

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 25, 2013

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Becky McKeown – Genesee Sun

Jay Phillips

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the January 28, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Deputy Mayor Brennan-Abstain.

The minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Wilcox-Abstain.

Trustee Duff entered the meeting.

2. JAY PHILLIPS – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOAN:

A letter was sent from Stu Brown's office to Mr. Phillips at the beginning of February stating that the Village released \$17,289.28 in Business Development Loan funds for Papa Jay's Restaurant that was located in the Village of Genesee until last November. In November, the Village Board agreed to give Mr. Phillips ninety days to find a new location in Genesee. In exchange, Mr. Phillips was to pay \$100 per month on the loan during that timeframe.

Jay came before the Board to explain what has transpired since that meeting in November. He explained that the restaurant opened up on Main Street in Mt. Morris. Greg O'Connell, owner of the building did the build out of the space for Jay and offered lower fixed costs than could be obtained in Genesee. The seating capacity is smaller but there is potential to grow into a larger space. Jay explained that they have had reasonable startup costs involved with the transition to that locale.

Specifically for business in the Village of Genesee, Jay explained that he has two trailers, one stays at the restaurant to cook and the other trailer is a mobile unit used for catering which is currently under repair but will be operational soon. In December one of Mary Mohan's business classes took the restaurant business under their wing and are looking at better marketing and scope. One of the things that came out of the class was to find out that students will come over to Mt. Morris to frequent the business but they want a Papa Jay's presence in Genesee.

Jay had looked into purchasing a restaurant on Main Street but found out it just wasn't right at the time. The food cart would be an alternative for that Genesee presence.

Financially Jay explained that he didn't make the payments as promised because he couldn't. During October, November and December of last year he faced his biggest financial challenge of his life and was forced into selling personal property and obtaining family help to get through that period. He realizes that there could be ramifications of that as far as his loan with the Village.

Mayor Hatheway explained that the purpose of a business development loan is to help Geneseo businesses. The Village could call the loan, but at this point it will not do anybody any good. The Board would like a good faith payment of some kind to make them feel that loaning the money was a good decision. Jay stated that there are some catering calls coming in that would allow him to do just that. Catering jobs have a better profit margin than the restaurant.

Trustee Gajewski's concern is that money should fund businesses in Geneseo. Perhaps a food cart would suffice if it was a permanent fixture, but maybe not if it is only in operation a couple days a week. In any event, no additional funding would be allowed and the goal now is to repay the loan.

Jay explained that he just doesn't have the money. He works 80 hours a week at about \$1.25 an hour. He hopes that in the future, the Board can look back on the venture and be glad that the money was loaned. He stated that he is serving folks in the County as a whole and helping to make the area a destination. His goal is to not walk away, and hopes to have the loan paid in full one day and added that he has every intention of fulfilling his goals as stated last November. At that point he paid \$50 on the loan and the Board was appreciative of that effort. In conclusion Jay plans to make regular payments and will check back in with the Board in a month.

3. WATER TANK PROJECT UPDATE:

Last week there was a meeting with engineers, that included Steve McTarnaghan, Jason Frazier and Fire Chief Andrew Chanler, Mayor Hatheway reported. The project will pose a risky situation for two months this summer while the tank will be empty for reconstruction. The pumps will be pumping water from the Treatment Plant constantly on a rotating basis. Most of the water pumped will be used, but some will need to be blown off to maintain acceptable pressure in the system, through hydrants set up for that purpose. The risky element is that there will not be enough pressure through the system for fire flow; in the event of a major fire, water would need to be brought in from Hampton Corners, the lake or other reservoirs (ponds, etc.). The town tank will provide some relief but can only provide about a quarter of what the Village distributes during any given day. A couple of portable tanks will be leased and set up beside the tank to be used as temporary reservoirs.

Unsatisfactory as it might be, it comes down to a question of either doing the project to satisfy health concerns, or not. The only other alternative is to build a new tank for >\$1 million dollars, which is simply not feasible. The present tank with a capacity of three million gallons will have to be emptied two times during the project. The first time will be a slow drawdown and the water will be used in the system. The second time will be following construction and preliminary chlorination; whether it needs to get filled to capacity or not before it gets drained is an open question at this point, but this water cannot be used in the system. Trustee Gajewski asked if the County supplemental supply system could provide any help during the project; the response was that no matter what the source, the main distribution system is still through the tank.

Mayor Hatheway said there will be a meeting with those affected (Towns of Geneseo and York, College, Central School, etc) as well as a public information meeting once all the details are worked out. There is an emergency preparedness plan in place and perhaps water restrictions will also be put in place during the process.

4. STREETSCAPE:

Deputy Mayor Brennan stated that there was a meeting of the Streetscape Committee this past week. The only member unable to attend was Dave Matthews, who provided his comments. The committee reviewed all of the information with regard to the project and sends a recommendation to the Board. That would be to use the circular poles already purchased for the new streetlights as well as the forty inch (tall) base that can be placed around the poles. Dave Matthews would prefer that we not go with the RG&E light fixture; the problem is an ongoing maintenance issue in that RG&E does not

service and take care of fixtures other than their own. It would not be cost effective or even possible for the Village crews to service the lights. Also, the proposed lights are not promoted as dark sky compliant; however, there is a cap available that will allow them to be more nearly close to dark sky compliant. Jason Frazier said that RG&E has done all the preliminary work and they will put in all of the new lights before taking out the old lights.

Following discussion, Trustee Wilcox moved that the Village Board accept the recommendation of the committee to install the 16 foot high poles with a traditional lantern top and that we purchase the bases as we can starting with four in this year's budget including any funding available from the Main Street Grant program. Also, that benches and planters are purchased as can be included in the grant funding. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

With regard to benches, there has been a request to put benches around other places in the Village, Deputy Mayor Brennan stated. When Jason has the time, the Board was supportive of benches being placed at the watering trough on Center Street and perhaps in front of St. Mary's Church near the Civil War monument. Jason and the crew have been recycling pieces of Fort DeBadts (previously in Highland Park) into park benches.

Trustee Gajewski said that the APOG street signs are done and are ready for installation. The old signs will be auctioned off and funds will be used for some Village project. Partial funding for the project came from the Main Street Grant Program in the amount of \$1000. APOG has raised the balance.

5. GENESEO BUILDING UPDATE:

Mayor Hatheway stated that there is not much to report at this point. The next meeting will be a pre-construction meeting to be held on March 7th. Jon Norris continues to cover all the bases in terms of planning all aspects of the project.

6. MOHAN'S CLASS PROJECT:

Mayor Hatheway and Deputy Mayor Brennan met with Mary Mohan at the College to determine if her classes might be interested in a project to consider ways to brand Geneseo. Branding has to do with making a name for yourself. Some ideas that were discussed included changing the logo of the Village and changing the letterhead logo that has been in place since 1986. One thought is to use the logo that appears on the new Geneseo brochure, and to take the next steps in making Geneseo unique. Discussion followed. Mary Mohan's class will be able to help with this during the latter part of this semester. Exciting!

7. SUMMER RECREATION PROPOSAL:

A proposal came on Friday afternoon and was distributed via email to the Board members. It is very similar to last year's proposal, \$30,000 for the summer recreation program and another \$10,000 for swimming. The Board will discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

8. FIVE MAIN STREET SITUATION:

Two trees in front of the Boldt House were taken down by the property owner. Jason related that the owner asked about taking the larger one down and was given permission to do so because it was adversely affecting the structure and the sidewalk. On Friday he had taken a second tree down, for which he did not have permission. It seems that a bill should be sent for replacement of that illegally removed tree, which is a violation of Village Code. The Board reviewed and agreed to a draft letter that will be sent along with an invoice for \$621.66.

9. TEMPLE HILL ACRES WATER MAIN REPAIR:

During a recent water main repair on Temple Hill Acres, some landscaping was damaged when the boulevard area was excavated. The homeowner filed a claim against the Village; the claim was denied on the basis of the items being planted in the Village right of way. It was unfortunate and perhaps some sort of remediation of the area can take place this spring.

During the same repair, a gas main was damaged and a claim has been submitted for that by RG&E. There will be an invoice coming for that repair.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Parish Outreach Center walk will take place on April 13th. Walkers will be using the sidewalks.

A first ever event in the Village will take place in the new dog park at Highland Park. A birthday party for guide dogs Stanley and Susie will take place on Saturday, March 9 from 1-3PM. The event organizers will also be using the Depot for the party.

Sherry Leung representing Alpha Phi Omega invites volunteers for the 2nd Annual Mobile Food Pantry event at the Interfaith Center on April 7th.

11. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Livingston County Chamber of Commerce has a new President and CEO by the name of Laura Lane. Most recently Laura served in that capacity in Wyoming County.

Supervisor Wadsworth responded to a recent complaint about the number of handicap parking places in the community. The local businesses are in compliance.

Main Streets Go Blue: Trustee Duff has taken brochures and materials around to the businesses. Penny Dunn said that all the Banks of Castile around the County are participating in the campaign. Livingston County is the first one in the State to have all the Villages participating. Many events are planned during the month of March.

The semi-annual meeting with College officials will take place on Wednesday. Several topics were discussed and will be brought up during the morning meeting including the many projects taking place in the Village.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian keeps the Board well apprised and there was nothing more to add. Trustee Gajewski mentioned later in the meeting that he plans to “ride along” with the PD on a shift this coming weekend.

Trustees Gajewski and Wilcox attended the annual Fire Department banquet. Also in attendance was a large contingent of college students, serving as a reminder for everyone how important they are to the level of service that is provided by the Department. Chief Chanler received his 25 year pin and Second Assistant Chief Steve Zabrocki received a 40 year pin. It was noted that long time members Bill Roodenburg and Doug Mills were in attendance as well.

13. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Gajewski reported for Supt. McTarnaghan that four bids were received and opened for materials for the water tank project. A recommendation will be coming from MRB for action at the next meeting. There have been water issues at Geneseo Central School although the new meter has been installed and is working. The new master meters reveal that larger amounts of water are being used by both the Central School and the College than was known previously.

Steve received an email from MRB saying that DEC is in the process of drafting new regulations on phosphorous removal at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant might need modifications in order to handle the new regulations.

Steve and the crew continue to replace water meters and attend workshops in order to keep their licenses current. Along with that, there was recently a water main break on Haley Avenue to repair.

14. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy and Clerk Mack have been working on the dog park brochure. They have been using the information from the sign installed at the park. The brochure has been drafted and now will be reviewed, finalized and then printed for distribution.

Deputy Mayor Brennan also stated that the decorations committee met this past week and they are still enthusiastic, ordering four additional blue snowflake banners (flags) to be in the downtown area. They are looking into the possibility of having banner flags for other times of the year. No final decision yet on the design.

Trustee Duff: Margaret stated that she continues to receive good comments on Highland Park every time she goes out including the dog park and other amenities.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben wanted to thank the Fire Department for the invitation to the banquet and the service that they do.

Ben reported that the APOG steering committee will meet soon to discuss the next phase of the wall project. Also the farmer's market committee has met and is looking at this season. The plan is to keep the market on Thursday from 3-6:30PM but close Center Street from 2-7PM on those days. Market season will run from June 20 thru October 17 which translates into a seventeen week season with one week off, July 4th which falls on a Thursday this year. The committee would like permission to do this and they will coordinate with Jason Frazier and Chief Osganian on the logistics. The Board was supportive and looks forward to this year's season.

Trustee Wilcox: The Healthy Campus Coalition is looking into giving positive awards for folks that do good things in the community. There is a lot of good that happens and it should be rewarded. As for the Tourism committee, the new brochure is very well received. The committee is working on new rack cards for this year that will include information on events and a map. The popular bookmark format has been well received in the past. An unfortunate turn of events has occurred in that the Empire State Games will not be held in Geneseo this summer as was originally planned.

15. CLERK/TREASURER:

Following review by Mayor Hatheway, voucher numbers 758-853 (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 for \$105,529.63. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers for \$59,347.21. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-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 for \$12,692.83. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Trustee Wilcox moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to approve a HR12-Geneseo Building Project voucher for \$76.24. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor

Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-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 HR18-Water System Improvement Project vouchers for \$4,114.49. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

16. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Gajewski 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 7:30PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk