

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 7, 2012

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor	Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor	David Woods, Planning Board Chair
Margaret E. Duff, Trustee	David Parish, Town/Village Historian
Benjamin Gajewski, Trustee	
Robert Wilcox, Trustee	

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Becky McKeown Howard Appell Roseann Mayo
Angela Hong (Reporter for WHAM Channel 13)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Duff moved and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Deputy Mayor Brennan-Abstain. The motion passed.

2. DAVID PARISH – TOWN/VILLAGE HISTORIAN:

Mr. Parish thanked the Board for their time to present his semi-annual report, which he distributed to the members. David had four objectives for 2011 and they were all met according to the report. He finds it interesting that 50% of the requests for information are received via email now. He expressed gratitude for his new working space downstairs that now affords space for individuals and small groups to come in and view the archives. The spring edition of the *Bear Facts* newsletter was distributed. The newsletter notes that donations of manuscripts and documents are always welcomed.

David continued his report by stating that the Court Street project that began in January 2011 with a seven person committee has been completed. A book compiling the history has been drafted and the printing will most likely be privately funded. The final meeting of the committee will take place next week.

David's next book, *Horatio Jones, Crossing Over* has been completed and final edits have been accomplished. The final cost and publishing information will follow. No portraits or pictures of Horatio have been found, so Donna Kelsey drew a composite picture based on information gleaned by David throughout his research.

The Board members thanked David for his report and for his continued dedication to preserving the history of the community.

3. SERIAL BOND SALE:

The bond sale took place on May 1 and one bid was received from Roosevelt & Cross as agent for Steuben Trust Company. The net interest calculation on the \$2,114,687 issue amounts to 2.5874%. The term of the loan is fifteen years with a final maturity date of May, 2026. The closing on the loan will take place on May 22, 2012. Mayor Hatheway and the Board were pleased with the rate, as 5% was initially projected, and 4% was included in the 2012-2013 budget. Each percentage point on \$2,000,000 represents \$20,000 in interest cost. The 2.5% rate is excellent and a result of extra efforts on the part of BPD Municipal Finance and Clerk/Treasurer Merrick's input during the process.

4. CANINE PROGRAM:

Mayor Hatheway and Deputy Mayor Brennan met with Chief Osganian and Officer Yasso last Wednesday to discuss the program. Checks for \$4,500 have been received from the Rush Inter Pet Inc. (a pet cemetery, crematory and pet funeral home), and \$200 from a local donor. Based on those donations, it would appear that the program has been funded for the upcoming budget year. Chief Osganian concurs with that conclusion. As part of the understanding reached, Officer Yasso will seek additional donations and has been offered food and toys from the new Country Max store; also, Jason, rather than the Village, will be paying for boarding the dog during vacations. All of the parties will work together to help Rosko remain on the force. A savings account has been dedicated for the K-9 donations and a PayPal account will be set up to accept donations online. Trustee Wilcox will make sure the information goes up on Facebook so that the public can be aware of the program being reinstated and where they can make donations to fund the program in the future.

Mayor Hatheway stated that what was lost in translation during the media firestorm over the dog was that, according to State Law, the Village is obligated to obtain *fair and adequate consideration for disposal of any property that belongs to the Village*. Rosko, being an asset of the Village, would need to be “sold” on that basis. That will not be necessary, Mayor Hatheway concluded, and it is a win-win-win situation. The Village taxpayers have been relieved of the cost of the program that is not necessarily within the framework of Village operations, the dog remains on the job with Officer Yasso and the Yasso family will continue to enjoy Rosko. A conclusion that can be reached is the cliché *all is well that ends well*.

5. HIGHLAND PARK:

The Class of 2012 (SUNY) treasurer has reserved a pavilion at Highland Park for a barbeque. In addition, they recently applied for a noise permit to host bands in the park from noon to 4PM on May 10. They have paid the bands and also paid for the catering of the event. Mayor Hatheway contacted Katie Rebban (SUNY Office of Student Affairs) and expressed concern that allowing live bands in Highland Park, surrounded by residential housing might be a problem. If the Village Board were to approve this request, more might follow and perhaps Highland Park is not the best venue for this type of entertainment. Another concern is the limited power supply at the Park, according to Supt. Frazier.

Mayor Hatheway would like to deny the request. They have been considering other locations for the event. Following discussion, Trustee Duff moved to deny the request made by Harrison Singer, SUNY Class of 2012 Treasurer for a noise permit for Highland Park on May 10 between the hours of noon and 4PM based on the event being a disturbance to folks within 500 feet in a residential area. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Gajewski-Nay. The reason for Trustee Gajewski voting nay was that he felt the request for a noise permit was not that different than others granted in the past and he felt that the request should have been granted. It was agreed that if the group were to change locations to the Village Park, they would be granted the noise permit they requested.

On another topic, Beth Adams, the art teacher at Central School has met with Supt. Frazier and Mayor Hatheway to discuss painting a mural on the practice wall (dimensions are 8’ high by 24’ long) at the Park. The plans are to paint the tennis court side dark green with a line at about the height of a tennis net and paint the mural on the side facing the Depot. GCS art students will be working on the project in the summer.

Trustee Brennan wondered about the timeframe for construction of the dog park. Mayor Hatheway stated that it could take place this summer if a plan was developed. Recreation fees will be used for that purpose, with approximately \$12,000 on hand currently.

6. WATER QUALITY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS:

Chief Operator McTarnaghan and Mayor Hatheway met last Thursday with Health Department officials, Town of Geneseo and York elected officials and water operators, as well as engineers, to look at possible solutions to the stagnant water situation within the three million gallon Village water tank. The design of the tank endorsed by the NYS Health Department and installed in 1989 was to have water enter the tank at the bottom and leave the tank at the bottom. As a result, when water usage is approximately equivalent to the pumping rate, the water in the tank stagnates; when this water is later required in the system, the quality in some areas is fine, but in others excessive chlorination has occurred, and residual chlorine (Trihalomethane – a byproduct of chlorination) does not meet EPA standards.

There are two possible solutions: one would be to install a solar bee or aerator inside the tank to constantly churn the water; the cost is estimated at \$400,000 plus on-going maintenance. A second possibility would be to change the plumbing, to have the incoming water delivered close to the top of the tank, and keep the output at the bottom. This would keep the water in the tank from stagnating. The cost for that modification would be on the order of \$200,000.

Present at the meeting was a representative of the NYS Health Department who is well aware of the Village system. He agreed that the piping modification should solve the problem, but if it does not, the Village might reach a point where it is unrealistic to do anything further. As for funding the project, the Towns of Geneseo and York contribute to the water fund by paying fees for the water supplied, therefore it seems appropriate to have the water fund be the source of funding. Once the Board and Health Department approve the project, it could take place in May of 2013 once the College students have left, and our demand is lowest. The tank will need to be drained and a temporary reservoir (bladder) will have to be set up to provide some reserve water for 30-45 days.

Mayor Hatheway concluded by stating that following discussions between the various entities, a decision will be made and then pending approval of the Village Board, the design phase will take place along with applications for approval from the various State and County agencies involved and then the project would commence.

On a related note, the Town of Geneseo has planned to install additional master meters at various points in the system where the water leaves the Village limits. The use of master meters isolates the Village system so that water usage can be more readily identified and billed for and thereby reduces the percentage of unaccounted for water.

7. MAIN STREET GRANT:

The review committee will be meeting on Tuesday the 15th at 5PM at the Government Center. Eighteen applications have been received requesting approximately \$750,000, while there is \$336,000 available, according to David Woods. Committee members charged with reviewing the applications are Tom Wilson, Bonnie Swanson, Roseann Mayo, David Woods, and Ben Gajewski. The schedule is to review the applications on Tuesday and recommend projects to the Planning Board. Projects can be partially funded or funded in whole.

David Woods said that Julie Marshall is thinking of bringing the projects to the Village Board at their June 4th meeting. In that way, the Planning Board can review the applications at the workshop meeting on the 16th and then have their final review at their meeting on May 23rd. David also pointed out that the review process by the committee is a ranking process, not a selection process, and is very organized and objective. The guidelines are very specific. Julie Marshall's office has administered at least three projects in other communities, Mt. Morris, Dansville and Lima, so has a great deal of experience to bring to the process.

Mayor Hatheway stated that it is very positive that there has been so much interest in the program this time around. That is a favorable aspect in applying for another grant.

8. ARBOR DAY:

The Garden Club provided a spring snow crabapple tree that the Village Crew planted in the Village Park. It was dedicated to Dick Luttenton, Virginia Brougham and Margaret Goodridge who all donated and dedicated a lot of time to the Village as members of the Garden Club.

9. VILLAGE CLOCK:

The bell on the clock needs to be repaired; Kurt Cylke has contacted the American Tower Clock Company to come out and look at it.

10. NYS DOT RESPONSE:

Geneseo representative to the Livingston County Traffic Safety Committee Bill Mills as well as Supt. Hayes asked the Village Board to write a letter to the NYS Dept. of Transportation asking them to investigate reducing the speed limit on Route 39 in the vicinity of the Central School. The current speed limit in the area is 40mph. A response to that letter has been received stating that *a representative from the NYS DOT made a visit to the site to observe the roadway characteristics and make an analysis of the speed of the vehicles by use of radar. We met with the Traffic Supervisor from the NYS Police at this location to seek his input about lowering the speed limit. In consideration of the roadway characteristics, radar data and the review by the State Police, we determined that a reduction of the speed limit is not warranted at this time.*

11. PERSONNEL POLICIES:

Two of the recommendations made by the NYMIR Insurance Risk specialist involved personnel policies currently contained within the Village Employee Handbook. Clerk Merrick has obtained sample policies that she is using as a template and adapting them for Village use. Revised policies will be sent to the Board members for review.

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

The annual report of the Livingston County Economic Development Group was received. A flyer posted on a utility pole noted that on May 1st a movement to take to the streets of Geneseo was planned. No contact information was provided on the flyer. A march and rally were publicized, but according to Chief Osganian nothing much happened. According to the flyer the movement was meant to squash the 1% and give power to the people. (Much like the occupy movement in various places during recent months.)

13. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Fire Department: Trustee Wilcox had no report.

Police Department: Chief Osganian distributed his monthly report of activity to the Board members.

14. PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon recommendation by Supt. Frazier and Clerk Merrick, Trustee Duff moved to adopt the following resolution: **RESOLVED:** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Geneseo hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the General Fund Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a backhoe. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gajewski and all were in favor.

Trustee Gajewski reported items for the water/sewer department including the fact that they hosted a laboratory renewal class for regional wastewater plant operators; RG&E performed a stakeout on Main and North Streets and are planning to replace gas mains from Bank Street to Court Street and from 45 Main Street to North Street.

15. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy stated that the application deadline for the next round of Urban Forestry Grants is June 21. It is an intensive application process, but there are \$750,000 in EPF funds available this year. Trustee Duff will work with Supt. Frazier to submit a similar application as was submitted last year for trees in Highland Park.

Also regarding trees, Sandy has had some folks complain about the tree trimming company that was working for the local utility company. It was not a tree trimmer hired by the Village.

Trustee Duff: Margaret talked with Erik Fix from the YMCA about the upcoming program. Twenty applications were received for counselors this summer and all but one of the sixteen interviewed were from Geneseo. Erik and Jeff Rose are hoping to wrap up the interviews by mid-May. The registration forms have been completed and they are ready to schedule registration dates. They plan to have a wide circulation within the Central School so the kids are aware of the upcoming program. Mayor Hatheway mentioned the lack of signed agreement as yet and the delay is more than likely the result of issuing a credit on next year's program cost based on the number of participants during the past summer.

Trustee Gajewski: The Farmer's Market committee would like to display the 8 foot by 18 inch banners again this summer. One is displayed on Main and one on Center Street advertising the market. Banners will go up a week or two before the start of the market (middle of June) and then come down a week or so after the close of the market. Board members were encouraged to learn that the market is listed as one of the farmer's markets in Livingston County and is gaining popularity.

On a similar topic, there is the continuing need to access electricity on Center Street. During the Summer Festival and during the Farmer's Market, the only way to obtain electric service is to run extension cords into a business. It would be nice to tap into one of the light poles for that purpose. Mayor Hatheway mentioned that there will be a streetscape meeting on May 17th and perhaps that can be incorporated into the discussion of new light fixtures in the business district.

Ben mentioned that there continues to be issues with Clerk Mack's printer. Apparently that is the one remaining issue with the off-site computer file server. Hopefully the issue can be resolved and perhaps the printer can be networked as well.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob alerted everyone to the invitation extended by Mary Mohan to attend the presentation on Quality of Life in Geneseo tomorrow evening beginning at 6:45PM in the Milne Library.

The Art Stroll is scheduled for June 22, which is the first performance of the concert series as well. The Stroll also coincides with the APOG wine tasting event to be held at the Homestead this year. Sandy mentioned that folks attending the concert series this year will be able to use the restrooms in the Geneseo Building pending approval by the Board. Even though it is quite a walk from the park, it does work well; the PD officer on duty makes sure the building is secure following the concerts. The Board was supportive.

Trustee Wilcox mentioned that the members of the Tourism Committee invited the members of the Welcome Center Committee to be a part of their group. The Tourism Committee is planning to use table tents at various restaurants in the area to advertise community events. Bob also distributed this year's edition of the Village brochures. News about town includes the fact that Cycle Path Bike Shop will be taking over the storefront on the corner of Main and Center. It is unfortunate that after a long run, Swain Sports is going out of business.

16. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick noted that she is working to close the month of March and will be then preparing the budget in its final form after adoption. Information has been sent to the County in order for them to prepare and print approximately 1,200 tax bills to be mailed on or about June 1.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Duff moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues pertaining to confidential financial matters of a particular corporation/entity. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and following a unanimous vote the session began at 6:52PM.

Trustee Duff moved to come out of executive session at 7:09PM. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. No formal action was taken during the session.

18. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk