

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 21, 2014

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Town/Village Historian David W. Parish

ALSO PRESENT:

Grayce McLaughlin Mariah Wiesner (SUNY Brockport Student)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the April 7, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 public hearing were reviewed. Trustee Duff moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. HISTORIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT:

David thanked the Board for allowing him time to present his annual report and shared a story of a great bank robbery in Perry years ago. Apparently the alleged perpetrator came to Geneseo and stayed on Main Street at the American Hotel. Deputy O'Mara became suspicious of the man, named Jimmy Hope, and there was a great chase to Lakeville where he was apprehended. Apparently Mr. Hope was quite notorious at the time.

With the upcoming 225th anniversary celebration of the Town of Geneseo, David has given several short talks recently hoping to motivate citizens to look at even 25 years ago and compare the changes that have taken place. Plans for a community-wide presentation on September 10th are underway. Jerry Walworth from Texas, who grew up on Court Street, offered to come and have a presentation on his recollections from growing up in that area of the community.

David continues to work on his next book, Our Town. He's hoping to make the book more reader-friendly in that the protagonists will talk to each other and intertwine their stories.

The 2013 Annual Report was distributed and it does compare to 2012 in the number of persons served, outreach and conservation of materials. The Internet continues to become more sophisticated, and folks are asking the local historians to follow up on research they are able to start on their own. David is feeling more at home with Google and appreciates the use of the Internet in his office. He would really welcome a volunteer who could help him out with some archival record maintenance.

Finally, David thanked the Board for co-sponsoring his attendance at a conference in Saratoga Springs. It presented a very good opportunity to talk about general William Wadsworth and his part in the war of 1812.

The Board thanked the historian for his contributions and for the annual report he distributed.

3. GRAYCE MCLAUGHLIN – WINE STROLL UPDATE:

Grayce came before the Board to finalize the details of the Wine Stroll event that will take place on May 2. She asked permission to hang four silk flower baskets on the fountain brackets for the event and permission was granted. Commemorative wine glasses have been purchased and will be

given to the participants as part of the ticket price of \$10 (presale). 300 tickets have been printed and 100 have already been sold. There are nine wineries participating and all tasting will take place in the various businesses. The steel harmony sculptures, featuring animal themes, will be placed in different locations on Main Street and on Route 20A. The Big Tree is having Tommy T and the Gliders as musical entertainment and the Southside Boys will be walking around performing during the event. The Board was supportive and thanked Grayce and the merchants for putting it all together! A percentage of the proceeds will benefit United Way. More information can be gleaned at www.geneseoshops.com.

4. SUNY GENESEO'S START-UP PLAN:

Mayor Hatheway reviewed the material sent from SUNY Geneseo. One of the State requirements is that the College notifies the municipality of the areas that have been set aside for tax-free business start up. Roemer House is the only building identified as a potential site and the other four sites are acreage for businesses to build on or otherwise use. The plan has been made available for the Board members to review. Discussion followed. The Mayor will respond to the College voicing a concern raised by Board members about the view shed potentially being interrupted on the boomerang shaped parcel abutting Route 20A.

5. SUMMER RECREATION PLANS:

A proposal was received today from the YMCA that takes into account the comments that the Board made. Following discussion and review, Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the GLOW YMCA/Village of Geneseo Memorandum of Understanding dated 4/21/14 to provide a summer recreation program to resident children of the Geneseo Central School District from July 7th through August 18th at a cost of \$55 per week per camper. The swimming component will cost \$10,500 in addition to that. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried and Mayor Hatheway will sign the MOU and return a copy to the Y.

6. INTER GREEK COUNCIL REQUEST:

A request was received from a representative of the Inter Greek Council. The request is to close Wadsworth Street on April 24 (this Thursday) from 4-6PM in order that they may host campus-sponsored activities. Organizers will notify all residents with flyers prior to the event. No alcohol consumption for any student will take place and they plan to have the area cleaned up by 6PM. Mayor Hatheway forwarded the request to Chief Osganian and he had no problem with the idea. The Board was supportive as long as folks had access to their driveways during the event and there was room for emergency vehicles to get through.

7. PARK STREET STREETLIGHTS:

Mayor Hatheway had an opportunity to speak with James Milroy (SUNY VP for Administration & Finance) and the College will pay for the four streetlights along Park Street even though the cost has increased slightly. The Village will be invoicing the College for that charge.

8. HYDRAULIC STUDY:

The final version of the hydraulic study, that evaluates the entire water system, has been received from MRB Group. The study was discussed for years, Mayor Hatheway commented, and now that it has been completed will be a useful tool for modeling new builds and any changes within the system.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 25 Syracuse: Municipal Innovation Exchange Summit sponsored by NYCOM, The Association of Towns and National School Boards. Mayor Hatheway plans to attend and will report back.
- May 1: Youth Court hearing for Geneseo Law Day – This involves a mock trial in the Geneseo Building courtroom. Mayor Hatheway attended last year and it was very interesting.
- May 7 Local Government Conference – Houghton: Very beneficial training for all local government employees/officials.
- May 15 Local Government Workshop – Pittsford: The semi-annual training event hosted by Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

10. GOOD NEIGHBORS:

Mayor Hatheway thanked David Parish for his participation with the Good Neighbor Committee, an offshoot of Geneseo Rotary. David reported that at a recent bowling event, 96 kids participated and another 50 or so adults were in attendance. Four or five people spearhead the Committee including David, Ford Best, Jeff Clough, Tom Taylor, Paul Metzger and Tim Cornell. The meetings are held once a month in the Geneseo Building Board room.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Wilcox move to approve the FD active duty status of Tom D'Aprile from senior exempt status. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Wilcox moved to accept the resignations of Tracy McDonald and David Ripple from the FD rolls as well as the departure of the following members from the rolls: Randy Cheung, Madelyn Sayed and William Alvarez. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the senior exempt status of Lydia Clough in the FD with second from Trustee Gajewski. All were in favor.

12. PUBLIC WORKS:

The following items were submitted by Supt. Frazier:

1. I would like to have the Board declare the following surplus so we can send this equipment to auction May 10, 2014: 2006 Chevy 2500HD truck
2013 Bobcat Skid Steer S570
2012 John Deere 310K Back Hoe
2008 John Deere X700 lawn mower
2009 John Deere 3520 Compact Tractor
McConnel DA 41" 3 PT Hitch Boom Mower

Trustee Duff so moved with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. Crews are stump grinding from the tree removals last fall.
3. We had a company come in and TUB Grind the brush pile. We have mulch available to our Village residents.
4. Crews have installed the temporary outfield fence for Little League. Opening day is this Saturday. There is so much to do in Park to get ready for the season.
5. Now that the weather is nice and the Park is full on weekends, I will have a worker checking on Main St trash cans and the Park trash cans and bathrooms Saturday/Sunday.
6. I would like to have Board approval for the following part time and seasonal help.

Tyler Carman: Seasonal/College student, 3 months

Charlie Parent: PT, 7 months

Doug Welch: PT, 7 months

Dan Rumfola: PT, 7 months

Trustee Duff moved approval of the part time and seasonal help with second from Trustee

Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

New employee Chris Dermody is doing great according to Supt. McTarnaghan. The water/sewer crew members are finishing up meter reads this week; they cleaned the waste tank at the water treatment plant and repaired a couple doors on buildings at the wastewater treatment plant. A pump failed at the WWTP and will be replaced; another drive failed, but will be fixed.

Mayor Hatheway noted that Charlie Parent has painted all the windows downstairs to match the windows replaced on the other floors of the Geneseo Building. Jon Norris has written to Window Specialist and asked for them to come down and finish the punch list for the project.

13. TRUSTEES:

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben mentioned that the trash receptacles on Main Street were overloaded on Sunday morning. Also, he wonders if the Village Board could consider having "town hall" meetings for an hour before the regular Board meetings. The Town has started that practice. Discussion followed as to how to invite residents.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the tourism committee is up and running. One tourism draw is the May 15 take off of the C-47 Whiskey 7 airplane to Normandy from the National Warplane Museum. Network television is coming for the event. Bob also reported that there has been one slight improvement in the Healthy College Community Coalition's quest to involve the local barkeeps. After the brunch was cancelled, it was heard that two establishments might have attended. They plan to try to schedule something again in the fall.

14. CLERK/TREASURER:

2014-2015 Budget: Mayor Hatheway presented the Board with a proposed budget that includes a few changes from the last version. The amount for Personal Services for the Board was raised in all three funds by a total of \$300 for each Board member, not including the Mayor. The budget code listing for A2989.4 was changed from Dare/K-9 to Police Community Outreach and revenue code A2705 is listed only as Gifts and Donations removing the reference to K-9 as well. Employee benefits category for health and dental insurance was increased by \$19,600 in the General Fund to allow for transition costs in the healthcare plan presently being considered. The appropriated fund balance increased from zero to \$20,000. In the Water Fund, an increase of ten cents per hundred cubic feet was included for the Board to consider. Taxes and assessments were decreased by \$4,000 based on property re-valuations provided by the Assessor. The appropriated fund balance in the water fund was decreased to \$11,000 taking into consideration the water rate increase. In the Sewer Fund, the Treatment and Disposal project code was increased by \$8,000 upon request of the department manager in order to save for future projects. Therefore the appropriated fund balance increased from zero to \$8,000. The Board discussed the changes and following discussion, Trustee Wilcox moved to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget including General, Water and Sewer funds totaling \$5,195,909 with a General Fund tax levy of \$1,603,060 (within the tax cap parameters), a tax rate of \$6.93 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and including a ten cent per hundred cubic feet water rate increase. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion carried and the budget was adopted.

Mayor Hatheway reviewed information on the Aid to Municipalities on the State website. It appears that the amount this year will be \$80,000 even though it was projected to stay at last year's rate of \$75,000. There is a number for AIM and then another number for Per Capita aid. It was confusing. The State has allocated \$65,000 for the Village's share of CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) and an Extreme Winter Recovery Capital grant will be issued to the Village in the amount of \$7,500.

Time Warner Franchise Fee: This year's fee from the Cable Company amounts to \$55,190.03 slightly below the budgeted amount of \$61,000. According to information sent by the service provider, the number of subscribers has been decreasing. Monthly numbers for 2013 are as follows:

January	1169	February	1179	March	1177	April	1172
May	1163	June	1051	July	1047	August	1006
September	1106	October	1094	November	1090	December	1078

It's understandable that the number of subscribers drops in the summer as the college students leave. However, it was noticeable that the numbers didn't pick up in the fall back to what they were in the highest month of February.

Following review by Trustee Gajewski, voucher numbers 927-1042 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. Two vouchers had no invoice (the two building fees for the election – Clerk Merrick will rectify this). Some signatures were missing and those will be obtained as well. After discussion, Trustee Gajewski moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers for \$109,033.37. The vote was as follows: 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 water fund vouchers for \$28,551.20. The vote was as follows: 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 sewer fund vouchers for \$218,261.55. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

15. OLD BUSINESS:

The Wal-Mart tax negotiation was discussed. The board consensus was that it was a good negotiation and saved money in the long run, even though it is difficult to swallow.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Duff moved to go into session at 6:28PM to discuss contract negotiations. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. At 6:54PM Trustee Duff moved to come out of executive session and Trustee Wilcox seconded. All were in favor and it was noted that no official action was taken during the session.

17. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Gajewski moved and Trustee Wilcox 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 6:55PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk