

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:

Jeff Rose David Woods, Rotary President Mary Kay Yanik, Rotary President-Elect

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:30PM. The minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. JEFF ROSE – SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:

Jeff addressed the Board with a brief update on the 2014 summer rec program. He reported that overall the program went well. Logistics are still somewhat difficult with the Y in Batavia and the program here in Geneseo. But all things considered, the program runs well. Staffing is entirely local counselors so they know the kids and the kids know them.

On a typical day the program hosted 70 kids and other days as many as 90. The program is structured better and the fact that Jeff is a teacher at the Central School helps. The \$5 fee per participant per week price is a great deal and all kids were welcome. Jeff's thoughts about next year include perhaps raising the age from entering 8th grade to maybe 9th or 10th in order to engage some of the older kids that could train to be counselors.

Mayor Hatheway and the Board thanked Jeff for his commitment to the program and his willingness to continue to supervise it in the future. Early next spring, a meeting will be scheduled with Jeff and folks from the Y to talk about the 2015 program. Contracting with the YMCA affords the Village another layer of support in terms of hiring and training personnel and overseeing the administrative portion of the program.

Greater efforts are still needed to engage kids from the large apartment complexes in the Village. Jeff stated that the Y is trying to look into bus transportation again to address that aspect, as well as perhaps a bus stop in the outer regions of the School District to include more kids. Overall the Board is very impressed with the program and thanked Jeff again for his excellent involvement.

3. SUMMER FESTIVAL DISCUSSION:

Rotary President David Woods said that Summer Festival has been a topic of conversation at several Rotary meetings. Along with debriefing after this year's festival and planning for next year, the decision was made to come before the Village Board as an organization. Mary Kay Yanik is president-elect and the third in line is Tim Hayes. Presidents serve one-year terms. Treasurer Bonnie Swanson was to be here also, but has

been delayed at work. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss some of the issues with the festival this year and discuss what can be done in the future to improve the event.

Mary Kay gave the Board some background on the Rotary club. She has been a Rotarian for 7-8 years beginning in Leroy and then in Geneseo when she relocated. Rotary club members are business people and professional leaders who get together to talk about fair business and share ideas. The Geneseo club includes 36 active members and some retired members coming from all walks of life and education levels. Dues are charged and some is allocated to Rotary International. Other funds go to Rotary camp that provides activities for 124 kids from Livingston and Wyoming Counties. Other activities include Salvation Army bell ringing at holiday time, the Good Neighbors Committee that provides activities year round for 40-50 kids in the community who might not have as many opportunities. Funding donations have been given to organizations such as the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, the Livingston County Museum and historical society, the local VFW, and many other organizations and causes. Every year dictionaries are given to all third graders in Geneseo, York and the Christian School. Geneseo Rotary supports both Geneseo and York schools in terms of scholarships and programs. Fundraising happens during the annual Summer Festival as well. It was a heartwarming moment for President David Woods when the winning 50/50 raffle ticket was drawn and the entire amount was given to the family of Carrie Merrick by the raffle winner.

The Summer Festival is Rotary's largest fundraiser, plus it brings the community together. David felt that the moment that the 50/50 winner donated the entire pot of winnings to the recipient crystallized the point in his mind that the summer festival is important and must go on. The money raised enables the club to financially support the long list of activities noted earlier. \$12,000 has been raised in each of the past two years, but in 2014 the net profit fell to \$8,000. Two factors contributed to that decline: historically there have been on the order of 60 craft vendors and this year that number was down to 20. Craft vendors rent a space in the park for \$75 each. The other factor is decreased traffic through the park. Rotary charges 20% of the gross sales from each food tent staffed by non-profit organizations. \$1,500 was the net result from fewer craft vendors, and \$2,500 was the result of lowered food sales from the non-profit vendors at the park. The Skycoaster's band (Saturday night's entertainment) costs around \$4,000 plus \$2,000 for the stage. During the concert, the Rotary Impulse Tent stays open and is very busy from 6-11PM.

In thinking about ways to draw more folks to the park, Rotary is wondering if beer and wine might be sold during some of the event, David stated. Recently APOG sponsored the Chicken Wing Fest in the park and served alcoholic beverages. Rotary's interest in doing this is predicated by two stipulations, President Woods noted. There would need to be trained professionals to serve the beverages as was the case during the APOG event. The other stipulation would be that Rotary International's insurance would cover any liability involved with the sale of alcohol.

Another improvement that Rotary would like to work towards is a common marketing of the event from all entities involved. They suggest that the Village might play a greater role in the event aside from the refuse removal and other services rendered. Restroom facilities are an issue. In the past the SUNY Brodie building has been used, but costs \$700 and sometimes the building is not open in the morning. Another concern is that the festival area was smaller this year due to the temporary fence erected in front of the Doty Building. Other concerns were discussed

Rotary envisions all entities involved in the event coming together and discussing the future of the Festival and ways to make it better. David said that within the next month or so the groups could get together to start discussing next year's festival. The alcohol sales idea will take some further in-depth discussion and a look at the Village Code to see how it is addressed. David hopes that these discussions can happen

expeditiously because next July will come along very quickly. Trustees Duff and Wilcox agreed to be part of the discussion and represent the Village Board.

David appreciated the time tonight and thought it was very important to get together. He stated that Rotary really wants this to move forward and have a festival that people want to come to and that supports all the programs that Rotary is involved in. David thanked the Board and they thanked him and Mary Kay for the presentation.

4. AREA CONCERNS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan asked Planning Board Chair David Woods if he had reviewed the environmental assessment form for the new stadium lights on the SUNY Campus. Sandy presented a copy of the EAS to David for his further review. Discussion followed about recent campus projects.

5. GENESEO BUILDING PROJECT:

Mayor Hatheway reported that Jon Norris has reviewed the punch list of items recently completed by Window Specialist, the contractor. The certificate of substantial completion has been prepared and the project is close to being officially wrapped up. Final payment can be made hopefully next month.

6. ARC REQUEST:

Jeff Thomas, Public Relations Director for ARC requested permission to hold the Ramon Rocha 5K Run on Saturday, September 12, 2015. The Board was supportive.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

A note was received from Tracey Rollins thanking the Board for support of the youth basketball program.

Geneseo Central School Superintendent Tim Hayes sent a letter thanking the DPW crew for help during a recent water main break. It was feared that school would be cancelled or the normal routine disrupted, but the crew had the break fixed by 10:30PM and school was held the next day as usual.

Livingston County Development: A letter was received from Louise Wadsworth, Downtown Coordinator, that the owner of 53 Main Street (Muddy Waters building) has completed a sign and façade grant project including new windows and painting.

Good Neighbor Committee member Tom Taylor sent the minutes from their September 19th meeting.

The Merchants Association minutes state that the businesses are going to participate in handing out treats on Halloween before the parade. The annual Christmas Sing is scheduled for Saturday December 6th, and events will include horse drawn carriage rides, Santa at the Homestead and other happenings. Deputy Mayor Brennan mentioned that the merchants have collected \$5,000 for the Christmas decorations. They are asking if the Village Board would contribute to decorations for the last few street light poles in addition to the wreaths that will be purchased to display across Main Street. Mayor Hatheway stated that anything planned must be within our budgeted amount of \$5,000 in the celebrations line. Sandy will check with Supt. Frazier to see what can be done. The Board was somewhat reluctant to agree to anything additional at this point in time.

There will be a Public Hearing on November 10th for final approval for Coast Professionals to construct an addition to their building in the Town on Volunteer Road.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY:

It was noted that the Police Department recently received a grant award for \$11,660 from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in addition to the \$10,000 received from Senator Gallivan. Deputy Mayor Brennan called the Board's attention to the other items listed in Chief Osganian's report.

Chief Osganian requests that the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAHP71W96X110507) be declared surplus to Village needs and he will take it to Delacy Ford for auction when the new police vehicle is picked up. Deputy Mayor Brennan so moved with second from Trustee Wilcox. All were in favor.

On the fire side of things, Trustee Wilcox reported that FD personnel responded to a carbon monoxide detector alarm at 14 Wadsworth Street over the weekend. Six residents of alumni-owned sorority house were evacuated and it was found out that the furnace had been "red tagged" by RG&E a year ago but never repaired. Code Officer O'Keefe shut the house down today and it will not be occupied until the furnace is repaired. RG&E also responded to the call. Operational CO detectors played a significant role that contributed to a major life saving event, for which the FD is grateful.

9. PUBLIC WORKS:

Sewer Treatment Plant Update: Trustee Gajewski stated that the plant digester is being repaired. The contractor, Blue Heron arrived last week and it took them a day or two to set up. Ben was there late last week and they were starting to clean out the digester. A semi-truck is on site to contain the sludge, and one truckload of sludge has already been hauled away. The process of cleaning out the sludge could take up to two weeks. However, the contractor will be here until the job is completed.

On the water side of things, Trustee Gajewski reported that there was a water break on North Street. It was a fairly large break and a large portion of the pipe had to be replaced. The crew is reading meters and doing some other plumbing work at both facilities.

Trustee Duff reported that Supt. Frazier has obtained 400 tons of salt for the upcoming winter season. Crews have started leaf collection and tree trimming will be performed by Ken's Tree Service, tree removals by Terry Tree and removals for RG&E are being taken care of by Asplundh Tree Service.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Nothing further.

Trustee Duff: Nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben noted that the Village College meeting, held on October 15, went well. The Board concurred.

Trustee Wilcox: Five vendors showed up for the Healthy Campus Community Coalition brunch. It was an open discussion and productive. The Coalition will meet again in a month.

11. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sewer unit assignments: Utility Billing Clerk Mack provided the Board with a listing of the sewer unit adjustments that were considered during the Sewer Grievance session on October 6. Following review, Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the entire number of sewer updates as listed by Clerk Mack in the October 15, 2014 memo. It was noted that three accounts were grieved and those adjustments will also be made. There was good rationale for why the number of units should remain the same or not be raised based on the consumption warranted, Ben noted. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Clerk Merrick has been working with BPD Municipal Finance to prepare an Official Statement for the Village. Historically that process was necessary when a new borrowing took place, usually for more than a

million dollars. Now that the Federal Government, specifically the Securities & Exchange Commission put in place SEC Rule 15c2-12, the Official Statement must be filed every year. The purpose of the statement is to *fairly and fully disclose all material information on the economic status of the Village. We have included all pertinent information available to us; however, it is the responsibility of the local officials to advise of any errors or omissions. For example, if a major employer has closed or laid off a large number of employees, such information should be included in the Official Statement along with any other news, positive or negative, that would have an impact on the economic well-being of the community.* The draft statement (30 pages) is available for review.

Clerk Merrick distributed the July treasurer's report to the Board members.

Following review by Mayor Hatheway, voucher numbers 335-425 (for general, water, and sewer funds) were presented for approval. After discussion, Trustee Gajewski moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve general fund vouchers for \$90,657.02. 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 \$24,243.05. 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 and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to approve sewer fund vouchers for \$35,114.27. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

Recently a letter was sent to Jay Phillips regarding his lack of payments on the outstanding Business Development Loan. Jay responded to the letter via email. The Board requested that a response be sent to Mr. Phillips stating that the Village needs a payment on the loan monthly. Mayor Hatheway will take care of that response. Trustee Wilcox also requested that monthly bills be sent to Mr. Phillips.

With regard to the new loan given to Mr. Cofield, Athletica 4, the Board wondered if a status report would be requested to make sure the terms of the agreement were followed. Mr. Cofield is current with all of the Business Development Loan payments to date.

13. 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 7:50PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk