

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PRESENT:

October 7, 2013

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor
Margaret Duff, Trustee
Benjamin Gajewski, Trustee
Bob Wilcox, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
David Woods, Planning Board Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe Loverdi
Genesee Sun reporter intern, Mary Linden

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the September 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. JOE LOVERDI-CROSSWALK AND SIDEWALK CONCERNS:

Mr. Loverdi lives at 21 Groveland Road and would like a pedestrian sign in the crosswalk located at Prospect Street crossing South Street (Route 20A). He realizes that it is a State highway, but there are pedestrian signs placed in the crosswalk on Route 408 in Mt. Morris and on Route 20 in Avon. Folks are not stopping to let pedestrians pass and he feels that there needs to be more signage at the Prospect Street location.

Mr. Loverdi also feels that a crosswalk on Route 20A should really be more near the intersection of Temple, Crossett and Groveland Roads. That is where folks cross, whether to go to Highland Park or other places, people cross at the intersection. It was explained that for line of sight reasons and at the request of the State Department of Transportation, the crosswalk was placed at Prospect Street rather than in the intersection. It was also noted that the State was reluctant to grant a crosswalk at all in that area. David Woods added that during the recent transportation connectivity plan project, pedestrian safety along Route 20A was of paramount concern.

Following further discussion, Mr. Loverdi thanked the Board for their consideration and they thanked him for his concern. It was agreed that the intersection is in need of work and hopefully in the future the situation will be rectified.

3. DAVID WOODS:

The Planning Board had a special meeting about the new McDonald's restaurant this week, just prior to the opening on Friday. The Board had concerns with the sidewalk elevation and the canopies over the drive-through lanes. It was determined that the sidewalk will be lowered and the drive through canopies will be painted gray instead of yellow. Painting them gray should be a little bit less obtrusive, David commented. The Board agreed that it is a nice looking building.

Another item David brought up was the meeting he and Angela Ellis had with Geography professor Jennifer Rogalsky. Professor Rogalsky would like to identify some community service class projects around the area. Several ideas were explored including identifying walking and bike trails around the Village; another project might be to look at historic data about rental housing to identify patterns about how that has changed and migrated through the years. Ideas for developing a master plan for Highland Park is another thought. Other ideas were discussed as well. Mayor Hatheway noted that he met with Jennifer after she met with David and Angela. Jennifer plans to get together with Professor Mary Mohan to discuss ideas as well. Timing might be an issue, however, as the current semester is almost at the half-way point.

4. GENESEO BUILDING:

Mayor Hatheway reported that the crews are still painting using the larger lift. The smaller vertical lift has been removed. The scaffolding has been moved to the north side where crews are working on the brick. The windows will be installed from the inside of the building, so when the masonry work has been completed, the scaffolding should be removed entirely. The pillar bases are still to be worked on as well.

There is a question about the color of the doors on the front of the building. Trustee Gajewski has checked with Dave Matthews and APOG as to what will work best with the color scheme of the building. It was suggested that Ben run those ideas past Jon Norris for a final selection.

5. AUTUMN FEST:

The event will be held on October 26 including activities on Center Street and the pumpkin roll down Bank Street. A request was made to use the Geneseo Building restrooms as the merchants get inundated with folks needing a public restroom. Permission was granted and Chief Osganian will coordinate opening and closing the building after the event concludes. Trustee Gajewski suggested using one of the A-frame signs to indicate that there are public restrooms open for folks to use.

6. MEETING WITH COLLEGE:

The meeting on September 26 went well and Carol Long, interim president at the College will continue the meetings as they have been an integral component of college/community relations. There was a good turnout at the reception held that afternoon for outgoing President Dahl.

7. SEWER UNITS ASSIGNED:

Sewer Grievance was held on September 30 and three of the five Board members were able to attend. Utility Billing specialist Mack put together a list of properties affected and the new sewer unit assessment. Trustee Gajewski moved that the list be adopted as presented including the grievance day recommendations. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. The rationale for using the February quarter was reaffirmed as it is the most consistent quarter of the year in terms of water usage. It's about as fair as it possibly can get, the Board concluded.

8. HOMECOMING WEEKEND:

It appears from walking around the Village and from Chief Osganian's report, Homecoming weekend held September 27-28 was fairly low key. Opening day of the Genesee Valley Hunt took place at daybreak on the 27th as well.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Proprietors of the Omega Grill located at 4182 Lakeville Road have sent notification of their intent to renew their liquor license at that location.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian's report was received by the Board and there was no report from Chief Chanler at this time.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. Frazier reported the following items to Trustee Duff:

- Brush pickup day was Monday
- The crews are finished with sidewalks for this year

- McDonald's will be lowering the elevation of the sidewalk in front of the restaurant
- 300 tons of salt were delivered from American Rock Salt for the winter season
- Two tree trimming bids were received. The lowest bidder, Terry Tree, will charge \$15,500 for the number of trees that can be trimmed within the budget. Trustee Duff so moved with second from Trustee Gajewski. All were in favor. It was explained that this is the annual tree trimming and removal of the boulevard trees. Dead trees are removed and then replaced.

Trustee Wilcox brought up an issue behind a house on Stuyvesant Manor. The property backs up to Highland Park and there are two fences, one on the property and one on Village property. Apparently between those two fences is a large amount of undergrowth including poison ivy. Supt. Frazier will be consulted to see what can be done.

Additional Public Parking signs have been erected to show folks where the lot is, one of the new signs is on Chestnut Street.

Trustee Gajewski reported that he and Supt. McTarnaghan have discussed water meter reading software that would cut down on the duplication that happens when crew members read the meters and then write down what is read. Clerks Mack and Lund then input those readings into the computer. Software available for that purpose would work with the meters that we have and cost about \$10,000. Steve and Dan Quinlan will continue to look into software and procedures that are available.

Steve is planning to have arm surgery on December 23rd and then will have a fairly lengthy recovery time estimated at eight weeks. One reason to put off the surgery is so that other crew members have an opportunity to use up vacation time before the calendar year ends.

The Avon Road master meter will be installed this week.

12. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Duff – no further report

Trustee Gajewski – no further report

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the tourism committee will be asking for \$500 more in each of their budgets, Town and Village. The County plans to promote shopping locally and folks that donate will have a spot on television advertising. The additional funding will go towards that goal. Bob also mentioned that 30 weddings have been booked for next summer and that the Quality Inn and the Hampton Inn are both doing very well. It's all very exciting for the local economy.

One sad note is that Miceli's Deli has been sold; however the new owner plans to continue the business on Main Street. The building has not been sold, however.

Discussion of the possible change in the B&D Art Framing business from Bob and Donna Kelsey to their daughter Pam and her husband Peter Soscia will not be taking place. Mr. Soscia has taken a position in Orange County according to the local newspaper.

13. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick distributed the June and July treasurer's reports.

Mayor Hatheway reported that as a result of a discussion at the last Board meeting when it was mentioned that Jay Phillips (Papa Jay) is back in the catering business, Clerk Merrick sent an email to Jay and he subsequently dropped off a check for \$100. Jay mentioned that he should be able to begin regular payments on his Business Development Loan in the near future.

14. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Wilcox moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:03PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk