

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 3, 2013

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Maddy Smith                      Josh Williams

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM.

2. MADDY SMITH – SUNY AMBASSADOR FOR LOCAL FOODS PROGRAM:

Maddy Smith introduced herself to the Board. She is pursuing a self-directed project at SUNY Geneseo, where she was awarded an ambassadorship to develop a local foods program for the school and the community. She plans to work with CAS and the Farmer's Market to provide students with alternative food choices.

Part of the program will be a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program for the off-campus students. The students will pay \$200 for the ten week program whereby they will receive a box of locally grown produce enough for two people on a weekly basis. This will be in conjunction with the Good Food Collective, which is Rochester based.

Over the summer, Maddy plans to work with the farmer's market to increase student participation in the market and helping them to use the market for their groceries rather than just getting supplemental food like a cupcake or treat. She is also working to set up a series of events including cooking classes at the Big Tree Inn and a community potluck dinner. She plans to use the farmer's market and other social media to let folks know about the events.

Mayor Hatheway introduced the Board members to Maddy and outlined the connection Board members have to the College and the Market. Following discussion Maddy thanked the Board for their interest and they thanked her and wished her well with the project.

3. WATER PROJECT UPDATE:

Mayor Hatheway and Trustee Gajewski talked to Steve McTarnaghan today and the project is running smoothly. Following the construction phase, and a report that the concrete strength test passed, the tank has been cleaned, chlorinated and refilled. Two water samples are required to be taken on consecutive days; one is due to come back tomorrow afternoon and the other will come back Wednesday afternoon. If those tests indicate no bacteria in the water the tank will be put back on line. Everything to do with this project has gone exceptionally well, the best case scenario having been achieved from its beginning in late May through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are well ahead of the initially projected schedule.

The Board would like to hold some sort of recognition celebration for the DPW crew. Dates have been tossed around and plans are still being developed.

#### 4. GENESEO BUILDING UPDATE:

Jon Norris met with the contractors again last week. Installation will not start until the second week of July, Mayor Hatheway reported, with masonry restoration not beginning until the end of July. The project is still slated to be finished up in September. There is a ten week lag time between the window order and when they are built and ready for installation.

The windows they showed us on Thursday are now available with a pre-finished interior with stained fir strips. The pre stained windows will cost approximately \$7-8,000 additional. We will need to check with Jason Frazier to see if we want to spend the extra money to have them pre-stained. The alternative is to stain them ourselves, which involves hiring a worker to do that.

During the meeting, there was a long discussion about enclosing the bases of the pillars. Enclosing the bases means that an additional 4" of bluestone will extend out from the edges of the pillars and then a slab will be placed on top. Jason didn't like losing 4" of sidewalk at the front of the pillar. The decision was made to fabricate a 1" piece instead of a 4" piece on the front only to achieve the same purpose. Highland Masonry will be doing the work.

#### 5. GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported further on the grant opportunity posed by NYS DOT under the Transportation Enhancement Program. Eligible projects must fall into one or more categories and Sandy feels that a path along the Wadsworth wall would fit into the first category, *Provision of facilities for bicycles and pedestrians* and under the third category, *Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)*.

However, the first hurdle is that grants can not be awarded for private property; the area must have public use. In order to qualify the Village would have to obtain an easement or some other access to the 'inside' of the wall..

Sandy said that they have a couple of ideas for projects and they would need to talk with Kurt Cylke, currently working on the wall project, and perhaps Bernie Thoma, the County grants writer to decide what to do. In the meantime, Sandy stated that she and Trustee Wilcox are ready to move forward. The Board was supportive of pursuing the grant opportunity.

Also with regard to the Wall project, the first session was Saturday and there was a good turnout. At the corner of Second and South the property owners were cutting trees and wanted to dump the woodchips nearby. After finding out if it was okay, they had the mulch dumped in a couple of spots near the wall to be used on the back side for weed control as they clear out the brush.

#### 6. LT. GOVERNOR DUFFY'S VISIT:

Last Thursday Lt. Governor Duffy visited the SUNY Campus *to recruit and partner with businesses that would locate in tax-free zones on New York campuses. Legislative approval would be needed to allow new businesses to settle on or near public colleges and some private universities and pay no taxes for ten years.* (Jessica Bakeman, Rochester D& C article, 6-4-2013) Mayor Hatheway attended the discussion and stated that the Governor's plan was preliminary and has not gone to the legislature yet. There are three million acres of tax-free zones in New York State. It would be a matter of establishing start-up companies that would pay no property taxes, no sales tax and no State income taxes. The issue is that companies that exist already might get hurt by this as they are not afforded the same tax advantages and thus have to charge customers more for their product. The Legislature closes on June 20<sup>th</sup> and the Governor's office is hopeful that action will take place in the near future.

7. DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE PROJECTS:

Trustee Gajewski said that he is interested in pursuing the wall art, specifically looking at public murals in the alleyways. A test scenario could be for a farmer's market mural at the Nothnagle building location.

Trustee Duff is interested in pursuing a stroll/walking tour of the Village with questions/answers on local history. Margaret also liked the idea of pursuing exercise stations at the park and the community garden concept.

Trustee Wilcox would like to see the electric candlesticks throughout Main Street at holiday time.

Mayor Hatheway said there are some good ideas to pursue and he wondered about the feasibility of turning the entranceway to the municipal parking lot adjacent to the Hick's building into a *pedestrians only* passageway.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

The new Livingston County directory was received and distributed.

Rural Preservation Council grants: notification has been received of a grant program for home restoration sponsored by the Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Council. Grant funding is available for emergency repairs to owner occupied elderly households.

A variance request has been received by the Zoning Board of Appeals for permission to erect a free standing sign at the Homestead. A public hearing is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian submitted his monthly report to the Board members. One item of interest involved a dog left alone in car at the Wal-mart parking lot. There were a lot of entities involved and the officers handling the call were given kudos for the swift action and resolution of the situation.

Sheriff York wrote a letter explaining the STOP DWI funding for this year. Thanks to the efforts of Chief Osganian's officers the Village will receive \$12,039.60 representing 31.7% of the total County share for their DWI arrests.

Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to adopt the following resolution: **RESOLVED:** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Geneseo hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the purchase of a police vehicle and related equipment. Such expenditures will be from the General Fund Equipment Reserve. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Wilcox stated that the Fire Department looked sharp on Memorial Day for the parade.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

The DPW crew has been working on brush pickup today.

11. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy received an email from Arleen Somerville questioning if we had direct contact with the Geneseo Merchants group. The question was about benches along Main Street. Funding for any additional items will have to wait until after the streetlight project is completed. Discussion followed with regard to the merchants association. The consensus was to get the merchants together in two weeks and talk with them about the Main Street project and any other topics. Dick will prepare a flyer for the Board to look at as a means of inviting the merchants to the meeting on June 17th.

The Concerts In the Park are beginning on June 21<sup>st</sup> with EZ Money. The food provider is Shilo Café. Shilo will provide their bathrooms for concert goers and the Geneseo Building will be open as in previous years.

Trustee Duff: Margaret had a question about benches too. The question concerned whether or not the benches that are on Main Street now are going to be removed, and the answer was no.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben stated that the Farmer's Market committee had their initial vendor meeting and wondered about parking enforcement on Thursday between 2PM and 7PM. Mayor Hatheway stated that the meters can be monitored and that shouldn't be a problem. Ben added that the committee would like to inquire about buying some aluminum street signs to say "No Parking Thursdays 12 – 6 pm" clamped to the ten meters affected.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob noted that the Temple Hill Cemetery sign has been erected on South Street. Considering where the Temple Hill Trustees were a year ago, the group has come a long way and helped themselves wonderfully and were able to do that. APOG helped with the sign as well. Bob Freiburger designed the sign and it is a nice addition to the cemetery.

The Healthy Campus Coalition has taken a sabbatical for the summer. Bracelets have been designed and passed out to students who make a difference in the community. The group hopes that when the examples are shown of students who make a difference, others will follow suit.

The Tourism Committee is hosting the Orientation Advisor event this Saturday. 105 Resident Advisors will have their event in August. Tourism ads have been placed in the Letchworth flyer and 5,000 rack cards have been distributed. Bob also mentioned that everyone should check out the [www.geneseony.com](http://www.geneseony.com) website. The layout and photography on the site are just fantastic.

#### 12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick wished everyone a Happy New Fiscal Year!!! Work will continue on finishing up the old year's business and getting the new one rolling along.

#### 13. OLD BUSINESS:

The second public meeting of the Transportation Connectivity Plan is scheduled for Thursday evening, June 6 at 6:30PM – 8:30PM here at the Geneseo Building. The open forum meeting will give folks an opportunity to review the transportation needs assessment, ask questions and provide comments.

#### 14. 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 6:30PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk