

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Megan Mikolajczyk Joyce Horner-Literacy Volunteers Mark Linton-Geneseo Central School
Marilyn Lyon-Rotary Amy Perez

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:30PM. The minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as amended (HR19 voucher to MRB amount changed to \$5,909 instead of \$5,287) with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Deputy Mayor Brennan-Abstain.

2. MEGAN MIKOLAJCZYK-GIRL SCOUT PROJECT:

Megan stated that she has been in Girl Scouting for eleven years and is working on her Gold Award Project. The Project must be sustainable and has to incorporate community groups as well as other volunteers not just from the Girl Scout troop. Megan would like to build a Little Library at a local park, preferably Highland Park.

The idea of a little library was started in 2009 by Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin. From the packet distributed by Megan, *He is a former school teacher who loved reading so he built a model of a one room schoolhouse, filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His friends and neighbors loved it. He built several more and gave them away. Each had a sign that said "free books".* The mission of little free libraries is to *promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across the generations.*

Megan's Girl Scout mentor lives in Buffalo and wasn't able to attend the meeting tonight. However, Megan has submitted a timeline and a budget, and the project has been approved by the Girl Scout council. She would like the post that holds the little library to be in the ground by the end of March or beginning of April. The library will be constructed by Mr. Loughlin, the technology teacher at school, based on Megan's design. All of the lumber except for the post will be donated from Dansville lumber.

As for the placement, Megan would like to see the library placed under a tree or awning to shield it from the elements. She would also like it placed near a bench so children and others can browse the books. The Board suggested ideas for the design (possibly the depot as a model) and possible areas for placement. Books will be donated by many groups and Megan has planned for younger scouts to carry on the project by making sure the library is stocked. Literacy Volunteers representative Joyce Horner stated that her organization would be involved as well.

The deadline to finish the project in order to achieve her Gold Award is August 2015, but Megan would like it finished in the early spring. The Board was very supportive and enthused. Mayor Hatheway suggested that Megan go to the park to identify possible sites for the library and then talk with Jason Frazier. Mr. Linton said that Megan has been a point of light getting a lot of folks to work together to get this project accomplished; after the first library is placed, others may follow in other areas of the Village and Town.

3. CEDARWOOD PLANS:

Mayor Hatheway reported that Cedarwood developer Mark VanEps asked for an emergency meeting to consider allowing them to start building Phase 2 houses even though the street has not been finished and dedicated. However, at the last minute, at the convened meeting, he announced that he would wait until spring to start building houses in order to obtain the letter of credit (on the order of \$365,000) and finish the street work when the paving plants open back up.

4. COUNTY WORKER'S COMPENSATION POLICY:

Notification has been received from the County about the Worker's Compensation self-insurance policy cost that is spread out between all the municipalities. As has been the case in past years, the cost will amount to a couple thousand more dollars for 2015.

5. SUNY SEWER:

The first blush on the sewer bill has been computed and it is higher than last year, Mayor Hatheway reported. Clerk Merrick wrote a letter to the College telling them the situation and inviting them to sit down and discuss it. The leaked water that went into the storm sewer still plays a factor in the current bill.

6. YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM:

Tracy Rollins has asked permission to oversee the annual program started years ago by Ted Saunders. The 2014-15 program will begin in November and is open to all boys and girls in grades 3-8. They will have GCS gym time on Saturdays and evening practices and games at GCS and other schools. A roster and list of coaches was submitted along with references for the coaches. Trustee Gajewski moved approval of the Geneseo-Groveland Youth Recreation Basketball Program for 2014-15 with second from Trustee Duff. All were in favor. The Board is pleased that there are many activities available in the wintertime for area youth.

7. FISCAL MATTERS:

- Comptroller's Analysis: Mayor Hatheway went online and obtained the Village of Geneseo Fiscal Stress Summary encompassing the 2012-13 fiscal year. According to the indicators presented, it appears that the Village is in great shape with an overall 6.7% fiscal score resulting in *no designation*. The no designation of fiscal stress is measured in percentages 0-44.9%. Other reports on the Comptroller's site showed that Geneseo Central School district and the County are in fine shape as well. It will be interesting to see what the fiscal analysis shows when this year's numbers are input.
- Budget matters: Mayor Hatheway, Clerk Merrick, Chief Osganian and Supt. Frazier met last week to review last year and see where things are going this year in terms of budget appropriations and revenues. The General Fund suffered last year in terms of overtime, winter weather necessities, refunding taxes to the owners of a large apartment complex and lower than estimated revenues. Chief Osganian has

already used 90 fewer hours of overtime this year over last year. The Department heads have been alerted to the fact that things are tight and the budget process will be tough in the spring.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) with regard to the Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey recently taken. The classification impacts the municipality and every property owner in terms of their property damage insurance coverage (homeowners, fire, etc.). Mayor Hatheway has asked for clarification on the rating for the Village from Insurance Agent Chanler.

A letter was sent to Jay Phillips reminding him that payment is due on his Business Development Loan. Currently he is \$1,575 in arrears. Trustee Wilcox would like to see a monthly reminder sent to Mr. Phillips unless payments are received in a timely manner.

A Second Street resident wondered about chimes that are ringing on the half hour. Mayor Hatheway responded to the email stating that the issue is beyond the Village's purview, but we will look into it.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Groveland ambulance contract: A proposed contract renewal for 2015 was sent to the Town along with a letter explaining that the Village would like to continue serving the Town of Groveland, but that the contract cost for that service would be \$5,000. The letter states that the Village *remains willing to provide the same level of services we have provided in the past. We empathize with your dilemma of trying to balance fiscal considerations with full access to emergency patient care. The decision as to who provides that care rests with the Town; it is within your prerogative to pursue those other options you mention.* Groveland Supervisor Carman has alluded to the fact that they may pursue ambulance service with the County. The letter asked for a response from the Town by December 31, 2014.

Police: Deputy Mayor Brennan noted that Chief Osganian's monthly report was received. The Department has received a grant from Senator Gallivan as part of a member item request. The Chief plans to use the money toward new equipment specifically license plate readers. The Department also received two certificates of recognition for child passenger safety advocacy.

Fire: Trustee Wilcox noted that the new ambulance is on order and delivery is expected in the spring. Department personnel are evaluating new air packs with a few vendors and seven of our firefighters participated in a hands on flash over training in Hammondspport recently. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve for membership Brent Bisdee, Mike Quenell, Wendy Escobar and Allison Hausberger. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Wilcox moved to accept the resignations of the following members: Tatiana Abaya, Lori Bush-Siracusa, John Nagel, Maggie Wayne and Emily Withers. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Duff reported the following for Supt. Frazier:

1. Crew is in the process of Rubbish Day.
2. DPW crew did all of our tree removals last week.
3. Flowers have been taken down for the year, clean up of the bed areas will be next.
4. Crew repaired a water break at the High School Tuesday night. Break was in the new parking lot of the bus loop.
5. Sidewalk repair and replacement is completed, residents will be getting an invoice for ½ the cost of the concrete used on their sidewalk.

6. 300 tons of salt has been ordered from American Rock Salt, they kept the bid price the same as last year.
7. Leaf collection season will start after rubbish day.

GCS Principal Mark Linton commended the DPW crews on their response during the recent water break at the school. They were making arrangements for a different bus loop in case the work wasn't completed, but things were all in order when it was time for the busses to arrive.

From the water/sewer department, Trustee Gajewski reported that the crews also assisted with the water break at the school; they will be hosting a sewer lab class for 15-20 people at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Wednesday; the County Health Department did an inspection at the water plant today, crews have been reading meters for the November billing, and in the last month or so they have replaced 60 meters. Blue Heron hopefully will be starting this week on the digester repairs.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy was informed that the merchants have collected \$4,500 so far toward the holiday decorations. That is enough for 14 poles with 24 as the goal. They have done very well! A couple poles have been sponsored by merchants. Deputy Mayor Brennan was asked to find out about when the electricity would be available on the poles. Jason Frazier said that the goal was to get it done before the holidays, but it hasn't happened yet.

Deputy Mayor Brennan stated that there is nothing new from the Code Office.

There is an upcoming Destination Downtown meeting in Mt. Morris and Sandy and Bob expressed an interest in attending. Clerk Merrick will send in the registration fees.

Livingston County Historical Society President Sandy Brennan presided at the Wadsworth coach ceremony on Saturday which was well attended and a nicely organized event.

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: With regard to the Vital Spot project, Ben has had a couple conversations with Attorney Tom Reynolds about the sidewalk permit required for alcohol sales outside an establishment. Tom advised that the existing sidewalk permit could be used for that purpose. Additional insurance requirements (on the part of the business owner) and specific hours listed would also be necessary information however. Perhaps that section of the Village Code could be looked at during the next revision. Ben will let the Vital Spot owners know to explore that through the Code Office. They will be doing renovations through the planning process also. Hopefully they will move forward with that along with some streetscape improvements in the Bank Street area.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that there has been a real problem with the HCCC trying to deal with underage drinking and the like without assistance from the vendors in the area. In another attempt to include them in the discussion, the coalition has offered them a free brunch on the 15th. So far five people said they are coming. It has been a struggle to get the vendors involved in the process.

The Board members noted that the Wine Stroll appeared to be a success but with fewer folks attending than last time probably due to the weather not being as cooperative.

12. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

- NYS Retirement reporting resolution: Following discussion, Trustee Duff moved to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Geneseo/Location Code 40089 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the

clerk of this body: Clerk/Treasurer Marsha Merrick, standard work day 8 hours, term 4/1/14-3/31/18 who participates in an employer time keeping system, and works 20 days per month and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Aprile Mack who also works a standard work day of 8 hours, same term and also participates in an employer time keeping system and works 20 days per month. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The resolution will be made public on the Village's website for thirty days.

- Reserve fund resolution: Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to adopt the following resolution with regard to using reserve funds for the Main Street Project: RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Geneseo hereby authorizes the use of reserve funds as follows for the HR-19 Main Street Project: \$27,000 from the General Fund Streets & Storm Drains reserve, \$125,000 from the Water Fund Reserve for Water Line replacement, and \$100,000 from the Sewer Fund Reserve for Sewer Line replacement. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. A notice stating that the resolution was adopted will be posted in the official newspaper according to Permissive Referendum rules, Article 9 of the Village Law of the State of New York.
- Clerk Merrick distributed the June Treasurer's report and reported that the unpaid taxes will be turned over to the County Treasurer tomorrow.

13. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed upcoming meetings and the schedule for voucher review.

14. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Duff. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk