

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 18, 2012

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor
Benjamin W. Gajewski, Trustee
Bob Wilcox, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Stephen McTarnaghan, Water Supt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Howard Appell
Bill Davis, MRB Group
David W. Parish

Becky McKeown
Bob Freiburger
Edith Matthews

Bob Kelsey, Temple Hill Cemetery
Wayne & Bobbie Mahood

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the May 21, 2012 regular meeting that was reconvened on May 30 were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Deputy Mayor Brennan abstain. The motion carried.

The minutes of the June 4, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried.

2. TRUSTEES OF TEMPLE HILL CEMETERY – BOB KELSEY:

Bob Kelsey came before the Board to discuss the situation at Temple Hill Cemetery. The cemetery was established in 1807. It covers 15 acres and has room for 7,000 plots with 6,000 occupied or sold. There are a significant number of people with lots of notoriety buried in the cemetery located off of Route 20A (South Street). Bob explained that maintenance for the large cemetery goes beyond the historical significance of taking care of those entombed there, but also extends to taking care of many members of the community that have loved ones in the cemetery or have purchased plots for future burials. Income for that maintenance comes from the sale of lots which has greatly diminished due to increase in the number of cremations and due to the three churches that now have memorial gardens where burials take place (cremation remains).

Financial assistance is needed. Bob noted that according to a financial reports from years past, additional funding was needed as far back as the 1940's. To that end, a letter was written to the Geneseo Community and placed in the Pennysaver on June 3, 2012. It contains an appeal to the community to donate to the cemetery for maintenance costs and most specifically for a new lawnmower. The current mower is in need of constant repairs.

Mr. Kelsey went on to say that he has learned that municipalities can now legally give funds to cemeteries; however Mayor Hatheway understands from conversations with NYCOM that is not the case. Discussion followed with regard to whether or not the cemetery is considered public or private.

Trustee Wilcox asked why the families were not contacted and asked for donations. Mr. Kelsey responded that in the past ten years there have been no requests of the families. However, finding names and contact information for "next of kin" is not an easy task either. They have enlisted the help of the Town Office in researching burial permits etc. that would have information on next of kin. Trustee Wilcox also asked why the Trustees are not charging more for a burial plot. Mr.

Kelsey responded that the \$500 per plot cost is in keeping with charges assessed by other cemeteries in the area and that the Trustees need State approval before they raised the cost of a plot.

Deputy Mayor Brennan wondered if rather than selling the mowers that become surplus to Village needs perhaps one could be donated to the cemetery owners, the Board of Trustees. The Board meets once per year and lot owners may attend the meeting and vote.

In conclusion, Mr. Kelsey asked for whatever the Village would be able to give, a mower, money towards a new mower costing between \$7 and \$8,000, in kind help with maintenance, or whatever can be given. Trustee Wilcox suggested forming a sub-committee to look into the matter further and to include Attorney Reynolds to find out what can be done and the Board agreed to do that. Mr. Kelsey thanked the Board for their attention and consideration.

3. WATER TANK MODIFICATIONS – BILL DAVIS, MRB GROUP:

MRB has prepared a Water System Evaluation at the 3.0 MG Water Tank on Reservoir Road in Geneseo. Copies of the report were distributed. Bill has had a lot to do with the Geneseo system and has done a lot with us for MRB, Mayor Hatheway stated. Bill explained that when the tank was built in 1989, it was constructed with a single 16” diameter inlet/outlet pipe and is controlled via a single acting altitude valve in combination with a check valve located in a concrete vault near the tank. Pressure transducers measure the level in the tank and on site telemetry transmits the levels to the water treatment plant to start and stop the high lift pumps which fill the tank. Water from the Village treatment plant on Conesus Lake is pumped westward to, and beyond, the Village tank. Water is then conveyed through the Town of Geneseo and into the Village. The Village tries to maintain an even flow of water through the plant (to optimize treatment) and to the tank. The Town of Geneseo has been experiencing elevated trihalomethanes (THMs) in their water system. It is believed that elevated levels may be a result, in part, from excessive retention times in the Village tank and in the distribution system from the tank to the end users. The current piping arrangement at the tank does not provide for constant water turn over or mixing in the tank, especially when the treatment plant pumps are on and supplying the majority of the water to the system. During these times, it is evident that “fresh” water is being transmitted past the storage tank to the distribution system, thereby increasing the detention time of the water in the tank.

Two alternatives are proposed in the report to help alleviate this situation. One is to install a separate inlet/outlet pipe providing a constant flow through the tank (proposed cost \$224,000). Another would be to install a mixing system/THM removal system (\$397,000). Discussion of the two alternatives followed.

At a recent meeting this spring, representatives from the County and State Departments of Health discussed the situation with water department personnel from all three entities (Town and Village of Geneseo and Town of York). THM’s are a byproduct of chlorination and are cancer causing at certain levels. Over the years, the acceptable levels have been reduced as sampling and measuring techniques improve. The Village of Geneseo, being the water purveyor, has the main responsibility for what is contained within the water.

The consensus has been to change the piping within the tank. The construction phase would involve taking the tank out of service and draining it. In order to do that the system pressure must be maintained and several options were explored to regulate pressure during the process. It would take at least a month to cut a hole in the tank, install the piping etc.

This project will benefit all of the users. 1.2 million gallons of water are being used each day by the Village residents and businesses, Town of Geneseo users, Town of York users and the College. The project will change the length of time the water sits in the tank to 2-3 days maximum. Supt. McTarnaghan said that the change will make the whole system different in the way the tank is filled and emptied and how that will govern how the water is pumped out of the Lake and treated.

Mayor Hatheway explained that any funds accumulated in the water fund been contributed by all of the users in the system. The Town of Geneseo water contract is in place until November 2017 and the York water contract is in place until March 2018. Therefore, if we are able to use funds on hand to pay the project cost (which will be reduced by 25% if the Village/Town undertake some of the piping work on their own) this makes perfect sense and will hopefully eliminate the need to borrow money at this time for this purpose.

Phasing of the project is important, Bill continued, and the best time to take the tank down is when the College is out of session. That can be done next June but some of the line work can be done any time prior to that. The next step would be to draft an engineering proposal, on the order of \$33,130 contained within the total project cost. Bill will get a proposal to the Board before the July 9th meeting and then if it is authorized they can begin work on design and bid docs etc. The report has been submitted to the County and State Health Departments and the towns of Geneseo and York. Dave Rowley is the interface with EPA and he has been kept in the loop as well. EPA will work with the water purveyor to a certain extent, but if no action is taken, fines and strict enforcement can occur.

The Board thanked Bill for his report and will look to receive the proposal by the next meeting.

4. ARBOR DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION:

Arbor Housing and Development is applying for a Rural Area Revitalization Projects grant through the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council to help them obtain additional funding to acquire and rehab 292 units of affordable housing in nine communities along the Route 390 corridor from Bath to Avon, NY including Genesee Country Apartments on Country Lane in Geneseo. In order to facilitate that funding, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Arbor Housing and Development (formerly Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, Inc.) proposes to acquire, rehabilitate, and preserve the Genesee Country Apartments (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project, Arbor Housing and Development will serve as partner of Genesee Valley Rural Partners LP (the "Partnership"), the beneficial and equitable owner of the Project, and will hold fee title to the land (SBL 81.13-2-30.2) upon which the Project is situated (the "Land"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is an existing, operative project and does not require additional local approvals other than a building permit; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Housing and Development, a regional 501C3 non-profit corporation, Rural Preservation Corporation, nationally Chartered NeighborWorks Organization, and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO); providing housing development and housing assistance services in Chemung, Steuben, Schuler, Allegany and Livingston Counties; owns and/or manages over 370 affordable housing and mixed commercial units in New York State; has offices in Bath and Big Flats, New York; and will serve as co-general partner and provide oversight and services to the Limited Partnership, the owner, for this Property; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for quality, safe and affordable family housing for low and moderate income households in the Village of Geneseo and the surrounding community that lessens the energy burden while meeting the needs of individuals and small families; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo supports Arbor Housing and Development/Genesee Valley Rural Partners LP's application for 2012 NYS Rural Area Revitalization Program funding (up to \$200,000) and other state, public and private financing; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in accordance with: 1)the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council identifies a critical issue of preservation of neighborhoods, housing opportunities for the disadvantaged, and access to affordable and quality housing as a means to increase well-being; 2) the RARP goal is to improve the health, safety and economic viability of a rural

area through projects that are related to housing preservation and community renewal activities in distressed rural areas; 3) the Village of Geneseo Comprehensive plan Objective B1-2 – maximize the use of existing infrastructure, specifically “provide for mixed use areas that encourage integrated developments (medical offices, housing, retail)”, and Goal B3-1: provide a variety of housing opportunities; 4) The NYS Consolidated Plan 2011-2015 Goals include “create and preserve decent homes and a suitable living environment for low and moderate income New Yorkers and with the corresponding objective of preserving existing affordable housing; and 5) the project is consistent with USDA, National and State goals including USDA’s objective to increase the quality of life in rural communities, and ensure that residents have decent affordable housing. The Project preserves 36 occupied apartments in Livingston County.

RESOLVED, by the Village of Geneseo Board:

Section 1. The Village of Geneseo is pleased to acknowledge full support of the rehabilitation of the Property at 300 Laughlin Lane, Geneseo, NY 14454.

Section 2. This resolution will take effect immediately.

Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

5. LATS (LIVINGSTON AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE) PROPOSAL:

The Rochester Regional Transportation Authority has inquired about placing a shelter for folks waiting for the bus somewhere in the Village. Further information including a proposed location will be forthcoming.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT:

Crews have finished milling Court Street and the two-day paving project will take place within a week. Funds are available to finish out the project.

7. COURT STREET HISTORY:

Historian David W. Parish finished the book entitled, “The Court Street Community” spotlighting Geneseo’s Italians during the period of time between the 1880’s and 1960’s. The initial run of fifty books has been depleted. Members of the committee compiling the book included John LaGeorge, John Maniscalco, Peter Bondi, Margaret McCaughey, Madeline Peri, and Margaret Vangalio.

8. GARDEN CLUB REQUEST:

The annual request to use the log cabin for the dried flower assembly between August and October was received and granted by the Board. The approval letter will include a reminder that many groups use the cabin especially during the summer months.

9. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk/Treasurer Merrick has written to the local banks requesting proposals for the Village’s banking services especially due to the imminent closing of the HSBC branch. Following review of the proposals by both Clerk Merrick and Deputy Clerk Mack, Clerk Merrick would like to move the banking services to Five Star Bank effective July 1, 2012. The reasons for that include: the Bank’s proven track record with other local municipalities including the Town of Geneseo, Geneseo Central School and the Town of Groveland, Five Star Bank has a dedicated Public Banking Representative who has worked with the Village in the past, the Village currently has a collateral agreement in place with the Bank, they can accommodate all of our requests including the parking meter coin, Internet banking and merchant credit card processing, and they have a convenient location and hours of

operation. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve Clerk/Treasurer Merrick's recommendation to move the Village bank accounts to Five Star Bank effective July 1, 2012. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Hatheway and the Board received a very nice thank you note from June Simms and family for the recognition in Highland Park.

The Rotary Summer Festival brochures are available.

Arleen Somerville expressed her appreciation to the office staff for facilitating the resident advisor event that was held on June 9th.

The Board meeting schedule was distributed, posted and advertised. The July meetings will be held on July 9 and July 23 and the office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian distributed his weekly report to the Board members. Notification has been received from Sheriff York, the DWI Funds Coordinator for the County, that GPD has been awarded \$13,053.44 this year representing 34% of the STOP DWI Fund Sharing for 2011. Of the 131 total arrests for the local departments, GPD had 45.

Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the following new members to the Fire Department: Jared Deck, Jason Lew, Patricia Macauley, Kevin Seefried, and Kevin Frodey. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Wilcox moved to accept the following resignations from the Department: Toby Terwilliger, Amy Farabaugh, Megan Carey, Sarah Ullrich, Dan Kawaguchi, Tom Whitmore, Jamie Bennett, Dan Beaudoin, Seth Barradas, Patrick Daly, Winnie Eng, Alie Gilbert, Julie Jo, Sean Laughlin, Neal Lynch, Jerry Varughese, and Deanna Wihlen. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chief Chanler reported via Trustee Wilcox that the request for proposals for updating the steel door frames on the firehouse is ready and he would like to proceed with the project estimated to cost \$25-\$30,000. Following discussion Trustee Wilcox moved to allow Chief Chanler to proceed with the project in terms of requesting proposals. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Department personnel are planning for the airshow to be held on July 14-15. That event requires a commitment from the entire membership and it is a big undertaking.

Regarding recent activity, the level has been consistent although there were fifteen ambulance calls during this past weekend. Last Monday there was a fatal accident on Route 63 and then they assisted Groveland Fire Department with a fire on Groveland Hill Road.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. McTarnaghan reported that they replaced a 1,500 gallon chlorine tank along with two chlorine day tanks and worked on pumps. There was a water main break today on Second Street and another minor one was discovered on Courthouse property.

Supt. Frazier submitted the following report:

1. Crews are patching streets for our yearly maintenance; this year we are going to seal Franklin, Millennium, Oneida, Jacqueline, and Kimberly Drive.
2. Villager Construction came in and milled Court Street for us. We did all the hauling, sweeping, backhoe work and flagging for this phase of work. Babcock did all the hand work around the manholes and catch basins.
3. Crews are trimming trees on various streets, to keep the limbs up from pedestrians on the sidewalks and in front of street signs.
4. Crew helped out changing a chlorine tank at the water treatment plant.

5. We built new Road Closed barricades for the Farmers Market on Center Street. The fence is extra pieces from the portable outfield fence at the Park.
6. Paving/sealing schedule:
 - **Court St:** Paving is going to be June 20th Wednesday.
 - **North St:** Nova-Chip will be installed the week of June 25th
 - **Main St:** DDS is installing the services to the houses/businesses. They will have the concrete sidewalk flags they took out poured this week.
 - **Park St:** College water tie in is complete and street is paved where they tied into our main. They turned on the water to the building and new meters and during the night the line and fitting blew inside the building. They had four feet of water in the building, and are estimating damages to be on the order of \$1 million so far.

12. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: All three boards have received copies of the proposed code changes electronically and copies can be made if needed. Sandy stressed the importance of everyone reviewing the changes thoroughly and submitting their comments by July 15th. The committee has done a great job, Mayor Hatheway stated. Once the review period has elapsed and final changes have been made a public hearing will be scheduled.

The concert series begins this week with Bob's Brother's Band playing this Friday night in the Park.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben mentioned trash cans on Main Street specifically on the northeast side and has discussed the topic with Supt. Frazier.

The Farmer's Market opened last week to much success; the community was out in force where they left off last year. The market this year has 2-3 Geneseo vendors.

Trustee Wilcox: The Art Stroll is a go this week with 4-5 artists, down from previous years. The committee would like to obtain a grant for next year.

13. CLERK/TREASURER:

Following review by Trustee Duff, voucher numbers 1-88 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$198,928.28. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Trustee Gajewski moved and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$48,724.16. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$52,260.33. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Trustee Wilcox moved to approve an Infrastructure Improvement Project voucher in the amount of \$101.87. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Wilcox moved to approve Community Development vouchers in the amount of \$1,285. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Wilcox moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and following a unanimous vote the session began at 6:51PM.

Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to come out of executive session at 7:29PM. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. No formal action was taken during the session.

15. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Wilcox moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk