

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 9, 2013

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Louise Wadsworth
Genesee Sun reporter intern, Mary Linden
Maddy Smith
Bob Davis

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM.

2. GENESEO MERCHANTS – PLANS FOR AUTUMN FESTIVAL:

Bob Davis (Geneseo Computers), representing the downtown merchants, asked to close Center Street on Saturday October 26, from 8am until 6pm for the Autumn Festival. The organizers have outside vendors coming in as well as merchants participating in the events. SUNY Geneseo will be holding Parent's Weekend also. A featured event this year will be a "hay" ride with a docent aboard to talk about local historical sites.

It was mentioned that last year there was some lack of control as vendors were blocking the sidewalk. The merchants will take care of that. Wine and beer tasting during the event had been a concern last year. Louise Wadsworth stated that the vendors will operate much the same as they do during the Farmer's Market. Insurance certificates will be collected and it is hoped that the proprietors of the Idle Hour will host the beer tasting.

It was suggested that the businesses are made aware of the event, especially the ones on Center Street. The organizers will make an effort to make sure that access is open to each of the businesses and feel confident that the festival will bring shoppers downtown. The Alzheimer's Walk is also taking place that day.

The Board was supportive of the event and gave permission for the street to be closed. The Police, Fire and DPW departments will be apprised so that the barricades can go up on the day of the event. Bob and Louise thanked the Board for their consideration.

3. MADDY SMITH – GENESEO AMBASSADOR:

Maddy gave an update on direct market agriculture and how it can be used to provide locally grown produce to participants. The Good Food Collective is a way to purchase local produce. There is a ten week program costing \$240 that will supply local produce to a drop off site in the Village. So far 150 people have signed up and Maddy's goal is for 300 participants.

Maddy is also hoping to host a Harvest Dinner on September 21 at the Hartford House, 17 Avon Road. The Geneseo String Band will be providing live music from 5:30 until 7PM.

4. GENESEO BUILDING:

A construction meeting was held on August 22 and the project started right after that. The scaffolding has been erected on the south side of the building. The masonry work has begun and the contractors have been sawing out the bad bricks and replacing some of the silt stone sills.

The abatement crew was here and their trailer is gone so that work has been completed. The scaffolding will remain up for the window people. Crews will be using the bucket lift to work on the front and back of the building. Painting might start this week, and window installation is scheduled for the beginning of October. The work on the column bases in front of the building will start in a couple of weeks.

All involved seemed pleased that things were finally starting to move along with the project.

5. ASSOCIATION MEETING PLANS:

The next meeting of the Association will be hosted by Geneseo and held September 18 at the County Museum. Clerk Mack did a superb job on the flyer for the meeting and Mayor Hatheway will be speaking with Anna Kowalchuk, Museum Administrator, about the program details.

6. SAVE THE WALL UPDATE:

Work has progressed almost past Second Street. The Save the Wall group has raised \$9,500 in cash and so far volunteer hours number 634 this year. At a rate of \$10/hour, that would amount to over \$6,000 in labor. Total fundraising (including labor) for the project thus far amounts to \$29,000. The crews (more in number now that the students are back) will work until mid October.

Mary Mohan's class will be helping to plan fund raising events and marketing of the project next year.

7. MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS:

- Environmental Management Council workshop on energy efficiency in older buildings
- Bicycle and walking path code management – RBH has information
- Ground breaking for the Hammocks (a brand new resort-style apartment community) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30AM. The project is located at 100 Volunteer Road in the Town of Geneseo.
- College: A reception for outgoing SUNY President Chris Dahl is scheduled for late Thursday afternoon, September 26.
- College/Village breakfast meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 8AM at the Big Tree, hosted by the College
- Finger Lakes Pioneer Library System: A dinner will be held at the Valley Oak Event Center on Wednesday, October 9th
- Genesee Regional Planning Council: the fall workshop is scheduled for Friday, November 15 in Batavia.

8. NOISE PERMIT:

Maddy Smith applied for a noise permit for a Harvest Dinner to be held at 17 Avon Road, Hartford House, on September 21. The Geneseo String Band will be playing from 5:30-7PM that evening. Property owner Corrin Strong has given approval for the event. Chief Osganian has no objection and the Board was supportive and gave approval to Maddy.

9. GROVELAND AMBULANCE:

Supervisor Merrick requested ambulance contract information for the 2014 Town budget. Chief Chanler supplied information as to the number of calls to Groveland over the past year (August 1, 2012 thru July 31, 2013). There were 111 calls for service to the Town involving 61 hospital transports. Of the remaining 50 calls, seven were cancelled and the rest did not result in a patient transport. Using the calculation of \$168 per call, payment for those 43 unreimbursed calls would amount to \$7,224 for 2014. That amount is just under the 2013 amount of \$7,560.

10. SEWER GRIEVANCE DAY:

The annual re-calculation of sewer units for commercial properties has been done by Utility Billing specialist Clerk Mack. The letters have gone out to property owners affected by the adjustments. The opportunity for the owners to negotiate the adjustments with the Board has been set for September 30 from 4-5:30PM.

11. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Speaking of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Utility Billing Specialist and Planning Board Secretary (and on-site technical specialist) Mack, she has been accepted into the Leadership Livingston Program for the upcoming year. The program runs from October to May. Kudos to Aprile for being accepted and for taking the initiative to learn more about Livingston County from a leadership perspective!

Another group at the College was in touch with Louise Wadsworth and David Woods through Jennifer Rogalsky for projects involving her urban planning class. One idea would be to identify walking and biking paths around the Village, another might be to develop a master plan for continued improvements at Highland Park.

Deputy Mayor Brennan entered the meeting.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian's monthly report was distributed to the Board members for their review.

Trustee Wilcox moved to approve FD membership to the following: Paul Flickner, Richard Chen, and Lori Bush-Siracusa. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Wilcox moved to accept resignations from the following members of the FD: Nick Peterson, Jonathan Sykes, David Harrel, Nicholynn Harrel, Christopher Topping, Cynthia Nguyen, and Paige Wesolowski. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

13. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. Frazier sent the following report:

1. Crew has been working on sidewalk replacement, some new and usual replacement around the Village.
2. We had a surprise when we started to take out the sidewalk at 60-62 Main St. There are two rooms in the basement that went out into the sidewalk. I called in our engineer to design what needed to be done to repair the ceiling and hold the sidewalk up. With a very quick response from MRB, we repaired with steel decking and poured the new sidewalk. The owner agreed to pay for all the extra material for the installation of the ceiling/sidewalk.
3. Road side mowing and perimeter sewer mowing going on the last round, usually we knock the grass down twice a year.
4. SUNY crews painted the meter posts this past weekend.
5. Dukes Root Control was here last week and foamed our sewers that were next on our maintenance list for the year.
6. Village Building exterior work is in full swing with abatement and brick repair.
7. Sewer flushing is completed for the year.

Trustee Gajewski reported for Supt. McTarnaghan the following items:

- The water/sewer crews have been replacing water meters.
- The annual water plant inspection was performed today by the Health Department.
- Steve met with Bill Davis to discuss the Main Street project.
- The meter for the White Devon water line in the Town has been ordered.

- Steve met with David Rowley from the State Health Department and Cathy Higgins from the County Health Department about the water project.
- Parts are starting to come in for the water plant upgrade, the last phase of the Water Improvement Project.
- Steve will be having surgery on his arm (elbow tendon) and will know further details soon.

14. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Clerk Mack forwarded a sign grant request for Stage Coach Florist. The Board discussed the project that has been given approval of the building owner and the Planning Board. The total cost of the sign is \$1,475 and Arlene Webb, proprietor, is requesting a grant of \$737.50. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the grant issuance in that amount with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Deputy Mayor Brennan plans to follow up with Dawn Aprile regarding the Heritage sewer line issue.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben reported that the Conservancy's Oak Tree Marathon event was very successful and he thanked the Village for closing the street and the GPD for their assistance. The Fire Department had a vehicle on site for emergencies. There were 743 runners and 5% of the participants travel to the event from out of state.

Trustee Wilcox: The Tourism Committee continues to find new ways and places to get information out there. Geneseo bags were provided to the out of area runners for the Oak Tree Marathon event and they are working to find a new way to reach out to wedding guests. The Homestead and Sweet Briar have already booked 28 weddings for next year. An employee from the Hampton Inn is now serving on the Tourism Committee.

Trustee Wilcox is going to attend the FAIR (Fundamentals of Alcohol Intoxication Recognition) training tonight with the Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement in Newton Hall on Campus. Many of the local merchants participate in the annual training.

Trustee Wilcox reported that the HCCC (Healthy College Campus Coalition) met today. He learned that a letter went out from the College to parents encouraging them to talk to their teens about going to college and the temptation to drink while they are there. The Coalition is continuing with their quest to reward and honor students that are doing good things around the campus and community.

15. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick is opening up the books for 2013-14 and inputting the transactions. Financials for June, July and August will be forthcoming.

16. MINUTES REVIEW:

The minutes of the August 19, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Gajewski-Abstain.

17. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski 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 6:21PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk