

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 2, 2014

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor
Margaret Duff, Trustee
Benjamin Gajewski, Trustee
Bob Wilcox, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
William S. Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Roberta A. Irwin, Deputy Town Supervisor
Ron Maxwell, Code Officer
Dean O'Keefe, Code Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Howard Appell (Livingston County News)
Angel Berry Spring Morrow

Conrad Baker (Genesee Sun)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the May 19, 2014 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 Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

Deputy Mayor Brennan and Trustee Duff entered the meeting.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Wilcox moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and the session began at 5:03PM upon unanimous vote in favor. Code Officers remained as well as the two Town Council members.

Trustee Gajewski moved to come out of executive session at 5:28PM and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor and no official action was taken during the session.

3. GENESEO MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION DECISION:

The Merchant's Association has decided no longer being involved with the sidewalk sales, Mayor Hatheway reported as a result of a meeting held last week with the representatives, Spring Morrow, Angel Berry and Bob Davis. The decision affects not only vendors, but also the not for profits. According to the GMA the need for vendors to provide proof of insurance has severely limited their participation. Now it seems some folks might show up and not have liability insurance and the question remains as to who will coordinate and organize the enforcement during the event?

The origins of the sidewalk sales were discussed as well as the fees charged in recent years. Spring Morrow explained the fee schedule. The merchants see the decline in the number of vendors is due to the insurance requirement imposed by the Village. Discussion followed. GMA contends the vendors help bring folks to Main Street during the festival because there aren't many retail shops on the street any longer. The Village Board is of the opinion that it would be foolish of the Board to ignore the input of our insurance carrier with regard to the need for vendors' insurance.

The dilemma now is to find someone to be in charge of those folks that usually participate along Main Street, for example the local church groups, library, museum and so on.. Trustee Wilcox volunteered to ask the

leadership of the tourism committee if they can lend a hand in organizing spaces for the “vendors” and obtaining the certificates of insurance. Spring Morrow summarized the dilemma by saying that the Merchants are trying to market Main Street and the Village’s imposing the insurance regulations does not help to do that as it turns folks away.

Mayor Hatheway stated that if the tourism group is not able to organize the outside vendors, then the Village Office will get involved and organize them. The challenge will be to get the list of vendors and contact them for this year’s festival happening in 6 weeks or so. It was noted that plans for the teddy bear parade are underway and that event will still take place.

4. UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING:

There were a fair number of volunteers working on the Village Park and Jason Frazier had another group at Highland Park. The event was nicely done and contributed a lot to the community, Mayor Hatheway commented. Aprile Mack, as part of her Leadership Livingston Class did some work down at the National War Plane Museum.

Deputy Mayor Brennan went to the Steel Harmony Auction for the animals that have been created by BOCES students and on display in Geneseo that was held at the National War Plane Museum on Saturday, May 31. Lots of money was made for United Way as the animals were auctioned off.

5. WATERSHED COUNCIL SUMMARY:

The annual meeting was held last Friday and a report card of what they’ve done and a list of projects was distributed. As has been said before, the Council does a great job and is pretty active. The report is on file for review. Mayor Hatheway shared a brochure on “How to put together a Rain Garden”; there is one at Long Point Park.

6. MEETING WITH GENESEO CENTRAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

Jason Frazier, Steve McTarnaghan and Mayor Hatheway are meeting with Central School personnel as they are still in the process of site selection for a new bus garage. There is some land available on Riverside Drive that might be a possibility.

7. RESOLUTION FOR MAIN STREET:

Louise Wadsworth emailed the Village with a sample resolution for a Main Street grant application. Following review by the Board, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to adopt the following resolution:
Resolution by the Geneseo Village Board approving and endorsing The Livingston County Development Corporation in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street Program for an anchor project.

WHEREAS, The Livingston County Development Corporation desires to apply for \$166,000 in financial assistance through the 2014 Consolidated Funding Application under the New York Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist a mixed-use anchor building at 93 Main Street with façade and interior renovations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneseo Village Board approves and endorses the 2014 Consolidated Funding Application under the New York Main Street Program prepared and to be submitted by The Livingston County Development Corporation.

Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to adopt the resolution and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Hatheway attended the Geneseo Central School Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony last Saturday night. This year's inductees were Charles L. Battaglia (class of 1944), David J. Kingston (class of 1976), Barbara (Smith) Lifton (class of 1968), Mark "Bucky" O'Neil (class of 1970) and Stephen Craig Smith (class of 1972).

The ribbon cutting at the new Hammocks at Geneseo is scheduled for Thursday at 3PM.

Official notice was received from attorneys for Wal-Mart regarding the consent order and judgment for the revised assessment figures as were specifically set forth previously for all of the taxing entities.

Historian David Parish provided a copy of an article from a Niagara Falls newspaper writer that visited recently and wrote what a charming place Geneseo is.

Mayor Hatheway contacted Geneseo Tavern proprietor Rick Vattimo regarding the noise permits for events in July and August. Rick will apply for two permits for each day as the time limits were longer than allowed.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that she and Chief Osganian will be interviewing a candidate for a part-time position open in the department. The Chief's report of activity was received by the Board.

On the fire side of public safety, Trustee Wilcox reported that Chief Manzo emailed to say that there is nothing out of the ordinary going on. Groveland Supervisor Bill Carman had written about the Groveland ambulance contract and Dick and Frank met to discuss that issue.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Supt. Frazier sent the following report:

1. Auction items netted \$119,270.00 for our equipment.
2. Rubbish day today till Tuesday
3. Streets are being repaired with hot asphalt. We are going to use our winter recovery CHIPS funds (\$6,900) on Second Street.
4. Streets to be sealed and crack filled this year are: Second Street, Ward Place, Highland Avenue, Bank Street, and Megan Drive. Suit-Kote will be doing this sealing and crack filling for us in early August.
5. Crew re-anchored the banner poles and cables on Main Street with some assistance from Frontier.
6. New trees are being watered daily as well as the flowers.
7. Roadside mowing is taking place.
8. Tyler Carman is here from college, for his second week of work.

Trustee Gajewski reported from Supt. McTarnaghan that there have been issues with a digester cover at the wastewater treatment plant, crews helped the college with some leak detection, and they have been working in the sludge beds, cleaning them out. Some graffiti has been seen on the water storage tank and it is being

removed. The Annual Water Quality Statement has been published and inserted into the Genesee Valley Pennysaver for distribution to all households that use Village water. The report can be found on the Village website as well, www.geneseeony.org . Copies of the report have been delivered to the Towns of York and Geneseo and to the Wadsworth Library. Copies are available at the Village Office as well.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: no further report.

Trustee Duff: no further report.

Trustee Gajewski: The Save the Wall project starts up again this Saturday from 9-noon. It was noted that the Memorial Day Parade was well attended and well-run on a beautiful May Monday.

Trustee Wilcox: The Tourism brochures are out and rack cards with local events have been distributed to area restaurants.

12. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Happy New Fiscal Year!!! One year is finished and a new one has begun, Clerk Merrick noted.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

The question has been posed by Insurance Agent Chanler about groups that work under the auspices of the Village Board, for example, the Tourism committee. There exists a vicarious liability when groups are assumed to be under the auspices of the Village, but in reality are not. Trustee Wilcox has been in conversation with Andrew about the possibility of the Tourism Committee acting the same as the Planning Board. However the Planning Board operates with authority granted in the Village Code and under Village Law. Members of the Board are given terms of office and have specific duties and responsibilities. As such they and the ZBA are unpaid (except for a small stipend) officials of the Village.

Andrew checked with his NYMIR underwriter regarding the committee. He suggested that the group would need to have official individual appointments from the Village Board by resolution, a scope of duties and functions they are to perform, regular reports and statements on any funds they control, and general regular oversight by the board. In order for the Village policy to pick up the liability, those duties and responsibilities need to be spelled out specifically.

This subject will be explored further to make sure all is in order for the various committees that work for the Village.

14. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss Trustee Wilcox made the motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was unanimously in favor and the meeting closed at 6:19PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk