

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 5, 2015

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:

Conrad Baker, Genesee Sun

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye and Trustee Duff-Abstain.

2. MAIN STREET PROJECT:

Letters have been sent to the *Interested* and *Involved* agencies with regard to the SEQR for the project. The period for comments to be submitted ends on January 19th. The comments can be reviewed at the next Village Board meeting on January 26, 2015.

3. MAIN STREET REPAIR:

A water line valve was repaired in the vicinity of 57 Main Street last Wednesday, December 31st. The pooling of water in that area has been taken care of.

4. MEETING WITH COLLEGE FACILITIES-RE: SEWER TREATMENT:

Mayor Hatheway met with James Milroy, Assoc. VP for Administration and Finance along with other personnel from Facilities. In an effort to make the College as “green” as possible, they are interested in researching the possibility of using waste gases to fuel facility vehicles. Waste gases are produced when sewage is processed in the wastewater treatment plant digesters. Whether or not it is economically feasible given the size of the SUNY facility and the size of the Village wastewater plant is the question. The Board was supportive of looking further into the concept and felt that the topic is worth discussion.

5. MEETING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

Mayor Hatheway met with Louise Wadsworth, Downtown Development and Julie Marshall, Director of the County Economic Development Office with regard to the County Sign and Façade Grant program. Currently the Village contributes \$3,750 to the County program each year. The money has been put to good use, as each dollar contributed by the Village to the program has resulted in \$5.68 in Main Street building improvements over the course of four years, amounting to an investment of over \$85,000 in local businesses. Monthly grants will now be considered rather than on an annual basis. There is discussion as to how the

County program and the Village's Sign grant program can work together to benefit business owners. One consideration going forward will be an increase in Village cost to the County program of \$250 bringing the contribution to \$4,000 annually. Coordination of the various projects between the County and the Village does take place and the Village is kept informed along the way. A letter was received this week with regard to two new awnings and a screen door installed at 127 Main Street. Funding in the amount of \$2,457.27 came from the County program.

A discussion of the many new business start-ups over the past year and changes of ownership of current businesses took place along with a discussion of how State funding is portioned out to the various projects. The County applied for State funding of projects in Geneseo, Mt. Morris and Dansville. Each project was eligible for only \$50,000 and Julie and Louise plan to discuss the ramifications of the allotment with State officials tomorrow.

6. MEETING WITH COLLEGE OFFICIALS-FEBRUARY 27:

The Village Board will host the next meeting with College Officials on February 27.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Ronna Bosko, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations at the College requesting closure of Center Street on Saturday, June 6 for a block party. The event would run between 2-5PM and street closure would be from noon-6PM in total. Ronna will come to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss the event in greater detail. The Board was supportive.

The Village Board will be hosting the next Association of Village Boards meeting in February. Tentative plans are being discussed in terms of where the meeting will be held as well as a speaker.

The Time Warner franchise agreement is up for renewal and a draft has been prepared and reviewed by Computel Consultants. The firm had performed a review of franchise fees in the past and was willing to review the renewal agreement for the Village. Suggestions were made and they have been forwarded to Time Warner.

A letter has been received from NYS DOT that the Final Impact Statement has been prepared and is available for review at www.dot.ny.gov/portagevillebridge for the Portageville Bridge Project across the Genesee in Letchworth State Park. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and NYSDOT have also completed and signed a Joint National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Record of Decision (ROD) and SEQRA Findings Statement. Those documents can also be found on the website.

8. MEETING DATES FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH:

The Board discussed meeting dates and decided upon February 9th and 23rd and March 9th and 23rd. Clerk Merrick will publish a notice to that effect.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Police Department continues to be proactive, according to the monthly report submitted by the Chief. Along with that, they received good publicity on the front page of the Livingston County News with the "Shop with a Cop" program at Wal-Mart.

The County Personnel office sent a confirmation for the new position duties statement that was submitted. The position is police officer and a copy of the minutes confirming that sixth part-time position will be sent to Personnel.

As to the Fire Department, Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the following members of the Department: Aaron Lester and Danely Lopez. Alp Bilenler is also switching from Pumper squad to Protective. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Wilcox moved to accept the following resignations from the Department: Leanne Chen and Jason Lew. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Crew members finished using their 2014 vacation time and are back at work. There were no major storms over the holiday season.

Water/sewer crews are also back to work with the 57 Main Street valve project taking up time at the start of the New Year. Planning is underway for the Main Street project to commence in the spring.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan expects to attend the Code Office meetings once they start up again in the New Year.

Trustee Duff expressed an interest in serving on the committee to talk about Long Point Park.

Trustee Gajewski reported that review of the Bank Street plans continues with David Woods and Dave Matthews. Initial prospects for renovations look promising.

Trustee Wilcox reported that the Healthy Campus Community Coalition has planned a meeting later in January and the Tourism Committee has slowed down a bit during the off season.

12. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Merrick stated that she is working on the December books and miscellaneous payroll items that occur at the end of a payroll year. The budget process for fiscal year 2015-16 will begin shortly.

13. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Gajewski moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk