

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 4, 2013

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Colleen Schiedel – Livingston County Health Dept.
Maria Priore

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the October 21, 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. COLLEEN SCHIEDEL-LIVINGSTON COUNTY DOH MAIN ST. GOES BLUE:

Colleen is a nurse with the County Health Department and is planning to visit the various villages in the County to begin talking about next year's colon cancer awareness month in March, 2014. The Main Street Goes Blue program's purpose is to increase the awareness of colon cancer and encourage folks to get screened. The program was piloted here in Geneseo the first year and it has been going strong for three years now. Last year all of the villages in the County participated and in July a National Association gave the County a best practices award for obtaining 100% participation. Program success can be measured in the increase in the number of screenings at Noyes Health Center in Dansville and Geneseo during the months of March and April. Colleen also noted that there are ways to fund the screenings for folks that don't have insurance.

The Health Department is asking for a Village Board member to volunteer (Trustee Duff did volunteer) and attend one or two meetings in January. They are obtaining items for the businesses to get started actually using funds that were raised in the subsequent Strollin' for Colon walk held last April in Geneseo. They would like to display a banner as well and will coordinate that display with other March events. The Board was supportive and thanked Colleen and her Department for this worthwhile program.

3. GENESEO BUILDING:

Painting is almost completed on the front of the building. High gloss paint was used, which is a marine quality paint that will withstand the weather and other conditions present in the area. Everyone agreed that the color scheme looks sharp and the fresh paint job on the building trim is really impressive and a huge improvement! The pillar bases have been completed and look so much better. Mayor Hatheway has taken pictures of the project all along the way. The windows should be delivered next week. The brick work is done and the scaffolding has been disassembled and taken away.

4. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM:

Clerk Merrick received a call from Kathy Dear, administrator of the loan program. Kathy received a call from Terry Buzard, controller for Team Cheer/Athletica wondering if the Village Board would be willing to consider them for an additional loan from the program. There are three

outstanding loans for Athletica at the present time. A total of \$315,000 was borrowed initially and one loan has been paid in full. Of the outstanding loans, one has approximately \$12,000 left to be paid off in August of next year, \$10,000 on another loan will be paid off in November 2014 and \$19,000 will be paid off in November 2015. Athletica (Randy Cofield, owner) has been very diligent in paying back the Village funds and all payments have been made on time.

At this point in time, the Board would need to decide if they would be willing to entertain an application for additional funding to purchase a computer server and individual computers and laptops amounting to approximately \$100,000 (the current amount available for loan through the program). They plan to hire a salesperson and a marketing person, plus several independent reps that would operate in other locations including Texas and Arkansas. Currently Athletica employs 62 people (including 9 seasonal staff). Fifty of those folks work in Perry and twelve are in Geneseo.

Following discussion, the Board was not adverse to entertaining an application with the stipulation that there will be job increases in Geneseo and a financial statement is provided listing other loans outstanding (other than ones through the Village program). Trustee Gajewski was also interested in advertising the program once again (it was last advertised in July 2011) so that the merchants are aware of the funding availability.

5. START UP NY:

Following up on a plan recently legislated by the governor to create tax free zones near college campuses, SUNY Geneseo has designated Roemer House, the Clark building, and Jones Hall as possible sites for office occupancies. Those properties are all tax exempt already, so therefore no additional property will be taken from the tax rolls. The purpose of the legislation is to offer incentives to start up businesses.

6. STAFF MEETING:

Deputy Mayor Brennan and Mayor Hatheway met with the department heads last week, similar to meetings that occur at budget time. The various departments shared items of interest for a couple of hours and the meeting was considered very beneficial. Quarterly meetings might be preferable, perhaps not lasting as long; that will be the goal in the future.

7. ASSOCIATION MEETING:

The Village of Leicester will host the next meeting on November 20.

8. ROGALSKY PROGRESS:

Geography Professor Rogalsky continues to work on various projects with her students and will be in touch with Clerks Mack and Lund as the projects go forward to obtain information on rental housing and other activities.

Communication Professor Mohan's class presented fundraising ideas for the Wall project last Tuesday afternoon. There will be a committee meeting soon to follow up on some of those ideas.

9. URBAN FORESTRY GRANT:

The Village applied for funding in 2011 and was unsuccessful. The 2013 deadline is December 5 and Trustee Gajewski volunteered to investigate the possibility of submitting an application for funding a project. The tree inventory has been completed and Ben would like to pursue a project that plans for replacement of the numerous ash trees that are susceptible to the Emerald Ash Borer within the Village.

10. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Hatheway reported that the TEP sidewalk grant application ranking and recommendations submitted to the Genesee Transportation Council have been sent to DOT in Albany. The Village project ranked 11th out of 14 projects put forth.

Along those same lines, Mayor Hatheway emailed the local NYS Dept. of Transportation representative Blayne Acock in Lakeville regarding the concerns raised a couple of weeks ago about the Prospect Street crosswalk on Route 20A. Mr. Acock stated that there wouldn't be any support for relocating the crosswalk and a pedestrian sign would not be allowed in the middle of the crosswalk either. The statements from DOT confirmed Mayor Hatheway's comments that the State was not in favor of the project in the first place, and the Prospect Street location for the crosswalk was the best option available.

Mayor Hatheway also asked Mr. Acock about extending the curb on the west corner of Main Street as it goes around the corner on Route 20A. Mr. Acock was in favor of the Village performing that work as long as a State Highway work permit is applied for. Supt. Frazier has stated that the crew could do the work.

Summer Recreation enrollment numbers were received from the folks at GLOW YMCA. On a preliminary count it appears that 55 Village children attended the program, 33 children from the Town, and 11 from Groveland. There were 12 additional registrants not listed as from the Genesee Central School district (due to split families, grandparent care, etc), as well as 7 children that came from unknown addresses. Once these participants are identified and assigned to Village, Town or Groveland bills will be sent to the towns of Genesee and Groveland. Mayor Hatheway and Clerk Merrick will be meeting with Scott Taylor and Robert Walker from the Y on Wednesday.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Wilcox reported that the Fire department has been busy. The week of Oct 21st the crews handled three incidents simultaneously on two separate days: Tuesday the 22nd they had two calls at SUNY, a person stuck in the elevator, the smell of smoke in Wells Hall, and then a call on Rt. 63 for a fire alarm. These calls were handled with separate crews utilizing all of the apparatus. On Friday the 25th they responded to a motor vehicle accident and then a vehicle fire at Wegmans, followed by an alarm at SUNY. Again these calls were handled with three separate crews at the same time! On Saturday Nov. 2nd there were two calls at the same time, a carbon monoxide alarm on Canton Drive (Lakeville Estates), and then a gas leak on Main Street.

The delivery on the new squad van from I-Deal Chevrolet is complete. They are awaiting new lights for it, but in the meantime it is being used 3 and 4 times a week taking members to training. The chief's car outfitting is complete minus lettering, which has been ordered.

Five firefighters graduated from the NYS Firefighter 1 class this past Saturday (2 of the 5 are full time SUNY students). This class of basic firefighting skills is now as long as the Basic EMT class and is physically demanding. The firefighters are: Paul Flickner, Rich Chen, Nick Viselli, Matt Hutchinson, and David Ripple (Ripple and Hutchinson are also varsity hockey players at SUNY). Bob noted that the fire department is vital for the community not only from a service standpoint but from the standpoint that the volunteers really are a part of the community as a whole.

A discussion of Halloween activities took place and the consensus was that everyone was pretty calm and well-behaved. There were a good number of merchants that invited children to trick or treat at their stores before the parade.

The Autumnfest went well also. That same day, 450 walkers participated in the Alzheimer's Walk and it was SUNY Parent's weekend. Parent's weekend next year will be in September.

A task force is looking at the STOP DWI program in the County. Chief Osganian is an ideal voice to have on that committee. Notification has been received that the GPD has been awarded \$3,300 for the child safety seat program. The Chief is reaching out all the time to find avenues for funding.

12. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. Frazier submitted his report as follows:

1. Leaf season is underway and collection will be daily thru November.
2. 400 tons of salt is here and ready, one salt truck is put together and ready if need be.
3. We installed a hand hydrant in the Civil War Monument island as well as taking down some trees and re-graded the area.
4. A bench that was on Main Street is now at the Water Trough Site on Center Street.
5. The Village Building brick exterior is completed, painting is still going on, and windows are scheduled for delivery the week of the 11th.
6. We did a curb cut for the Temple Hill Cemetery on Center Street for a new entrance/exit that will line up with the paved walkway/driveway to the south. The Town will stone the driveway from the curb cut to the paved area.
7. We had 3 trees damaged by the HIGH winds Friday. Crews had to come in and clear the roads and driveways of Woodbine and Highland.

Trustee Gajewski will ask Jason to remove the barricades in the alley on Center Street left from the Farmer's Market.

Trustee Gajewski reported that the crew has been servicing motors at the wastewater treatment plant, and MW Controls is installing equipment at the water plant. Supt. McTarnaghan is asking for the Board to consider filling the vacant position on his crew. It seems like a logical time to do that now as he will be on medical leave at the beginning of January for two months. The civil service procedures were discussed and the next exam for water/wastewater treatment plant operator/trainee will be in mid December. The Board was supportive of advertising for the position in mid November with the applications due by December 4th. December 4th is also the deadline for signing up for the December 18th exam. Exam results are known a few days after that.

The water plant was inspected on September 9th in compliance with NYS Sanitary Code Part 5. The report, received from the County Health Department, listed many improvements that have been made within the system, some requirements and recommendations and comments. Overall, the report stated that *the survey of the water supply system ensured that there were no existing public health hazard violations at the time of inspection. The condition and operation of the water system are in good working order. Mr. McTarnaghan and the other water operators do a fine job operating the system and preparing the required reports.* The entire report is on file in the Clerk's office.

13. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Duff: nothing further

Trustee Gajewski: Ben chatted with Spring Morrow this week at her shop to check in on the Autumnfest and to see how things went. Spring noted that despite the bad weather, there were higher numbers of participants this year. This Thursday the merchants will get together to discuss how it went. Coming up the merchants will be involved with Christmas Sing again this year and have events planned around that. Mayor Hatheway encouraged them to check with Jason as to the sound system and coordination for the Sing at the Fountain.

Trustee Gajewski said Spring Morrow would like to have the businesses involved with holiday decorations, specifically Grayce McLaughlin would like to be included in those discussions. Ben will let Deputy Mayor Brennan know as she is on that committee.

Dave Matthews and Trustee Gajewski walked around the Main Street area and discussed some of the streetscape ideas that had been launched when the Main Street grant program started. Discussion of the various ideas took place. If it would be useful, Dave volunteered to draw up some basic ideas so that they are on the shelf and ready should there be an opportunity for some of those.

Trustee Wilcox mentioned that the Tourism luncheon to celebrate Arleen Somerville's award will be taking place on November 7th at the Valley Oak Event Center. The Livingston County ad highlighting various communities has been seen on channel 13. The Healthy Campus Coalition is still working on the wristband program to award young folks that are doing positive things in the community. The next meeting of the HCCC group is scheduled for November 11th.

14. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick distributed the August financial reports including the first quarter numbers.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the date for the annual holiday gathering for the staff and committee members. They also noted that the January meetings will have to be rescheduled around the holidays during that month.

16. 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 6:37PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk