

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:

Conrad Baker – Genesee Sun

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the July 20, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as amended 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. MAIN STREET PROJECT UPDATE:

- ✓ Financing bid results: There were four bidders for the \$1,183,000 Bond Anticipation Note. Bids ranged from a low bid of 1.18% by Jefferies LLC to 1.498% by Roosevelt & Cross. Locally owned Five Star Bank bid in between at 1.49%. Interest cost for the first year will amount to \$14,000. The BAN will close on August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Mayor Hatheway talked to MRB's Dave Willard today with regard to the project. Progress has been slow but a second crew has been added for water main installation. Dave requested a revised schedule to be discussed at the next progress meeting. The crews started work on Bank Street and work is still needed at Main and 20A. Water main work is still needed at Main and Court Street and Court to Wadsworth. Environmental mitigation work will start next week. They want to get the new water main installed and active before remediation work begins. Discussion followed.

3. GENESEO WELCOME CENTER REQUEST:

The Welcome Center steering committee and the Merchants are planning their *Moving-In Weekend* events for the arrival of SUNY students on August 28-30. They would like to have free parking throughout the weekend on Main and Center Streets. Volunteers plan to cover and decorate the meters with blue and white materials and balloons along with welcome messages from this year's community art project. Merchants and community members have also been asked to provide welcome drawings for the placards. Volunteers will prepare the meters before 8AM on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and check and refresh them as needed through the weekend. The Board was supportive and approved of the plans outlined in Kathy Trainor's letter of July 22.

4. SUNY SEWER SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL:

The SUNY sewer contract renewal has been approved by the Attorney General's office and the Comptroller's office. The term of the contract is 10 years, June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2025. The Mayor has signed the renewal.

5. ASSESSMENT CHALLENGE:

Clerk Merrick passed along notification of another tax assessment challenge presented by Wolf Associates I, L.P. (owners of the Geneseo Heights apartments). They would like their assessment lowered from \$2,454,100 to \$1,000,000.

6. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

The Ramon Rocha run is scheduled for September 12. The run will be one of a trio of events as usual beginning with the Oak Tree Conservancy event on September 6, then the Ramon Rocha event on September 12 and the College's Friday Knight 5K Race/Walk on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Hatheway recently met with incoming SUNY President Denise Battles and SUNY VP for Student & Campus Life Bob Bonfiglio. They talked about a variety of Village-College issues; one action item was to form a group to review the compact between the community and the college. Discussion followed with regard to the compact and the Healthy Campus Community Coalition.

RG&E has filed a notice of claim with the Village due to a gas line being broken while the Village crews were planting a tree.

PathStone (formerly Rural Opportunities) would like to spread the word that they have been awarded a NYSERDA grant to be the Green Jobs-Green New York Outreach program in Monroe, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston, Yates, Ontario and Wayne counties. Under this program, PathStone will continue its outreach to the Finger Lakes Region to provide education, financial assistance, technical assistance, and enrollment services into New York State Energy and Research Development Authority energy programs. They will be having a meeting here at the Geneseo building on Thursday, October 15, from 5:30-6:30. Programs are available for tenants to help fix up living spaces to save energy costs. Information pamphlets will be given to the Farmer's Market committee to display during the market times also.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Personnel request: Deputy Mayor Brennan noted the memo from Chief Osganian asking to put retired full-time officer Jeff Szczesniak back on the force part-time. Sandy and Eric talked about the position today. Jeff has 20 plus years of experience with the Department and is proficient in public presentations, fixing numerous computer and software issues and signing up for parades and details. In addition, he already has uniforms and equipment. Following discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the request of Chief Osganian to place Jeff Szczesniak in the vacated (by Travis Lana moving to full-time) part-time slot on the force. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chief Osganian is looking to surplus the 2008 Crown Victoria (VIN# 2FAHP7168X176667) and in its place purchase a 2014 Ford Interceptor sedan from Delacy Ford. He found the leftover vehicle at a competitive bid price available now and priced lower than the 2015 model. Following discussion, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve of Chief Osganian's purchase of the 2014 Ford Interceptor and to surplus the 2008 vehicle. Funds are in the budget to cover the cost of the new vehicle with a small amount coming from the equipment reserve. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. The 2008 will be auctioned off.

With regard to the parking attendant position, Deputy Mayor Brennan was excited to share the news that a candidate had been chosen. There were eleven applicants, and five interviews were conducted. The tentative recommendation before the Board tonight is to hire Teresa Easton for the ten-hour per week position. Teresa's qualifications and interview were discussed. Chief Osganian, who will be supervising the position, is scheduling a physical for Teresa in Batavia and has been checking her references. A compromised wage for the

position was arrived at and following the first three months on the job her salary will be reviewed. A suggestion was made to introduce her to some of the business owners. Hopefully she will be able to start the second or third week of August before the students arrive for the fall semester. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to hire Teresa Easton for the parking attendant position pending a favorable medical exam and reference check. All were in favor. Mayor Hatheway and the Board thanked Deputy Mayor Brennan and Chief Osganian for handling this process. It was noted that t-shirts and a winter jacket will be provided by the Village for this position.

Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the following new member to the Fire Department, Karly Nocera who has returned from leave, and to accept resignations from Andrew Sykes, Matthew Fredericks and Jessica Sgrome. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Gajewski also gave a recap of the fire at 73 Main Street that occurred on Wednesday, July 29 at approximately 3:45PM. This is the first big fire on Main Street in over 30 years with the last one occurring in 1977. Seven area fire departments (Mt. Morris, Avon, East Avon, Livonia, Caledonia, York and Lakeville) responded to the fire that burned until late in the evening. The building is a total loss. Livingston County EMS helped out as well as GPD, the Sheriff's Department and the State Police. Area merchants pitched in with a building to refresh in (Nothnagle), pizzas and food delivered by Mama Mia's, Pizza Paul's and Sweet Arts Bakery as well as ice donated by the 7-Eleven. The Village DPW crews set up barricades to divert traffic and worked at keeping the catch basins clean from debris and cleaning the street following the fire. It was noted that water/wastewater worker Steve McLean was on hand at the beginning of the fire as part of the Village crew and then later in the event as a York firefighter. Investigation into the cause of the fire continues at this time by County Emergency Management Director Kevin Niedermaier

The Board commends the well-trained, professional volunteers and the good job they did. Life in this small town is a picture of all that is right in America. Volunteers stepping up to the plate to answer the call, volunteers from neighboring communities pitching in to help and merchants at the ready to provide needed sustenance and shelter. Everyone did their job to protect life and limb and to spare the adjacent buildings. It was noted, however, that Touch of Grayce suffered smoke damage and the Cycle Stop shop suffered water damage in the basement.

## 8. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Duff reported the following for Supt. Frazier:

1. Suit-Kote was in town and sealed Elm, Prospect, Northview, Livingston and Oak. We will come back through and paint the crosswalk lines in those streets.
2. Sewer flushing is still underway.
3. Crew members are using vacation time during the summer.
4. A new fire line was tapped into the Bank St line for the new apartments below Main St.
5. Main St Project: Water line is installed down to North St.
  - o Sewer line is completed, they just need to test, and camera the line.
  - o Bank Street 6" water line is started.
  - o 20A/Main Street tie in is completed, they need to set the Pit and tie in the 4" Wadsworth water line
  - o Project is still behind schedule.
6. Village crew helped out with the fire on Main Street that night and the next morning.

Trustee Wilcox reported the following items for Supt. McTarnaghan: an email was sent about flushing hydrants taking place this week. Along with that, crews have been painting at the wastewater treatment plant. As reported by Supt. Frazier, the Main Street project is moving slowly, however, there have been few water

main breaks caused by the contractor, thankfully. Also, there were no water breaks caused by the fire on Main Street in the vicinity of the construction. The driveway at the tank site on Reservoir Road is being prepared for sealing.

#### 9. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy stated that she will have more information on the Code review and any proposed changes hopefully at the next meeting. Now after summer vacations, Clerk Mack, David Woods and she will meet and continue work on that project.

Meetings held twice per month with the Code Officers are pretty much back on schedule, Sandy reported. Those meetings, held with the Code Officers and Supervisor Wadsworth, are very beneficial.

Mayor Hatheway asked about the solar farm legislation. Planning Board Chair David Woods stated that the Town just appointed their person to look at that. Trustee Gajewski asked about folks installing solar panels on roofs and David said that is permissible in the Code now. Specifications and regulations are contained for that in the State building code.

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben stated that despite the fire and damage to many businesses on Main Street late Wednesday, the Farmer's Market was able to go forward on Thursday afternoon last week. Farmer's Market committee members talked to the neighbors there and they thought it was okay. Slight adjustments might need to be made in the coming weeks to accommodate the clean up efforts. The merchants are moving forward with the wine stroll planned for Friday afternoon, 4-7PM. Two businesses that were participating cannot now, but the others are willing to go forward and make the best of it.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob noted that the Tourism Committee working alongside the Supporters of Main Street are doing quite a bit more with the Weekend of Welcome for the students (August 28-30). Events planned are very positive. To be sure, parents will know that they are leaving their kids in a community where folks really care about them.

#### 10. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Merrick distributed the final quarterly reports for fiscal year 2014-15 along with a list of final budget transfers. Some budget modifications were necessary when all of the final fiscal year's bills were paid in June. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the final transfers as listed dated August 3, 2015 with second from Trustee Duff. All were in favor.

Mayor Hatheway noted that as the books are being closed on the last fiscal year, it appears that all funds ended in the black with the exception of the sewer fund expending more money than was taken in during the year. This was due largely to the major expense due to the digester piping issue that was paid for out of the operating fund.

Clerk Merrick noted that she has been going through a lot of old records dating back to the 1930's, 40's and 50's. A letter from the American Specialty Co., Inc. dated July 15, 1953 along with a conditional sales contract between the Geneseo Dairies Inc. at 108 Main Street and their company for equipment. Also enclosed was a half dollar in coin to pay the Village for filing that contract and a self addressed, stamped envelope for the Village's *acknowledgement*. Clerk Merrick researched the value of the 1936 Walking Liberty silver half dollar and found it to be \$6.41. The coin was not in good condition, unfortunately, or it would be worth \$9.61. The Board found the find interesting and Clerk Merrick stated she will deposit the coin into the Village coffers.

11. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Gajewski moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Wilcox. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:14PM. Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk