

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 5, 2013

PRESENT:

Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor
Margaret Duff, Trustee
Benjamin Gajewski, Trustee
Bob Wilcox, Trustee
Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Troop 70 Boy Scouts Matt Kreher and John Rutigliano
Howard Appell

1. MEETING OPENED:

Deputy Mayor Brennan opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the July 15, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, and Trustee Wilcox-Aye.

2. GENESEO BUILDING FAQ SHEET AND UPDATE:

Mayor Hatheway put together a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet for the Geneseo Building Project. Rather than inserting the sheet with the water and sewer billing that went out August 1st, it is made available on the front counter for anyone who has questions about the project. Prior to making the sheet available to the public, the Board members had a chance to review and comment.

3. TEP GRANT RESOLUTION:

The Board received a draft resolution for the Transportation Enhancement Grant application. Bernie Thoma's office and MRB are working on the application for funding to construct a sidewalk along the south side of Route 20A from the Main Street area to the Wegman's Plaza. The draft resolution does not include a project amount. However the minimum project amount is \$200,000 of which the Village would be responsible for matching 20% in kind or cash. The Board was comfortable in realizing that the project will cost at least the minimum, but was not comfortable with approving a "blank check" should the project come in at a much higher amount.

Trustee Duff entered the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Brennan stated that if the Board is comfortable with the overall project and can approve the resolution, the amount can be communicated via email as soon as it is known. (The application deadline is August 16 and the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 19.) Following discussion Trustee Wilcox moved to adopt the following resolution with the stipulation that the project amount will be communicated to the Board members before the final resolution is submitted for the application even if a special meeting should need to be called for that purpose:

RESOLVED: that Richard Hatheway, as Mayor of the Village of Geneseo, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation Enhancements Program, in an amount not to exceed \$_____, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for financial assistance to the Village of Geneseo for the Route 20A Project and to provide the required 20% match in-kind or in cash.

Trustee Duff seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, and Trustee Wilcox-Aye. It was noted that there is \$2 million available for the entire region and any amount that the Village could obtain would be helpful as the project might be cost prohibitive without grant funding.

4. LIVINGSTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RESOLUTION:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that the Riviera Theater group is progressing toward renovation. Don Livingston and Tim Sullivan are applying for a \$150,000 New York Main Street Grant through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). If funding is approved, it will make this project an anchor for the next Main Street Grant program. Following Board review, Trustee Duff moved to pass the following: Resolution by the Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees approving and endorsing Livingston Development Corporation in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street Program.

WHEREAS, the Livingston Development Corporation desires to apply for \$150,000 in financial assistance through the 2013 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings in the Downtown Revitalization District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Geneseo approves and endorses the 2013 New York Main Street application for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Livingston Development Corporation. Motion seconded by Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye and Trustee Wilcox-Aye.

5. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – KELLY’S SALOON:

An application for renewal of the liquor license for Kelly’s Saloon was received by Clerk Merrick. Notification for renewal of the liquor licenses within Village limits is a requirement and routine.

6. REQUESTS:

- Oak Street Block party: Request from Beth Feuerstein to close the west end of Oak Street for the annual party on Monday, August 19th from 5-9:30PM. The Board was supportive as long as the PD and FD are notified.
- Garden Club: the Geneseo Garden Club requests use of the Log Cabin for their dried flower arrangements on Monday mornings from August until mid-October. They will pick up the work areas realizing that many other groups use the cabin as well. The Board was supportive and gave approval.
- Tourism Committee RA event: Arleen Somerville representing the Tourism Committee requests use the Village Park on Saturday, August 17 for the final portion of the events for resident assistants. They are planning for 125 RA’s who will visit the Village shops from 1-4 PM on that day. A picnic will take place afterward with food supplied by the Main Street restaurants. A large tent will be erected for the event. The Board was supportive and gave approval.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Notices were published and distributed about flushing hydrants around the Village. Flushing took place from July 21 through July 26.

A letter was received from the Conesus Lake Watershed Council, Jennifer Rodriguez and Angela Ellis, that the 2014 budget has been proposed. The total cost share for the Village of Geneseo is \$24,349.60 which includes \$19,461.47 for the Inspection Program and \$4,888.13 for the Watershed Manager. The Council will review the proposed budget at their August 9th meeting. The total cost increase for the Village share of the program amounts to \$610.61 or 2.6% overall. It was noted that the Village of Geneseo pays the most toward the program, with the Town of Livonia and the Village of Avon following closely behind with \$22,125.18 and \$22,538.92 respectively. Livingston County pays \$21,067.14. All of these amounts are according to the proposed 2014 budget.

Final payment was received for the Highland Park Project in the amount of \$66,293.64. This completes the project whose scope included purchasing additional land and increasing the area of the park, purchasing new equipment, building a perimeter park trail and building a new pavilion.

Notification was received from New York State Electric and Gas that during a recent replacement of a non-functional light at Ivy Lane, they discovered that poles #2 and #3 were being billed incorrectly since October 5, 2012. They will be refunding \$110.70 including \$8.01 in interest on the August bill.

Notification has been received from the USEPA, DEC and the NY Sea Grant that they will be holding two forums in August to discuss environmental issues affecting Lake Ontario. Anyone interested in the Lake Ontario ecosystem is invited. The closest session will be held August 15 in Rochester.

A letter was received from Campus Auxiliary Services Mark Scott stating that they will not be taking advantage of the \$4,000 Main Street grant funding. They plan to continue work on the building which serves as a beacon in the community. However, the additional administrative and project cost using the Main Street funds make the grant a project inhibitor. The funds must be used quickly as the grant cycle ends December 31.

The Board noted the nice article about Ben Gajewski in a recent edition of the Geneseo Scene magazine.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Wilcox moved to approve one new member to the Geneseo Fire Department, Nicholas Visalli. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chief Osganian distributed the activity report for July to the Board members. Deputy Mayor Brennan noted the stats contained within the report: there were 534 calls for service during the month. Year to date total is 5,839 up from 5,447 last year at this time. There were 8 motor vehicle accidents and 187 traffic citations issued during the month. There were 25 arrests including 2 for driving while intoxicated.

The Department won first place in the National Law Enforcement Challenge. They have placed second and third in the past few years, but never the top spot nationally. The competition examines the efforts of a law enforcement agency to address motor vehicle crashes and underage drinking issues. The competition is broken up into parts and the application is graded on how well the efforts are articulated for each part. It takes Chief Osganian two months to complete the application. Well done!!

9. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Gajewski reported for Supt. McTarnaghan that they have been flushing hydrants and that annual procedure went well. They have done stakeouts for underground digging and inspections

of buildings as they are being constructed including a new house on Second Street and the new McDonald's restaurant. The upgrades to the water plant computer system will be happening soon. An early test of THM's and HHA's (Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids-both byproducts of drinking water chlorination) came in, and the results were higher than expected. However, testing is not usually done in July so they cannot be compared to other readings. They will be taking the annual sample in the fall.

A meeting was held to discuss upcoming projects. Trustees Gajewski and Duff met with Superintendents Frazier and McTarnaghan. Supt. McTarnaghan had some large projects in mind including machines and pumps that will need replacement at both the water and wastewater treatment facilities. A capital project plan had been compiled that includes facility projects as well as infrastructure. That plan will be updated and presented each year during the budget process.

Steve did want to go ahead and have MRB do the engineering for the Main Street project that will encompass replacement of the remaining water and sewer lines that were started during the Infrastructure Improvement project just completed this past spring. The Board would like MRB to provide a cost estimate proposal for that engineering and it can be considered at an upcoming meeting.

Another issue is the remaining master meters that will need to be installed. Trustee Gajewski will get some definite cost estimates from Supt. McTarnaghan for the first two projects on the master meter list and the topic can be put on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.

Trustee Gajewski moved that 62 street signs replaced by the new APOG Historic District signs be declared surplus to the Village needs so that they can be sold. Trustee Duff seconded the motion. The signs will be given to APOG and the money will be used toward the sign project and other streetscape items that can be purchased with leftover funds. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Trustee Gajewski-Abstain.

New benches have been placed on Main Street and the older ones have been placed by the monument at St. Mary's. There is also a new bike rack in front of the bike shop at the corner of Main and Center.

10. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy met with code enforcement officers a week ago. It was unfortunate that Supervisor Wadsworth was unable to join them. The Code meetings are very useful and the officers are busy with rental housing, fire inspections and new construction.

Trustee Duff: Margaret noted that one new lamppost in front of Aunt Cookies has a tilted light fixture. The crew is still working on installing the lights so that will be rectified.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben stated that the Village email addresses are ready but they need to be set up individually by the Board members.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the Tourism committee will meet next Friday and they are preparing for the RA event on August 17th.

11. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick continues to work on the Annual Update Document for fiscal year 2012-13. She is required to file the report electronically to the State Comptroller by August 31.

12. 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, and Trustee Wilcox-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:13PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk