

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PRESENT:

December 16, 2013

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
David W. Parish, Village/Town Historian

ALSO PRESENT:

None

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 3:30PM. The minutes of the December 2, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. DAVID W. PARISH – VILLAGE/TOWN HISTORIAN:

David thanked the Board for allowing him time for an update. He displayed a circa 1930 advertisement for the Nast Company, a Main Street men's and woman's clothing store. He noted with interest that children's clothing was not highlighted and the only mention of children was a doll available for twenty cents.

The Town/Village Historian is planning for the 225th anniversary of the Town of Geneseo that was established in 1789. There will be a book about the common folks of Geneseo, those who built the community. David has the book of 100 pages or so, 2/3 completed. The theme will center on the acorn that fell from the Big Tree and was given to Jenny, the slave of the Wadsworth family.

David reported that there is a gentleman, Jerome Walrath, in Texas who spent a number of his years on Court Street and has been researching more information on that area. He has offered to come back to present the information in late spring or early fall.

It was interesting to find out that when searching David's books on Amazon.com, Cornelia's World can be obtained for \$125 and Lily of the Valley, the first book, is selling for \$70.

David thanked the Village and Town Boards for allowing him the opportunity to attend three workshops this year.

A computer for David's office has been supplied by the Town and he plans to have training on that in the near future.

David distributed the most recent edition of the Bear Facts. The Board thanked David for his work this year and look forward to hearing about plans for the 225th anniversary of the Town.

3 GENESEO BUILDING:

Work crews are winding down as the project nears completion. Jon Norris will be down Wednesday to do a walk through with Supt. Frazier to determine if there are items still left to be finished. Everyone agreed that the windows are a huge upgrade, and introduce anticipated major energy efficiencies. It has been an exciting project to watch unfold as the building has received a well-deserved face lift in terms of new windows, brick repair/replacement, and painting.

4. MAIN STREET GRANT SUMMARY:

Clerk Merrick distributed a summary of the grants that were awarded and dates that the funds were distributed. The only reimbursement yet to be received is the payment of \$11,100 for administration services. Trustee Gajewski verified with the program administrator, Julie Marshall,

County Economic Development Director, that all of the projects have been completed. We are one of the few communities that completed all the projects within the grant cycle.

The State Office of Community Renewal will be touring the projects in the near future to make sure everything was completed. Julie and Louise Wadsworth are also thinking of plans to show folks the before and after of the improvements made.

It was also reported that the owners of the Riviera Theater received a grant for renovations to that building in the amount of \$150,000.

Mayor Hatheway noted that Becky Glass is taking over the coordination of the grand opening of the Doty building which will take place on the weekend of February 28 and March 1. It was thought that perhaps a coordinated tour of the Main Street district improvements including the Geneseo Building facelift might take place along with that grand opening.

5. BDLP AGREEMENT:

The agreement between the Village of Geneseo and Randy and Linda Cofield (owners of Athletica Inc.) was drawn up by program administrator Kathy Dear. Kathy wrote a letter to Randy explaining the terms of the agreement. The Village will loan \$50,000 with Mr. Cofield responsible for matching \$67,738 toward the cost of the project. The repayment term is five years and the interest rate will be based on the average of the rates quotes by local banks for a 12 month certificate of deposit plus 1%. Attorney Reynolds will be involved in finalizing the agreement and closing the loan.

6. CHRISTMASING RECAP:

Mayor Hatheway came across a well-done advertisement for the event after the fact. The card included the schedule of events, including the singing to begin at 5:30PM. Typically the singing began at 6PM; however it all worked out fine. There was a large crowd of people that came downtown for the events and the merchants were reportedly very happy with the turnout. A lot of kids were able to visit with Santa; the folks at Nothnagle Realty gave out hot chocolate, as did Micelli's. Many folks also took advantage of the horse drawn carriage rides that were available.

7. MAIN STREET PROJECT THOUGHTS:

Mayor Hatheway, Supt. Frazier and Steve McTarnaghan met with MRB's Bill Davis last week to talk over water and sewer line replacement and street replacement from the fountain to Court Street. The cost estimate for the project is on the order of a million dollars. Not wanting to go into any further debt in the general fund especially, those assembled agreed to put the project off for another year. In that way, CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement-State allotment) funds can be accumulated for the street portion of the work and reserve funds can be set aside in the water and sewer funds. MRB will calculate how much can be allocated to each portion of the project.

8. TEMPLE HILL CEMETERY:

There has been a conversation between the trustees and caretaker of the Cemetery, Dick Gallivan and Supt. Frazier about the Village DPW crew being able to assist in repairing some of the grave sites during slow times in the winter months. The caretaker was thrilled to have the help and the initiative is a means for the Village to assist the cemetery, without incurring additional expenses for labor. The Board was in agreement and supportive.

9. MRB OPEN HOUSE:

Mayor Hatheway attended the event where Matthew J. Driscoll, former mayor of Syracuse, and now President and CEO of Environmental Facilities Corporation, spoke about EFC's role in helping municipalities preserve critical resources. Monies are available through loan interest subsidies for

municipalities to upgrade their water and wastewater systems. In the past EFC has provided funding for the Village Water Filtration Plant Project in 1995 and the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade in 2005.

10. SUMMARIES FROM MOHAN CLASSES:

- Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy stated that the session she attended was on conflict resolution and even though there is not much Village tie-in with that topic, the presentation went well and she enjoys talking to the students. Sandy was also able to share in a discussion of non-violent confrontation based on working at the Center for Dispute Settlement.
- Trustee Wilcox/Mayor Hatheway: Bob and Dick were involved in a class that got sidetracked discussing a parking issue, which had little to do with the Village. It was agreed, however, that the collaboration between the College and the Village is always worthwhile.

11. CODE OFFICE AGREEMENT:

The renewal of the agreement was received late last week from the Town. Copies were distributed to the Board members. The cost will be the same as last year. Following review, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved approval of the agreement for 2014 with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The Board members signed the agreement.

12. LONG RANGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT THOUGHTS:

Mayor Hatheway has been thinking about long range projects and formulating a long range plan for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases. Some thoughts include more improvements to the Geneseo Building. According to Jon Norris, the updated electrical system would be on the order of \$200,000 and it would cost approximately \$500,000 to update the heating, ventilation and to install an air conditioning system. In order to use the second floor, the elevator is still a necessity. Along the lines of infrastructure, the Main Street project would be a first priority, and North Street, Oak Street and Second Street need attention. These projects along with equipment purchases (FD mainly) will be included in a master list formulated over the coming months.

13. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

David Andrew Parish sent a thank you for displaying the banner for the American Red Cross Craft show held at the Armory.

Mayor Hatheway responded to a Lima Road resident regarding traffic issues.

14. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian's report of activity was received by the Board members.

15. PUBLIC WORKS:

Clerk Merrick sent the College its sewer bill in September. The annual invoice was approximately \$100,000 more due to a major water leak that occurred on campus. There is some conversation as to whether the excess water went through to the wastewater treatment plant or if it went into the storm water system and directly to the river. Mayor Hatheway has checked with Supt. McTarnaghan and the College to determine where the water went. If it went into the storm sewer, there might be room for negotiation on the amount due.

Supt. Frazier updated Trustee Duff and said that the crews are working overtime on snow removal as winter arrived early this year. Three quarters of the salt has been used and 200 more tons will be needed. Everyone agreed that they are doing a great job on the streets and sidewalks.

Trustee Gajewski reported that Supt. McTarnaghan obtained the first THM results following the water tank project. They looked good for the Village and the Town was also pleased with their results.

With regard to the advertised position in the water/wastewater department, Civil Service results will be available on the 23rd (the test will be administered this Wednesday). A number of applications have been received and Ben, Margaret and Steve plan to review them on Tuesday morning, the 24th.

16. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Clerk Mack gave Sandy information on a new sign grant applied for by Angel Berry, Image Empire, who is relocating to 109 Main Street from 39 Main Street. The sign will be single sided and mounted on an outside wall; total cost \$1,800 grant of \$900. The Planning Board recommended approval. The owner of the building, O'Connell and Bucci approved of the sign as well. The salon owner did receive a sign grant for the 39 Main Street location in 1999. Following review, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved approval of the sign grant with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried.

Trustees Duff, Gajewski and Wilcox had no further report.

17. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk/Treasurer Merrick distributed the October financial report.

Following review by Mayor Hatheway, voucher numbers 569-660 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers for \$125,175.01. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers for \$118,564.08. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers for \$11,365.69. 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 Wilcox moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve HR12-Geneseo Building Project vouchers for \$113,484.81. 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 Community Development/Main Street Program vouchers for \$11,226.39. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

18. 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 4:49PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk