

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  
David Woods, Planning Board Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

None

1. MEETING OPENED:

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

2. RECAP OF SUMMER FESTIVAL:

Mayor Hatheway asked those gathered their initial reactions about last weekend's festival. Generally speaking, things went along quite well. There were no major glitches, the weather cooperated, and patrons seemed to be pleased. One complaint was from the Alley Cat proprietor on Center Street that the street was closed for only two vendors and perhaps that wasn't necessary. Trustee Gajewski agreed that the street probably didn't need to be closed. Sidewalk sales were made available by the merchants and there were a fair number of vendors in the Park (although perhaps 1/3 fewer according to Rotary President David Woods). David stated that Rotary's revenues for the Festival were up overall. Food sales appeared to be profitable over the weekend. Trustee Wilcox stated that St. Michael's sales were slightly ahead of prior years. The Rotary "impulse tent" revenues were down, but increased profits were realized in other areas. The 50/50 raffle held during the Skycoaster's Concert netted baby Hadley Merrick's college fund \$2,234 as the winner of the drawing donated his portion also. (One year old Hadley's mom passed away from cancer in May and her father also is battling a rare form of the disease). Also with regard to the performers, Rotary decided to book the Skycoaster's for next year and gave them a deposit check.

David has been talking to a number of people to seek their perceptions about the future of the Festival. One suggestion that was made was to have a one-day festival rather than a full weekend. Not everyone agreed with that change. Other ideas have been kicked around as well. Rotary is still interested in discussing the future with other groups. One of the physical challenges of the festival is the set up and maintain the park and all that goes into that. Perhaps the Village can help with that in the future? It was noted that DPW worker Kingston worked a few hours in the park Sunday morning. Usually the Sheriff's Department sends a contingent of jail trustees to assist with the clean-up, but they did not arrive until much later this year. Recent transitions at the Sheriff's Department might have been the reason.

As the festival concluded, Rotary had a very positive feeling, David stated. The summer fest is their single biggest fundraiser. It is part of their service to the community and Geneseo residents seem to appreciate

it. Part of the issue is that Rotary's membership is declining and the long term trend has been fewer members and they are getting older. The physical demand of these events is large and the quest is to find a way to make it more sustainable. Rotary does want to continue but they need to find something that will work, David concluded.

Trustee Wilcox added that the tourism committee feedback was excellent. A lot of merchants did excellent business during the weekend. The Teddy Bear parade was the most successful one ever. Some folks indicated their interest in helping organize the parade next year. They also thought that if all the organizations meet together and work together the festival can continue. The Tourism Committee and Welcome Center are on board to help out also.

### 3. UPDATES:

- Bank Street inquiries: Mayor Hatheway received a note back from NYCOM with regard to private use of a public sidewalk and he shared that with Trustee Gajewski and David Matthews. NYCOM advised that a municipality cannot give their sidewalk away. David Woods said that David Matthews is scheduled to present to the Planning Board on Wednesday. The Board agreed that the idea is not "dead" and they will review it further and continue the discussion.
- Summer recreation: Mayor Hatheway wrote to YMCA Executive Director Rob Walker asking how the program is going this year. Week one had 88 total participants, week two had 89. A list of names was provided but not addresses. That information is necessary for billing the Towns of Geneseo and Groveland. The first YMCA invoice was sent at a cost of \$55 per camper per week plus \$5,250 for the first installment on the swim program for a total of \$14,985. Rob noted that enrollment trends indicate they are likely to reach 100 campers this next week, as the various sports camps are finishing up for the season. If the enrollment grows to 100, another \$1,600 would be committed to the program the way the contract reads. Increased enrollment is a good problem to have, the Board agreed, but perhaps the overage can be negotiated with the YMCA.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant progress: Steve McTarnaghan reported via Trustee Gajewski that they are waiting to hear back as to when the contractor is available to remove the remaining sludge. The crew is still emptying the sludge from the digester as much as they can in preparation, but a contractor must be retained to completely empty it so that the broken gas pipe can be repaired.
- Pay phones: There are three pay phones in the Village. The agreement with Frontier expired in 2006 and has auto-renewed since then. Mayor Hatheway wrote to Frontier to renew the contract and was contacted by a representative finding out whether or not the Village wanted to keep the phones. On average, the representative stated, \$20 is generated per year per phone (although revenue for 2013-14 shows a total of \$7.98 in Public Telephone Commission Revenue code A2450). The Frontier rep did say that the phones can be removed at no charge. Following discussion, the Board consensus was to leave the pay phone at Highland Park, but perhaps one of the two on Main Street could be removed.
- Groveland Ambulance Contract: Mayor Hatheway reported that there has been some discussion about the contract cost this year. The fee agreed to by the Town was \$7,224 for 2014, which was based on 43 non-transport calls during the period 8/1/12 thru 7/31/13. The charge is for calls that do not involve a transport by the Geneseo ambulance, which has responded to the scene, and therefore ambulance billing to insurance companies does not take place. Supervisor Carman and Mayor Hatheway (in consultation with Fire Chief Manzo) have stated their rationale with one another. Groveland recently sent a check for \$2,150, instead of the \$7,224 called for in the contract, based on \$50 per call. Discussion followed. The

check has not been deposited and the subject remains open. Groveland agreed to the \$7,224 for 2014, collected that amount from their residents in January, but now appears to be having second thoughts when the obligation was due July 1.

4. MRB INVITATION:

The annual MRB gathering is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARD:

GPD and Chief Osganian were able to win first place in the National Law Enforcement Challenge competition again this year. The application guidelines were revamped, making it more difficult, according to the Chief. Plus GPD was placed in the 1-25 sworn officer category putting them up against much larger police agencies. GPD was one of only 3 New York State agencies to win in the national competition. Great!

6. VILLAGE RESIDENT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT:

Mayor Hatheway asked the Board to formally consider a proposal that was initially discussed during the organizational meeting in April. That is to offer a free sewer unit benefit to full-time permanent employees of the Village. The rationale is to recognize that these employees continuously interact with their neighbors and other residents on an on-going basis, in places and times well beyond their normal work place or day. The Board wishes to acknowledge the contributions those employees make to the quality of life in the Village. It was noted that elected officials are not considered full time employees. Therefore, following discussion, Trustee Duff moved to allow *all full-time permanent employees whose primary residence is within the Village to be exempt from sewer-use fees for that single residence, effective with the August 2014 billing.* 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 Water/Sewer billing Clerk Mack will be instructed to make those adjustments next month.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Wilcox reported that Chief Manzo said Department personnel stood by at the Air Show during the Festival weekend and nothing unusual occurred. Alex Cook and Steve Zabrocki are researching the purchase of a new ambulance. Chief Manzo said that the GFD recently became members of a purchasing consortium. One benefit already was from Bound Tree Medical, the supplier for ambulance items. The savings already paid for the membership fee in the consortium. Trustee Wilcox moved approval of the following new member: Ashley Anderson. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor. The following members are no longer with the Department: Thai Donnenfeld and Thomas Wolff. Trustee Wilcox moved to accept those membership changes with second from Trustee Duff. The motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Duff reported the following from Supt. Frazier:

1. Crew finished up all painting of crosswalks, parking stalls, lots (Fire, Muni, V.B., Highland)
2. Crew replaced an old hydrant at Westview.
3. Sanitary sewer flushing is being done.
4. Festival seemed to go well. Our only issue was with who was to be on litter removal after the concert Saturday night. We cleaned up the whole Park that Sunday morning (3 hours). The Sheriff usually brings in many prisoners to clean the whole area.

5. Some of the guys are going to be out on Vacation this month and August.
6. Second St GAS is complete; they are up at Elm St now and should finish that street this week. Next is up to Prospect and South St on the south side in front of the stone wall.
7. We poured the stairs on the side of the Village Building, the next step is to install a narrow (3') paved strip to the parking lot out back and stone between the walk and building.
8. Light poles are installed on Park St. Waiting on fixtures from RGE now, very frustrating process with RGE lately.

Trustee Gajewski reported from Supt. McTarnaghan that the crew has been cleaning and painting hydrants and flushing hydrants with pressure relief valves attached. As per an email from Steve, *Relief valves have been installed on 3 hydrants in an attempt to eliminate any water main breaks that could occur as a result of water hammer during our flushing operations. The 3 locations are: Main at Chestnut, Avon Road across from the Armory and the top of Court Street. A small amount of water running constantly from the relief valves indicates they are working properly. A large amount of water running from these relief valves indicates an increase of pressure in that area and the relief valves are alleviating that excessive pressure. If that occurs contact a Water Department employee to check/adjust pressures. These 3 hydrants can still be used for any Fire Department incidents if needed.* So far there has been no pipe breaks and the valves are working properly. Crews continue to remove the sludge from the digester as they prepare for that project to begin.

#### 9. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: With regard to the complaint from a Center Street merchant that the bags are being placed on the meters too early on Thursdays for Farmer's Markets, he will check into that. The Farmer's Market committee certainly doesn't want to discourage folks from parking there when the market is not setting up or open, and the meter bags do have times on them, but perhaps folks are not stopping to read the bags and just driving on by. Ben will talk to the merchant.

With regard to the rather controversial topic of the National Guard training exercises within the Village, some folks talked to Ben at the festival. There is a split between the folks that think it's okay and others who really dislike the practice. Ben found out during a call to the Guard that there will be more local training now and perhaps they will consider amending their procedures to send a press release before a training exercise. Notification will go a long way in letting folks know what is happening in the community.

Trustee Wilcox: The Healthy Campus Community Coalition plans to meet on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Any of the Board members are welcome to attend; Bob will send details in an email.

In terms of tourism, website updates will be underway, even though the www.Geneseo.com website continues to be a wealth of information, Bob noted. Members of the Tourism Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Whitehead, volunteered to host the tourism table at the SUNY Geneseo orientation event. Both that exercise and Mayor Hatheway's orientation tours of the Village continue to be an excellent way of introducing incoming students to the community.

Deputy Mayor Brennan entered the meeting.

#### 10. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Following review by Trustee Duff, voucher numbers 45-141 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. Following discussion, Trustee Gajewski moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers for \$155,465.76. 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 Duff moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve water fund vouchers for \$33,887.89. 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 Duff moved and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers for \$49,497.18. 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 to approve the HR-18 Water Improvement Project vouchers in the amount of \$3,522.21. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Trustee Wilcox moved to approve a HR-19 Main Street Project voucher in the amount of \$103.47. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve a Community Development voucher in the amount of \$95.00. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### 11. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Duff made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion, the vote was unanimously in favor and the meeting closed at 6:30PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk