

VILLAGE OF GENESEO  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 21, 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  
Charles Parent, Master Gardener

ALSO PRESENT:

Georgene Ehmann  
Kathy Trainor

Josh Williams  
Hop Manapol

Sue Richardson  
Mary Linden, Genesee Sun

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the October 7, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Deputy Mayor Brennan-Abstain.

2. GARDEN CLUB – GEORGENE EHMANN:

Georgene thanked Supt. Frazier and the Village crew for all they do for the Garden Club. The Club has applied to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Civic Beautification Committee for a grant to possibly replace the lilac bushes in front of the log cabin with some lower-growing shrubs. The grant applications will be reviewed in February and awards will be made in March. There is \$2,000 available for grant awards and at this time, the application made by the Genesee Garden Club is the only one before the Committee.

The real purpose for the Garden Club members to come to the Board meeting was to present Charlie Parent and Doug Welch with a plaque that read: *The Genesee Garden Club presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Charlie Parent and Doug Welch for your unending dedication to the beautification of Main Street Genesee and the surrounding sites. Your labors are greatly appreciated.* Charlie thanked the Garden Club for the recognition.

Mayor Hatheway and the Board thanked the Garden Club for all they do for the beautification of Genesee.

3 JOSH WILLIAMS – PARKING CONCERNS:

Josh stated that numerous businesses have approached him about the parking situation, specifically the lack of permits available for the municipal lot. Merchants are trying to avoid parking on Main Street so that customers are able to find places to park and do business. However, they have been unsuccessful in obtaining a parking permit for the municipal lot because they are sold out. Now they are receiving parking tickets because of not having a permit, which is forcing them to park on Second Street, a distance away from their businesses.

Josh feels that there should be designated permit spots available for merchants. He doesn't feel that the merchants should be penalized for trying to bring business downtown.

Mayor Hatheway pointed out that 120 permits were available on June 20 when they went on sale. The last parking permit was sold on September 12. At the end of August, when the students returned, there were still 40 permits available. Furthermore, Clerk Lund hand delivers notices to all the merchants before the permits go on sale in June and December of each year. It was also noted that

there are 34 six month permits that will be available for sale in December around the 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.

Josh would like to run a story in the Genesee Sun about the availability of the permits and to stress to the merchants that they must have a permit for the back lot and if they don't, they will be ticketed. The consensus was to perhaps communicate better about what the permits are and when they are available especially for new merchants. Josh thinks a welcome packet for new merchants might be helpful. Also perhaps a little more urgency on the flyer (like a picture of a ticket on someone's car) would be helpful as well.

The Board felt that the lack of an organized merchants association has also been a factor. The merchants want to be good neighbors and work together with the Village and the Village wants to encourage business and promote a healthy Main Street district. The suggestions will be put to use for the next round of permit sales in December. Josh thanked the Board for allowing him to voice the concern for the merchants.

#### 4. GENESEO BUILDING:

The crew has been working on the columns and scraping and painting the woodwork on the front of the portico. The masonry work on the two south columns is done except for the grout, and they are close to getting the north ones done.

Jon Norris sent an email this afternoon stating that after the masonry washing was done, there is still some staining of the brick under the existing sills. There is a more aggressive chemical that can be used, but it might lighten up the brick. Jon wondered if perhaps the stains should be left alone and the Board concurred. The staining is on the north and south sides and not highly visible.

The south elevation was the focus for more brick re-pointing, three courses above the window lintels. Crews have been repairing holes in the mortar since the power washing.

There has been a lot of discussion generated as to what color to paint the front doors, Mayor Hatheway stated. Dave Matthews, Ben and Jason have done the most research into what color would be most appropriate. The new windows (trim) on the second floor are going to be white and the first idea was to paint everything else white. But after looking things over, those involved decided to paint the green trim green (a similar green to one of the three shades currently used) and then have the trim around the windows white. In addition to that, it was thought to paint the panels under the front windows a color similar to the brick. The Board concurred and the statement was made that if the colors need to change in the future, they can be changed quite inexpensively.

The project, including the window installation, should be completed at the end of November.

#### 5. YOUTH RECREATION BASKETBALL:

Tracy Rollins and Ted Saunders would like to host the same program that has taken place for many years. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 3-6, and in grades 7-8. Games are played between teams and with other school groups. Clerk Lund wrote to Insurance Agent Chanler to make sure the program was covered under the auspices of Geneseo Youth Recreation. Mr. Rollins has provided a list of coaches and a roster of participants. The Board was supportive.

#### 6. MOHAN CLASSES:

Mary Mohan's communication classes have been working on fundraising ideas for the Save the Wall program sponsored by APOG and the idea of hosting the world's largest picnic in order to set a world record. Those ideas will be presented on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> on campus and anyone interested may attend.

7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM:

Jay Phillips paid \$100 on his loan with the Village. Now he has received a notice from Kathy Dear outlining how that payment has been allocated and a new loan schedule to go with it. We are on firm footing again, Mayor Hatheway commented. The outstanding balance is \$17,829 with an interest rate of 1.2875% so the terms of the loan are very favorable.

8. GRANT APPLICATION – DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION:

It appears that the Village will not be awarded the Transportation Enhancement Grant for the sidewalk project along the south side of Route 20A. Word from Angela Ellis is that the prospect of funding is slim. There might be other programs to pursue for funding the project and those will be researched.

The next Connectivity Plan presentation is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>. Angela Ellis will send more information.

There will be a workshop on October 30 from 6:30-8:30PM at the Government Center entitled, "Bicycle and Pedestrian Supportive Code Language". It will be an overview of guidelines to help municipalities plan infrastructure that is bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

9. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Hatheway noted receipt of the minutes from the Good Neighbor Committee that meets once a month in the Geneseo Building. They continue to do good things very quietly. The group gets funding from Rotary and the Salvation Army.

There was a call regarding a banner that had been placed at end of Main Street between the road and the wall on the Wadsworth property. Code Officer O'Keefe talked to the folks at DOT and found out that the State right-of-way extends just about to the wall. Consequently the Village has no jurisdiction over that area.

There is another round of grants available from the Division of Lands and Forests through the DEC. There is \$835,000 available for municipalities and other not-for-profits and grants will range from \$2,500 to \$50,000. Applications are due by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hatheway noted that there is a tree inventory in place for the Village and perhaps an application can be put together. Ben suggested perhaps planning to replace ash trees with some new trees for when they perish. Dick will print out the application and look at one previously submitted.

The newest edition of the NYCOM Directory of City and Village Officials is available and copies were received in the Village Office.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

On the police side of things, there is not much to report, things are going along fine and pretty quiet according to Chief Osganian.

There was an email circulated about the STOP DWI program currently under the auspices of the County Sheriff's Department. The program will be reorganized and chief Osganian will be a part of that process.

There was no report on the fire side of things other than the new squad van was delivered and is being readied for service.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. Frazier contacted Trustee Duff and reported that leaf collection is underway and the road salt has been delivered for the winter season that will begin shortly. The meter pit was installed on Avon Road for the White Devon line and a bypass has been installed as well.

Deputy Mayor Brennan asked if the banners had been delivered as yet. The brackets were installed and a local shopping banner was to be displayed.

There has been no update as yet from MRB on the Main Street infrastructure project, Trustee Gajewski reported. The crew worked with Jason on getting the Avon Road water line metered and the sludge was hauled away at the wastewater treatment plant. This week they will be working on reading and replacing meters. SUNY Geneseo did an independent test on the master meters and found them to be accurate. As a result of that, they have also hired a crew to inspect for leaks in the system and have found some on campus that will be fixed. The new pickup truck has been delivered and is being outfitted and readied for service.

## 12. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy double checked with the Board on a note she had from the VFW about work projects on the memorial.

Trustee Duff: Margaret reported that people are still very frustrated with the gate being locked at the DPW so that folks are unable to drop off clippings and brush on weekends and evenings. She will check with Supt. Frazier to see what can be done.

It was also noted that a fence recently erected at the County Complex on Lakeville Road has the wrong side facing out and it should be facing inside. Mayor Hatheway pointed out that the County is exempt from following the Village Code; however, he will find out from County Administrator Ian Coyle if anything can be done.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben has heard feedback (both good and bad) on the street lights and on the color of the bulbs.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob noted that the Tourism Committee appealed to the Town Board last Thursday for additional funding for 2014 to participate in the advertising blitz being spearheaded by the County. Bob also noted that Arleen Somerville has been named as the recipient of the William Pryor Letchworth award for tourism. The award will be presented on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Tourism Luncheon at the Quality Inn. This is a wonderful and well deserved honor for Arleen.

## 13. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk/Treasurer Merrick attended an *Employer Education Seminar* hosted by the New York State and Local Retirement System on October 17 in Batavia. The seminar was quite informative and very beneficial.

Following review by Trustee Gajewski, voucher numbers 384-485 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion Trustee Gajewski moved and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers for \$119,465.94. 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 water fund vouchers for \$39,378.87. 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 Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers for \$49,646.51. 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 Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve an HR12-Geneseo Building Project voucher for \$6,319.80. 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 a Community Development/Main Street Program voucher for \$26.65. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

14. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan 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 6:44PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk