas.

David thanked Mayor and Linda Hatheway for the victory song book they donated containing war songs from World War I. It will be restored. Last week Geneseo Rotary had their Veteran's luncheon and the members sang songs from the book.

The citizen's advisory committee is now the Court Street Committee, which has been meeting monthly for nine months. They are working on the Italian American contribution to Geneseo's history. Margaret Vangalio had a picture of an old-time vegetable vendor from Elizabeth Street. John (Toat) LaGeorge is a member of the committee and he researched the sewer tunnel that ran from Main Street down Court Street. It was thought at one time that this was used as part of the Underground Railroad during Civil War times; however, that probably was not the case.

David is still working on his book about Horatio Jones. *Crossing Over* is the new title of the book. Horatio crossed over between his culture and that of the Seneca Indians. He was a resident of the Sweet Briar area who was really a friend to the remaining Seneca Indians.

When that book is completed, David would like to do a book about citizens of Geneseo who really made a difference in the years 1790-1990.

David mentioned that a few days ago the Temple Hill Cemetery Association approved a "friends group". He hopes to have input into that organization as they face challenges at the cemetery.

David has learned that some of the Historian's money in the Town and Village budgets has been earmarked for the POW plaques on the 'Welcome to Geneseo' signs on Court Street. He approves of this use of funds and looks forward to the signs being installed.

In closing, David offered his assistance whenever anyone needs anything and distributed his latest version of *The Bear Facts*.

3. HOLIDAY SEASON PLANS:

Bob Davis spoke about an event the merchants are planning for Saturday, December 3 from 11AM to 7PM. *Christmas in the Village* will include Santa and his elves as well as an assortment of Christmas characters. Free sleigh rides are planned along with live entertainment, food, open houses holiday shopping and crafters. They would like permission to close a lane of Center Street for the festivities. They would like to display a banner if the space has not already been reserved for November 28 through the following weekend. Sleigh rides will take place between 2 and 6PM from the fountain north on Main Street. The street does not need to be closed for that to take place. They would also like the parking meters covered so that folks know there is free parking.

Following discussion, Trustee Brennan moved to approve the concept of the event contingent upon working out the details with Chief Osganian and Street Supt. Frazier. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Brennan stated that plans are underway to wrap the Main Street boulevard trees with corded lights. White lights have already been placed on four trees at the Main Street/Center Street intersection. Four large wreaths have been put up today in various locations along with small wreaths on various light poles along Main Street. Discussion followed with the merchants in attendance about a holiday decoration committee; Spring Morrow volunteered to sit on the committee in the future.

4. DOT ACTIONS:

A letter was received from NYS Dept. of Transportation regarding the County Traffic Safety Board's request to examine the speed limit on Route 39 (Avon Road) in the vicinity of the Central School. They will investigate and respond.

5. COUNTY:

- A Genesee Transportation Council project has been to examine transportation needs in the 9 county area. With regard to Genesee-related locations, on the list to get more detailed consideration include the vicinity of the Arkema plant on Route 63 and the Court Street intersection, along with other issues along the Route 63 corridor. NYS DOT is also involved.
- Planning Department: Heather Ferraro has written to Mr William (Butch) Curry notifying him that the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board has decided to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that his parcel at 105 Lima Road (#81.9-1-83) not be included in the additions to Agricultural District #2 this year because the property 1) is classified as single family residential; and 2) the Board felt the parcel did not contain predominantly viable agricultural land.
- Livingston County Development Corp.: A note was received from Deputy Director Julie Marshall about the façade sign improvement program. This is the second year for the program and an informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29 at 7PM and again on Wednesday, November 30 at 8:30AM at the Government Center. Trustee Brennan hopes that they stress that local sign ordinances prevail.

6. SIMMS' PLAQUE:

Mrs. Simms wrote to ask that the plaque installed at the park for the land purchased from her family reads: *This athletic field on land purchased from Thomas & June E. Simms and family. November 2009.* There were no objections to that request. Jason will be informed.

7. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mayor Hatheway reviewed the upcoming meeting dates with the Board. Dates for December are the 5th and 19th. The Board agreed to move the meeting time for the 19th from 5PM to 3PM to accommodate the annual holiday reception. January meetings have already been scheduled for January 9th and 23rd, 2012.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was written to the Community Foundation in Rochester in support of a grant application from the Livingston County Historical Society for needed roof repairs.

MRB Group has moved to the Culver Road Armory from their Browncroft Boulevard location.

Code Officer O'Keefe noted that a change in Village Code section 123-71 *Permit Parking* will be necessary in order to allow more permit parking on University Drive. As a result of the construction in the area, the lines were re-drawn and allowed for more spaces. Board members set the public hearing date for December 19th at 3:15PM.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian's report mentions two grants that have been awarded. One is for the child safety seat program in the amount of \$3,200 and one for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the amount of \$6,475. Both are from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. However, Chief Osganian also noted that in general, grant funding has been reduced from prior years, and this will impact the department.

Deputy Mayor Fox reported that architect Tim Brinduse has completed the specifications and drawings for the firehouse façade repairs. They now can solicit quotes for the work that is projected to cost under \$20,000.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter was received from DEC stating that the comprehensive inspection of the wastewater treatment plant took place on November 7, 2011. Present at the inspection were Steve McTarnaghan, Dan Quinlan, Brian Lee, Ben Groth and Pradeep Jangbari. The facility was found to be *in substantial compliance with the requirements and limitations set forth in the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. All of the buildings and equipment were well maintained and clean. The only compliance issue that the facility needs to address is an annual calibration of the influent flow meter.*

Other items from the water/sewer side of things include:

- The water plant was inspected by the Department of Health today (November 21) and there were no issues.
- Routine water and wastewater sampling continues.
- Fall clean-up and getting ready for the winter season has taken place.
- Computer issues are being worked out.
- There is trouble with one water pump at the plant that is being worked out.
- Crew members are using up vacation time as the calendar year draws to a close.
- A water break was repaired on Haley Avenue.
- The annual water sampling has taken place – the reports are used for the annual water quality report. All samples tested very well.
- The new pickup has arrived and is being outfitted to match the others in the fleet.

11. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Brennan: Sandy mentioned that some Village residents have expressed concern about the prospect of a new Town housing project planned for the Gateway area near Wal-Mart.

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Deputy Mayor Fox: John was able to read Town of Groveland meeting minutes online for September 8 where the ambulance contract was mentioned and also in the October 13 meeting minutes. The preliminary budget for 2012 was presented on October 13 listing the tax rate of \$3.37 per thousand of assessed valuation. That number reflects a tax levy \$28,000 beneath the 2% tax cap instituted by the Governor. Supervisor Merrick reported to the Board that he has discussed the ambulance contract with Mayor Hatheway and the Mayor was *not willing to budge*. Supervisor Merrick noted that County ambulance coverage for the Town would be at a cost savings; however that is still being explored. Deputy Mayor Fox deduced from his research into the minutes and the 2012 budget, that the proposed \$10,000 plus for the contract with the Village of Geneseo for ambulance service to the Town for 2012 is in the budget.

Trustee LaGrou: nothing further at this time.

12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Voucher numbers 464-567 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion, Deputy Mayor Fox moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$266,705.90. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Deputy Mayor Fox moved and Trustee Brennan seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$112,803.22. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Fox moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$67,496.73. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Trustee Brennan moved to approve Highland Park Project vouchers in the amount of \$14,075.74. Trustee LaGrou seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Brennan moved to approve Infrastructure Improvements Project vouchers in the amount of \$394,245.44. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Brennan moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion and following a unanimous vote the session began at 6:11PM.

Trustee Brennan moved to come out of executive session at 6:40PM. Deputy Mayor Fox seconded the motion and all were in favor. No formal action was taken during the session.

14. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee LaGrou moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Trustee Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Deputy Mayor Fox-Aye, Trustee LaGrou-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk