

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:

Karen Rumfola (United Way) Josh Williams (Fitness enthusiast)
Conrad Baker (Genesee Sun)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Deputy Mayor Brennan-Abstain.

2. KAREN RUMFOLA & JOSH WILLIAMS-UNITED WAY PLANS:

Karen Rumfola, Regional Director for Livingston and Wyoming United Way has been consulting with a group of eleven Wegman's employees who are working toward becoming Young Leaders. United Way Young Leader program includes proactive leaders who are dedicated to making a world of difference for their community. Criteria includes being under age 40 and giving \$500 or more each year to United Way.

Karen has teamed up with Josh Williams to propose a project in the area that the group could embrace. Wegman's core values are health and wellness. Josh lives on Oak Street and spends a lot of time in Highland Park as well as other parks as part of his fitness program. Many parks have modern fitness stations that allow for multiple levels of ability (mostly for adults but can be used by older children as well). Many of these stations are placed along walking trails to offer a variety of exercise while walking. Josh's thought is to have a fitness area in the park in the back area, along the perimeter of the new athletic field. Currently there are two pieces of equipment for this purpose in Highland Park, a walking balance beam and a chin up bar.

Financially, Wegman's and United Way would split the cost of the equipment perhaps and the Village could provide the slabs on which to install the stations. Josh has also talked to Dr. Jeremy Lee of Lee Chiropractic for suggestions on which stations to purchase. Dr. Lee lives in the Village as well and has an interest in keeping Livingston County the healthiest in the State. It was suggested that perhaps Jeff Rose could also be consulted with respect to his role with summer rec and placement of the new stations as well as a representative from the County Office for the Aging.

Work on the project could commence in the spring with the Village handling the site work and involving the United Way Day of Caring for assembly and installation of the stations. Hopefully six stations could be purchased and set up in three groups of two along the walking trail. Discussion followed in terms of the surface material under the stations etc.

When the project has been completed, hopefully by July 22, perhaps there could be a grand opening along with a healthy BBQ, Josh suggested. Mayor Hatheway added that plans for a grand opening since the park was renovated have been discussed but have never come to fruition. This would be a perfect opportunity to celebrate all of the improvements made since 2009. Mayor Hatheway stated that he and the Board love the idea of installing the fitness stations and have been trying to get this going since the park renovations were completed. They thanked Karen and Josh for proposing the project and look forward to seeing it unfold.

3. STROLLIN FOR THE COLON REQUEST:

The annual 5K Walk/Run is scheduled for May 2, 2015 and the event will take place in the Village Park rather than at the Auction site on Court Street. Tina Cottone, event organizer, has been in touch with Chief Osganian with the walk/run route and patrol details. They have submitted a noise permit application for a 2-3 hour time period sometime during the day for some live music to culminate the event. It seems that they have everything else in place for the event including parking, rest room availability, and food. Following review by the Board, Trustee Wilcox moved approval of the noise permit for the organizers of the Strollin' for the Colon event on May 2, 2015 in the Village Park for a 2-3 hour time period. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4. ASSOCIATION MEETING:

The next meeting will be hosted by Geneseo at the Big Tree Inn on Wednesday, February 18th. The speaker, Dan Matthews, will be representing the Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service. The Mayor's Day was announced by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to be held on April 7, 2015. This event gives mayors across the country the opportunity to highlight the great things National Service is doing to help solve local problems. The goal is to highlight the impact of national service on your community and to thank individuals serving in the Senior Corps and the AmericCorps programs.

5. MEETING WITH COLLEGE:

The next meeting will be held February 26th at 8AM in the Doty Building Tower Room. Invitations will go out this week.

6. WATERSHED INSPECTION REPORT:

The Village has received the annual report from the watershed inspector. The report is comprehensive and notes all of the complaints received and the actions taken throughout the year. Good work is being done to monitor the Conesus Lake watershed areas.

7. WATER PRODUCTION DATA:

Supt. McTarnaghan supplied Mayor Hatheway with a listing of water production data as far back as 1992. Over the last four years production has been steadily declining as water needs have lessened due to the 2013 piping project at the tank and recent metering improvements. In 2011 there was an average of 41 million gallons pumped each month, 2012 had 39, 2013 had 36, and in 2014 there were 32 million gallons. These reduced pumping amounts are also reflected in the amount of sludge transmitted to the County sewer system (which has been reduced).

The current numbers are now at 1996 levels, even though our population has grown, and sale to the Towns of Geneseo and York has increased. Mayor Hatheway will distribute the information in more useable form to the Board. The only place that is routinely being flushed is the line at the County facility on Route 20A. Unaccounted for water loss is around 7% now.

It was also noted that Steve McTarnaghan was named as the recipient of the NYWEA (New York Water Environment Association Inc.) Uhl T. Mann Award, presented by the Association for excellence in wastewater treatment plant operations and maintenance. Five awards are given annually based on plant flows. Steve was nominated by MRB's Bill Davis and was presented the award at a ceremony in New York City on February 4th. Congratulations to Steve! This award and others speak highly of the folks that work for the Village and take their jobs seriously.

8. AMBULANCE BILLING RATES:

Chief Manzo sent an email to the Board explaining the rationale behind his request to raise the ambulance billing rates. Med-Ex is raising their billing rates by \$.88 per PCR (Patient Care Chart), from \$40.25 to \$41.13. This is the first time since 2011 that they have raised rates. The renewal contract is being reviewed by the Chief and includes some of his suggestions for revision. When it is ready, he will forward it to the Board for review and signature by Mayor Hatheway.

Regarding the rates charged by the Department to the various health insurers and folks that use the ambulance service, the last rate change was also in 2011 and then only the mileage rate was increased. (Rates include a number of variables, BLS, Basic Life Support including Non-Emergency and Emergency, and then ALS1, Advance Life Support, Non-Emergency and Emergency, and ALS2, ALS Interface charges, along with Specialty Care, and Mileage.) Rates charged by GFD have fallen well behind those charged by other area agencies. Frank is proposing a 10% across the board increase in rates for all categories except mileage. He is proposing a 50% increase in the mileage rate from \$10.50 per mile to \$16.

Rationale for the increases is that the rates are far below the average in the area and the prospect of paid staff in the future is still a possibility. If that does happen, rates would need to be increased drastically if smaller increments are not realized in the interim.

Discussion followed. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the new ambulance billing rate schedule as proposed by Chief Manzo for a one year renewal time period. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. Trustee Gajewski suggested tabling the motion until more information could be gleaned such as finding out what the rates are in the immediate geographic area. However, Deputy Mayor Brennan called the question bringing the matter to a vote. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Duff-Nay. The motion carried; however, further review of rates in the immediate geographic area would still be helpful.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian's report was distributed to the Board members via email. It was noted that a light pole was knocked down at the corner of Main and Park Street (see DPW note below).

Chief Osganian and Supt. Frazier wrote a letter with regard to allowing alcohol to be served on the sidewalk in the downtown area. The Board members will review the letter and discuss it at the next meeting.

Fire Department banquet invitations have been sent out with responses due by February 18th. The annual event is to be held February 28th.

A letter has been received from Town of Groveland Supervisor Carman with regard to the Ambulance Contract renewal. The letter states that Groveland has signed a contract with the County for ambulance services and will not be renewing the contract with the Village. Mayor Hatheway will respond.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Recently there was a sewer backup on Second Street. The property owner called a maintenance man who eventually determined that the problem was a Village issue. The Village crew was able to fix the problem as soon as they were notified. The property owner is now seeking reimbursement for the service charges she was billed by the contractor in the amount of \$241.91. The request has been sent to Insurance Agent Chanler. Generally, the Village is not liable for these kinds of homeowner-incurred expenses because of the lack of prior notification. However, due to the circumstances, it was the consensus of the Board to offer to split the cost with the homeowner, which is to offer to reimburse half the cost of the service call. The Village will write to the property owner.

The following items were reported for Supt. Frazier via Trustee Duff:

1. Crews have been busy plowing snow a lot lately. More salt has been ordered 140 tons. We may need more again; winters have been long for us lately.
2. Crew repaired a water main break on Reservoir Rd Sunday, the 10" main transmission line to the Village was cracked.
3. Equipment servicing has been going on when time permits.
4. We haven't heard anything back from the Environmentalists on the Main St probing yet.
5. A local private snowplow contractor damaged one of our new light poles on the corner of Park St. We will repair it in the spring or when the weather breaks. We will put in a claim with his insurance company.
6. Attached is a letter from Eric and I about the sidewalk issue on Bank Street.

Trustee Gajewski reported the following items from the water/sewer department: the digester piping has thawed out and today they were going to start adding the "bugs" and get it working to full capacity slowly. Crews have been working on the water break on Reservoir Road (see above) and snow removal. Sidewalk snow removal has been going well also.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy met with Planning Board/Code Secretary Aprile Mack a while ago to look at possible Code revisions. Sandy went over the list of changes with the Board members. The list will be reviewed by all of the parties involved (Code officers, zoning board and planning board) before actual changes come before the Village Board.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben met with folks from Key Bank and the College about possible streetscape improvements in the Bank Street area. Everyone was in favor of continuing the discussion of ideas to make that area of the Village more user-friendly and attractive.

Trustee Gajewski left the meeting.

Trustee Duff: Margaret reported that the Long Point Park Committee is looking for input from the community. Survey sheets were handed out to Ben for the Conservancy, Sandy for the Historical Society, and Bob for Tourism. Bob Brennan and Patti LaVigne are co-chairs of the Committee.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob would like to place the topic of *Social Host Legislation* on the next meeting agenda. Sample legislation wording was distributed to the Board members. Passing the legislation would give authorities another tool in nuisance law enforcement.

12. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The budget process will begin soon. A memo was sent to the department managers to submit budget requests by February 23rd. The committee (department managers, Mayor Hatheway and Deputy Mayor Brennan) will convene after that date and begin the work of building the 2015-16 budget. Along with that, plans for a safety committee suggested by NYMIR will be discussed at that time.

13. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

The County is looking at the possibility of connecting Millennium Drive to Veteran Drive. There are three different options on the drawing board right now, Mayor Hatheway reported. Plans will be coming before the Planning Board to discuss.

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 6:45PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk