

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 20, 2012

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Becky McKeown - Genesee Sun  
Spring Morrow – Genesee Merchants Association

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the August 6, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried.

2. GENESEO MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION – STREETScape:

Spring Morrow came before the Board to report that the merchants met and discussed the streetscape plans. They would like to have a merchant represented on the committee to consider the next steps. The merchants discussed various needs along Main Street that could be considered including additional trash cans and benches in the span between Center Street and Ward Place where there is a heavy concentration of commercial businesses.

The merchants also discussed the possibility of increased parking meter fees and they are not in favor of that increase and would like to see increased enforcement and perhaps increased fines for violators.

Merchant Association meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9AM at the Genesee Family Restaurant and an invitation was extended to Board members to attend. Trustee Wilcox stated that he would be willing to attend not only as a Board member, but on behalf of the Tourism Committee as well.

The merchants are planning a Genesee Valley Autumn Harvest Festival on October 20 in conjunction with SUNY Parents weekend. It would be a one day event and they request closing Center Street from the entrance to the municipal parking lot to the Main Street intersection as has been done in the past. They would like it closed from 7AM until 8PM that day. They are planning on entertainment, food and contests in hopes of attracting SUNY students and their families for a day of fun. The event is still in the planning stages and the Board was supportive and suggested that the merchants discuss their plans with Chiefs Osganian and Chanler.

3. STREETScape UPDATE:

The committee has not met recently, Deputy Mayor Brennan reported. Liz Porter and Supt. Frazier met with Spring Morrow and Angel from Image Empire and discussed the plans. These merchants are not in favor of the streetscape café portion of the plan. There seems to be more of an interest for planters and wastebaskets rather than spending money on sidewalk expansion.

Sandy met with Jason today to go over the bids for the expanded sidewalk. The three bids received ranged from \$53,000 to \$98,000. There will need to be further consideration before moving forward.

Also, Jason has talked with RG&E and the person from LL&P who would install any new streetlights in the Main Street area. The streetlight project looks like it would amount to \$29,000 including installation. This is less than what was originally thought.

Mayor Hatheway concluded the report by stating that the committee is gathering all the information together to see what the next steps might be.

#### 4. GENESEO BUILDING:

Mayor Hatheway received shop drawings for the sample window installation from Marvin Windows, which were forwarded to Supervisor Wadsworth. Both the Mayor and Supervisor approved and gave Jon Norris the go ahead for the sample window installation upstairs.

#### 5. COUNTY PLANNING DEPT. – CONNECTIVITY UPDATE:

As has been reported, the County received a grant to look at connectivity throughout the county. Geneseo is serving as the hub for that discussion; there is a Geneseo group that is meeting as well to talk about the possibility of connecting Millennium Drive and Veteran Drive. Members of the group included Angela Ellis, David Woods, Greg O’Connell (owns the Oak Valley Inn), Dawn Aprile, Ian Coyle (Livingston County Administrator), Will Wadsworth, Ben Gajewski, Louise Wadsworth, Joe VanRemmen. The group has planned more meetings in the future.

#### 6. COUNTY WATERSHED COUNCIL - MEETING:

Mayor Hatheway attended the Council meeting and expressed frustration that the Villages (Avon and Geneseo) are being charged a little more for the 2013 watershed program. The formula in use was established when the program was instituted many years ago. Our costs for the program (approximately \$25,000 annually) are no big deal because they are passed along to the various entities that buy water from the Village.

On another topic, there is a new invasive aquatic plant called hydrilla that is threatening fresh water bodies. It has been found at the Cayuga Inlet in Ithaca, NY. Hydrilla can grow quickly at 1 foot/day, at depths as low as 25’, reaching the water surface and forming a “carpet” on the lake that resembles a swampy field, instead of a lake. It can “catch” on boats and 1” hydrilla fragments can grow and spread. The Planning Department has started a program at the Inlet here on Conesus Lake to show people how to clean their boats and hopes to also encourage construction of a cleaning station at the boat launch.

#### 7. ASSESSMENT CHALLENGES:

Two notices of assessment challenges have been received, one from Wolf & Shaheen owners of the Geneseo Heights apartment complex and one from the owners of the Valley View apartment complex on Groveland Road. Relief is sought from all of the taxing entities including the Town of Geneseo, Livingston County, and Geneseo Central School District as well as the Village.

#### 8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Dansville teacher and Civil War Reenactor Joe DeBell will be conducting Civil War days at the Museum and Wadsworth Library on Center Street. Classes for youngsters will commence at 9:30AM until 12:30PM this week. Field trips are planned around the Village including Camp Rorbach, Temple Hill Cemetery and the Wadsworth statue. The Board was supportive and enthusiastic about the opportunity for youngsters in the area.

A request came in from residents of Westhampton to hold a block party for residents of Westhampton and Steeplechase. The event will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 4PM until dusk and

involve closing the street as it exits on Lima Road. The Board was supportive and Chiefs Osganian and Chanler will be made aware.

Two ZBA hearings have been scheduled for signage at Byrne Dairy and Cycle Path.

Temple Hill Cemetery board meeting minutes were received and given to Trustee Wilcox who is gathering a committee together to explore ways of working with the Cemetery in the future.

First annual United Way Gala in the Valley is being planned for September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wadsworth Homestead.

Code Officer Dean O'Keefe and Mayor Hatheway attended a workshop in Rochester on abandoned and neglected properties sponsored by NYCOM.

#### 9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian received a \$5,000 grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (Justice Assistance Grant). The grant was awarded with assistance from Senator Patrick Gallivan. Chief Osganian plans to replace some computer equipment with the funding. Congratulations!

Trustee Wilcox moved to allow the Fire Department ambulance replacement committee to commence with the bidding process for a new ambulance to replace the 2006 model that will be traded in. The fleet will then consist of the new ambulance and the two 2009 models. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Bids for the work on the front of the firehouse are now due on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully that work can commence soon.

Fire Department members and their families held their annual picnic at Highland Park this past weekend. They were all very impressed by how nice the park looks and the facilities that are available since the renovation and expansion.

#### 10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. McTarnaghan's crew has been replacing more water meters but still have 15-20 more to replace. They cleaned out the raw water well and the waste tank at the water treatment plant and replaced a part of the operating system at the wastewater treatment plant. There has been an issue with one master meter at the College. A meeting was held this afternoon with MRB, the College, a meter company representative, and Supt. McTarnaghan.

Supt. Frazier sent the following report of activity for the DPW crew:

1. Crews have started sidewalk replacement for this year. A new sidewalk has been connected to Byrne Dairy and runs southwest in front of the Wedding Dress shop.
2. The new John Deere back hoe has arrived; we are on a 10 year cycle to keep our back hoes up to date, the old 2002 back hoe will go to the fall auction.
3. Crews have patched the three water main break areas in the streets we had last month.
4. The State DOT is going to be milling the lower part of Court Street and Route 39 from the traffic light to Kelsey Field on Tuesday; we will be helping out with our street sweeper.
5. Crew painted the green stripe on our DPW building
6. We have been doing some road side mowing with the Town's mower and ours; also cleaning up the main creek that runs through the Village.
7. Crew installed some shoulder material on North Street.
8. We changed out 15-20 parking meters on Main St; all should be in good working order now.
9. Crews had a Rubbish Day the 6<sup>th</sup> of August; cleanup usually takes two days.
10. The greenhouse (at the wastewater treatment plant) roof was replaced; we used steel siding from the old DPW building we tore down a few years ago.
11. Sewer flushing has been completed; we also flushed some lines for the Town of York.
12. We helped out the Town of Geneseo on Elm Rd for two days while they cold paved the road.

#### 11. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy, Dale Sells and Jason Frazier have a meeting set up to go forward on the dog park. That meeting is scheduled for August 30.

With regard to increasing the parking meter fees, Sandy has received some feedback from the merchants who are very concerned about the issue of raising the fees.

Deputy Mayor Brennan talked with Andrew Chanler whose kids went to summer rec and they loved it! The program was great, but there were some administrative glitches along the way.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben reported that there are 700 runners expected for the Oak Tree marathon to be held on September 2. Approximately 60% of the participants are from out of the County.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the RA event last Saturday was a great success and Larry Tetamore has pictures posted on the [www.geneseony.com](http://www.geneseony.com) website for all to see.

Trustee Wilcox also reported that there is a meeting scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4PM with Temple Hill Cemetery board members. The meeting will be held here at the Geneseo Building and the purpose will be to brainstorm problems and possible solutions.

#### 12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Following review by Trustee Gajewski, voucher numbers 189-288 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion Trustee Gajewski moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$104,499.95. 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 Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers in the amount of \$72,436.11. 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 Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$12,810.41. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion Trustee Gajewski moved to approve Highland Park project vouchers in the amount of \$724.52. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Gajewski moved to approve Infrastructure Improvement Project vouchers in the amount of \$211,160.91. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Gajewski moved to approve Community Development vouchers in the amount of \$205.92. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### 13. 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 6:43PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk