

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 5:30PM. The minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Duff moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Gajewski-Abstain.

2. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:

Mayor Hatheway reported that the breakdown of the participation between the municipalities showed that 59% of the kids attending were from the Village, 32% from the Town of Geneseo and 9% from the Town of Groveland. The total amount budgeted was \$40,000; the actual costs were \$42,000 due to an increase in participation. On the income side, on the order of \$17,000 is being billed to Geneseo and Groveland for participants that were not in the Village. All feedback indicates it was a successful program this year.

3. SEC REQUIREMENTS:

A packet of information was received from the Village's bond counsel, Attorney Tim McGill. There is a fairly new SEC regulation that *generally prohibits any underwriter from purchasing or selling municipal securities unless the issuer (that would be the Village) has committed to providing continuing disclosure regarding the security and issuer, including information about its financial condition and operating data. In addition, the rule also generally requires that any final official statement prepared in connection with a primary offering of municipal securities contain a description of any instances in the previous five years in which the issuer failed to comply, in all material respects, with any previous commitment to provide such continuing disclosures.* There is a choice to "self-report" to the SEC; however, the Village has enlisted the help of Attorney McGill for several years along with BPD Municipal Finance (Chuck Bastian). The reason this is now a requirement, Mayor Hatheway stated, is because a school district in Indiana allegedly misrepresented themselves in the bond market back in 2006-07. The SEC then stepped in, and now everybody who has financed projects >\$1M has to comply with these new regulations. Because we have regularly sought their professional advice when we have issued bonds, Clerk/Treasurer Merrick wrote to Attorney McGill and Chuck Bastian stating that the Village does not have the expertise to self-report, and asked them to handle this for us.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✓ Leadership seminar Batavia – September 10 – 8:30AM to noon: Department managers and Mayor Hatheway. The workshop is entitled: *How to Supervise People and Lead a Team* hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ Lower Court Street memories – September 10 – 7PM – Historian David Parish’s organized program featuring Jerome Walrath sharing memories of lower Court Street.
- ✓ Bailey Building (SUNY) ribbon cutting – September 12 – 2:45PM
- ✓ ARC Run – September 13 – 10AM
- ✓ Comfort Care Walk – Teresa House – September 13
- ✓ Wingfest – September 13 Noon – 3PM
- ✓ Concert – September 19 – 6:30PM – Parents Weekend
- ✓ Autumnfest – September 20 – 10AM-6PM
- ✓ HCCC – Recovery walk – September 27<sup>th</sup> Walk from CASA to the Union where there is a Recovery Wall and then walk back up to CASA. The event is not a fundraiser but rather an awareness walk.
- ✓ Wine Stroll – October 3 – 4-7PM

5. TOURISM THANKS:

Arleen Somerville, Co-Chair of the Tourism Committee sent a nice letter thanking the Board, DPW and the office staff for helping to make the 9<sup>th</sup> RA FunFest a successful event. Trustee Wilcox noted that committee member Anita Whitehead put together pictures for each business that had participants.

6. PREPAREDNESS TRAINING:

Mayor Hatheway attended the New York State Civilian Preparedness Training Program held at the College recently. It was a two hour program aimed at preparing for pending disasters. He noted several of the suggestions made including gathering and storing a ten-day supply of food and water in your house. Major threats in this area include flooding, blizzards, and ice storms.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

The Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Trails Initiative has planned two open houses in the surrounding area to share ideas, challenges, and opportunities for regional trail networks. David Woods explained that the Trails Initiative is one of the programs offered by the Genesee Transportation Council. The trails program is updated every few years. There has been a lot of discussion in Genesee about trails both in the Town and Village, most recently in preparing the transportation connectivity plan. David suggested that it would be a great time to get those plans plugged into the regional trails plan. If they get plugged in, there may be ways to obtain funding in the future. One thing in particular the Village and Town could get on the plan is a possible link to the Genesee Valley Greenway. Discussion followed as to how that might be accomplished and the connection points in particular. Sidewalks on 20A and the connection of Millennium Drive to Veteran Drive would be other possibilities. Another would be to connect the Conservancy trail and the Arboretum on Campus.

David Woods stated that he would be willing to represent the Village at the Public Open House scheduled for Thursday evening in Batavia. Following discussion, the Board consensus was to give David Woods authorization to present the various ideas to the Council. David suggested that perhaps a letter would be helpful in laying out the ideas. The letter would be presented to the Council. Mayor Hatheway will prepare the letter. The Board thanked David for his help and for attending the event.

## 8. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police: Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that Chief Osganian would like to make Travis Lana a permanent part-time officer of the Department. In order to do that, he would need to work with Livingston County Personnel Department. Changing Officer Lana's status would allow him to work more hours with the Department. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to give Chief Osganian the ability to make a decision on how he wants to proceed with Officer Lana according to his August 20<sup>th</sup> memo. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Fire Department: Trustee Wilcox and Mayor Hatheway met with Chief Manzo and First Asst. Chief Zabrocki to talk about equipment needs for the next five years. The last fire truck was purchased in 2009. The air pack "life" will be up in 2015 and the cost to replace the units has been estimated at \$200,000, which is a very high estimate according to Chief Manzo. A recent requirement is that every fireman has a lifeline hook to enable them to escape a burning building through a window by climbing down without jumping. The new air packs come with that lifeline accessory. The air packs can be purchased on a lease arrangement rather than all at once.

In 2015 also, the Department would like to replace the 1990 pumper truck that is 25 years old. A similar model would cost on the order of \$500,000. The vehicle could also be purchased on a lease arrangement. The ladder truck is a 1989 model, also around 25 years old. The vehicle was purchased used 8-10 years ago. One of the main cylinders has been replaced and other repairs have been necessary. They hope to purchase a bucket truck to replace the current ladder truck, with the cost estimated at \$250,000.

Needless to say, the purchases or leases will be substantial during the next few years. However, Mayor Hatheway added, the Department has done a phenomenal job with equipment over the years. Money has been set aside for the air packs and currently the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund has a healthy balance to help fund the future purchases.

With regard to the Groveland Ambulance contract, the two municipalities signed a contract for \$7,224, they sent a check for \$2,150, and then a check for the balance after the Village requested it. Going forward, Supervisor Carman and the Town Council suggest that Groveland reimburse the Village \$50 for each non-transport call. The current contract expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed as to the procedure involved in answering Groveland's calls for service and it was determined that the matter is not closed and will remain open for discussion. Mayor Hatheway will respond to the Town Supervisor, thanking him for paying the remainder of the 2014 contract cost and offer an invitation to discuss next year's agreement further.

Trustee Wilcox moved to approve a new member to the Fire Department, Andrew Bartholf. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## 9. PUBLIC WORKS:

Margaret gave the following report for Supt. Frazier:

1. We are continuing our sidewalk replacement around the Village. Sidewalk blocks are being replaced on Second, Oak, Prospect, South, North and Groveland Rd. We may connect Seneca sidewalk east to Mohawk if moneys allow this year.
2. Crews have been milling rebates for asphalt replacement paving and flagging for the Town of Geneseo.
3. Dukes Root Control is in town foaming sewers, our annual maintenance.
4. We changed out a main line valve on North St, all went well.
5. Sewer flushing is completed.
6. Village building walkway is completed, we replanted plantings taken from the Log Cabin, as per "Hop" has a grant for new plantings around the Cabin.

7. Crews rebuilt 6 sanitary manhole lids on the perimeter sewer main.

Ben reported the following items for Supt. McTarnaghan:

- The wastewater system is working off of the one digester still – no date for when the contractor can come to fix the other one.
- Crews are hosting a wastewater lab next month for surrounding municipalities.
- Crews have finished all the summer projects including painting all the hydrants and plan to work on meter replacements this month as well.

#### 10. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Gajewski: With regard to the possible public eatery concept in terms of the Vital Spot, Ben has been talking with Dave Matthews who has been doing drawings for the concept. The first step might be to have the Vital Spot apply for a sidewalk permit. The permit would be issued on an annual basis like the other restaurants in the Village. If that is granted, then proceed to redesigning the sidewalk (after it is determined how much the Village owns and how much belongs to the building owner) for public access. The space would be contained with a specific “season” for serving outside including dates and hours of operation. Once they get the approval to serve the alcohol and food outside, the permit could be refined. They would be looking at a temporary set up at this point. Discussion followed with regard to the sidewalk permit with the alcohol consumption outside. Ben will talk to Attorney Reynolds to see how to proceed further.

Trustee Gajewski left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy complimented the County Planning Department on the map of Conesus Lake biorhythms. The map was drawn as part of the watershed management program.

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Wilcox: The Health College Community Coalition is nearing finalization of their plan to recognize outstanding College students who make a difference. Also as part of the HCCC group, the Recovery Relay will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> as mentioned earlier.

The Tourism Committee plans to attend the Town Board meeting on Thursday night to discuss the 2015 budget. They are requesting an additional \$500 per year in order to offer a stipend for additional work geared toward marketing Geneseo as a retirement community.

#### 11. CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT:

The annual financial report has been completed and submitted electronically to the Comptroller’s Office. In reviewing the finances in the General Fund, \$4,000 was spent over and above revenues received. There were a few reasons for that overage, including a \$13,000 property tax refund and several vouchers that needed to be paid in the 2013-14 year even though the invoices were received in June. The water and sewer funds look better and ended up on the plus side at the end of the year. The report is on file in the Clerk’s office as well as online at [www.geneseony.org](http://www.geneseony.org).

#### 12. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Duff moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Wilcox. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk