

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 2012

PRESENT:

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

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Becky McKeown-Genesee Sun
Howard Appell – Livingston County News

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the November 19, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Trustee Wilcox-Abstain. The motion carried.

2. DAVID PARISH – TOWN/VILLAGE HISTORIAN:

David thanked the Board for allowing him the time to speak. He engaged the Board in a matching game of history facts that included the 1972 Main Street fire, the date Mayor Hatheway started his first term of elected office, 1982, the date of the Historic District national designation, 1991 and the Genesee Millennium homecoming celebration at Highland Park in 2000.

Deputy Mayor Brennan entered the meeting

The 2012 winter edition of the Bear Facts was distributed to the Board that includes a list of recent donations of historic materials to the Genesee collection. Donations were received from Milne Library, Ellen Spink, Helen Stefano, Charles Lyons, Margaret Wallin, Shirley & Robert Waring, the DeCamp family, Aprile Mack and Deb Lund (local event posters are kept for the archives).

The Horatio Jones book is still for sale as are others. David will present a talk January 26 on Horatio at the Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center. The Court Street Community book has been very popular and Ellen's Kitchen has become popular again. Orders are being taken for a possible reprint of that book.

The 225th anniversary of the Town of Genesee will occur in 2014. Various groups will involve our history as part of their mission, David stated. The historian is interested in helping any organization or group in any commemoration or celebration.

In conclusion, David is trying to clear up the misconception because the Village Park, located at the corner of Main and South Streets (Route 20A), is frequently referred to as the Log Cabin Park. The park was there long before the log cabin arrived, David explained. An explanation of the naming of the park was distributed.

David thanked the Board for their attention and they thanked him for his contributions to keeping history alive in the community.

3. STREETScape PROGRESS:

Mayor Hatheway pointed out a recent picture in the B section of the Democrat & Chronicle of the Village streetscape during the fall festival.

A letter was received from Julie Marshall that SHPO has approved the historic district street sign portion of the project that APOG is spearheading.

Trustee Wilcox brought up the streetlights and comments he has heard about the style of the proposed new lights. Discussion followed. There will be around 25 new light poles placed across from each other along Main Street and RG&E is working on that project.

The Board discussed this year's holiday decorations consisting of new blue snowflake flags that have been placed on the streetlight poles and the four large snowflakes that have been placed on poles at the four corners of the fountain area. The traditional wreath has been hung over Main Street on the banner display line.

Deputy Mayor Brennan has explored the possibility of obtaining NYSERDA funding for the streetlights. They will forward a worksheet to begin the process of obtaining a funding credit for that project.

4. CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE:

A schedule of events was received from the merchants planning the event that will take place on Saturday, December 8th beginning at 3PM and culminating at 6PM with the ChristmaSing at the fountain. Events include merchant open houses, sleigh rides, Santa & Mrs. Claus, a live nativity, pictures with Santa, live music and hot cocoa and cookies. Mayor Hatheway has been asked to participate in lighting the tree in the Village Park.

The storefront windows on Main Street look nice with a common snowflake theme throughout. As usual, Clerk Deb Lund did an excellent job on the Geneseo Building window display.

5. COLLEGE/VILLAGE COMPACT CEREMONY:

The ceremony will be held this Wednesday at 11AM. Mayor Hatheway will be there as well as other Board members who are able to attend.

6. LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONNECTIVITY PROJECT:

Mayor Hatheway and Deputy Mayor Brennan attended the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on November 27th. That was followed by a public forum held at the Big Tree Inn. Trustee Duff as well as Mayor Hatheway attended. The project's goal is to look for increased connectivity especially in terms of increased pedestrian access. One location in Geneseo that needs a pedestrian crossing is at the Genesee Plaza intersection. In order to do that, however, there would need to be sidewalks that lead up to it as was learned when crossings were installed at the corner of Prospect and South and Reservoir Road and 20A. Discussion would need to take place between the Town and Village officials and landowners involved.

In terms of the County connectivity study, plans from 37 communities have been reviewed and used to gather data for our area. The next step will be to outline what can be done in the future.

An interesting fact gleaned was that the LATS bus ridership on the routes in Geneseo is almost more than the combined number of riders throughout the County. Geneseo is truly the hub of activity in the County.

7. APOG WALL PROJECT:

APOG has formed a steering committee for the ongoing project. Members include Mayor Hatheway and Trustee Gajewski. A meeting will be planned for sometime early in 2013 to see what the next stages of the project will be. It has taken on a life of its own, Mayor Hatheway commented.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Clerk Merrick forwarded an email request from the Lamron asking about any conflict between Main Street businesses, specifically with the street vendors that are appearing. Mayor Hatheway plans to respond.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Personnel: Mayor Hatheway asked Chief Osganian to provide an analysis of the impact of using part-time and full-time officers to fill the empty full-time spot on the force. The amount of overtime paid has been evident when the payroll is certified bi-weekly. Actually during the analysis it was determined that there has been a savings realized by not filling the 8th (officer) spot, largely by not providing health insurance.

Deputy Mayor Brennan acknowledged receipt of the Chief's monthly report of activity. Again, it has been quiet during the last few weeks.

Trustee Wilcox reported that the 1971 Mack fire truck has been repaired with a new diesel engine and will be back in service soon. The money spent will be a long term investment; the truck should be able to run for a good number of years ahead. The building façade project is complete except for the lettering and looks nice. The acquisition process for a new ambulance is underway. Chief Chanler asked about the Groveland Ambulance contract that will be prepared and sent to Supervisor Merrick. The cost for the contract this year is \$7,560 based on the cost to provide services that are not reimbursed by insurance companies.

Trustee Wilcox moved to approve membership for Jonathan Roodenburg, David Ripple, Matthew Hutchinson, and Matthew Creamer. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Wilcox moved to accept resignations from Fred Yates (to senior exempt status), Ravina Chawla, Haylee Adelman and Julie Montesano. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Leaf season was finished last Friday, the 30th. No snow yet!

Jason Frazier and Mayor Hatheway are going to meet with Angela Ellis, Ian Coyle and Don Higgins from the County and the State DOT folks as well as Larry Levey from the Town of Geneseo and David Woods to talk about connectivity between Millennium Drive and Veteran's Drive. The meeting will take place at 10AM on Thursday at the Town Offices.

On the water/wastewater side, the crew is performing routine maintenance, getting plows ready, and doing end of year inventory work. This Friday Trustee Gajewski and Mayor Hatheway will be meeting with Supt. McTarnaghan and Bill Davis to go over the quote from M.W. Controls for the computer work. That meeting will take place at 8AM at the water plant.

The facility sanitary survey was conducted on October 11, 2012 at the water plant by the Livingston County Department of Health. The review was conducted with the assistance of Supt. McTarnaghan. The letter states: *The survey of the water supply system ensured that there were no existing public health hazard violations at the time of the inspection. The condition and operation of the water system are in good working order. Mr. McTarnaghan and the other water operators do a fine job operating the system and preparing the required reports.* Improvements were listed as well as requirements, recommendations, and comments. The entire report including the DOH 4234 "Water System Field Compliance Report" is on file in the Clerk's office.

With regard to the Drains to Streams Program, Supt. Frazier has obtained 100 plates for the drop inlets. The plan would be to start on Court Street, then Wadsworth and then Main Street. The

plates will be affixed to the drop inlets to alert folks that whatever goes into the inlets ends up in the Genesee River.

Clerk Mack would like Board approval to process a refund for an account that has been overbilled. The meter was read erroneously and the bill was paid. Therefore the account (Genesee Country Apartments Account B2140) is due a refund in the amount of \$664.75. Trustee Wilcox moved to authorize Clerk Mack to issue the refund. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

11. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: A merchant suggested to Sandy that an invitation is extended to merchants to attend Village Board meetings a couple times per year to discuss issues and talk about future projects. The Board was supportive of that initiative.

Trustee Duff: The Board discussed the issue of folks not picking up after their dogs while walking in the Village.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben reported that the covers will be placed over the meters by the Main Street intern in time for the parking meter holidays beginning the 17th.

Louise Wadsworth mentioned again that there are bus shelters waiting for a community to put them to good use; discussion followed.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob explained the tourism budget in greater detail following the presentation at the last meeting that indicated that there might be a deficit in 2013. Bob is quite sure there will be no shortfalls in the budget.

Trustee Wilcox is the co-chair of the HCCC and reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday at 2PM. The committee is looking at alternative ways to correct offenders other than community service and fines.

12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick continues to catch up on the bookkeeping and is in the process of sending out a request for proposals for an audit of the Village finances.

13. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Duff moved and Trustee Wilcox 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 6:38PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk