

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:

Bill Davis-MRB Group
Grayce McLaughlin
Conrad Baker & Josh Williams-Genesee Sun

Don Livingston
Steve Burnette

Barry Caplan

Jim Sullivan

Kurt Cylke

Matt Leader-Livingston Co. News

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the September 28, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Wilcox. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. MRB GROUP-BILL DAVIS:

Bill Davis brought the Board up to date on the Main Street project. In general, he reported, there have been disruptions, but it now appears the project is beginning to get out of the woods. Full depth street restoration work was done last Friday and the work for this year may be wrapped up in another couple weeks. MRB will develop a punch list for the contractor, as will Jason Frazier. Work at South Street and Main still involves pressure testing and chlorinating the water line before it can be finished. Hopefully the line can be tested early this week, and the results would be back on Thursday and then the Homestead can be tied in. All of the other water services have been done, Bill said. Sidewalk work will be next as well as driveway entrances, some paving here and there and testing of manholes.

A proposal, Bill continued, for construction administration/observation through the extended period given to the contractor and then another for the period from September 25 to October 19 when the work should be wrapped up has been presented to the Village. The delays experienced have not all been the fault of the contractor, Mayor Hatheway stated. The Bank Street project was added after work had begun on Main and Court as well as the additional milling and paving were added items. It is difficult to sort out how much of the extra time was due to the contractor and how much extra time was devoted to the additional work. That can all be addressed after the project has been completed. Bill also mentioned the difficulty in locating the sewer line that was inside the storm tunnel and the close proximity of the water lines to the curbing on Court Street.

Budget wise, costs are coming in close to the original estimate with approximately \$40,000 left in contingency. The overall project will cost \$1.5 million. Budget numbers were tallied with the additional construction observation work taken into consideration and the last pay application calculated. With regard to the remediation and removal of the old petroleum storage tanks, a great unknown within the project scope, that work has been completed and turned out to be the easiest portion of the project. Five storage tanks were

removed and the contents disposed according to DEC guidelines. The soil is being bio-remediated at the DPW yard on Riverside Drive and our crew will aerate that soil by turning it over periodically as part of the process.

Mayor Hatheway and the Board were given two change orders to consider and the proposal for the additional construction observation timeframe. The cost for that amounts to \$8,000 in a lump sum (for daily correspondence with Village, Contractor and Construction Observer, completion of project RFP's, change orders and clarifications, coordination and processing of monthly payment applications, progress meeting attendance and minutes, and preparation of draft punch list) for the period mid-August through September 28 and construction observation hourly fees not to exceed \$25,500. For the period September 29 through October 19, the lump sum would be \$7,500 and the hourly not to exceed amount would be \$13,500. Following review of the documents, Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the MRB proposal for the additional construction administration and observation work through October 19 as presented. Trustee Duff 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 motion carried and Mayor Hatheway signed the documents.

In conclusion, Bill reminded the Board that Nardozzi was the lowest bidder that came in \$300,000 lower than the next bidder. MRB did research their abilities and found them to be responsible to do the job. Thankfully the project is nearing its end. Bill thanked the Board for their time and cooperation and the Board thanked Bill for overseeing the project and the process.

3. WING FEST RECAP – KURT CYLKE:

Kurt reported that the event was a great success. It was a beautiful day, lots of folks came out and there was positive feedback received. Just fewer than 400 tickets were sold. Deputy Mayor Brennan added that there seemed to be heightened energy around and about the events that drew people downtown. Grayce McLaughlin shared as well. Combining family weekend, the Wing Fest and the Autumn Fest was great. Plans will be underway for next year's event and Wing Fest organizers put together a list of suggestions for that planning process.

Kurt Cylke also noted that Mr. Kuyt will be here next week to look at the Village Clock.

4. STEVE BURNETTE:

Steve came before the Board to update them on the status of 73 Main Street since the fire on July 29. He reminded the Board that he has been a businessman around town for the past 40 plus years. The demolition of the building housing Kelly's Saloon is supposed to take place this week, after numerous delays working to satisfy insurance requirements.

Mr. Burnette then went on to say that he has heard rumors that the Village Board is doing everything in their power to keep Kelly's from being rebuilt. Being that he is "knocking on the door of (age) 70", he would like to sell the building to the highest bidder. The owners of Kelly's Saloon happen to be the highest bidder at this point in time. Steve stated that he would be very disappointed if someone on the Board was trying to block the sale. Mayor Hatheway and the Board assured him that has not been discussed at this table and simply is not the case. Deputy Mayor Brennan added that the Village Board lacks any authority in regulating what kind of businesses can occupy buildings within zoning districts, so those rumors are completely unfounded.

It looks like cordoning off the area will take place tomorrow and then demolition definitely on Wednesday-Friday. Everything has to be taken out the front of the building. Empire Wrecking, a firm with an office in Rochester, will be doing the work as they have obtained all the necessary permits required by Burnette's insurance carrier, Dryden. Taking down the building will be challenging as the crew must be careful of the buildings on either side. I-beams are pocketed into the walls but they are not one piece all the way

across. The tin ceiling has been removed and a local businessman obtained the tin. The building was built in 1838. Air monitoring, asbestos monitoring and any other safety concerns will be handled by the wrecking company with the help of another firm, Paradigm.

As for rebuilding, Steve stated that he has started the process for site plan review and preliminary approval. If he were to rebuild, he would build it the same way it was, by building the first floor and then shell in the second floor and get a roof over the top of everything. During the Main Street project a four inch water service was installed and would be sufficient for a sprinkler system if the building were to be two story mixed use. If the building is used for offices, then it needs an elevator to be ADA compliant.

The Board thanked Steve for bringing them up to date. Trustee Gajewski asked about sidewalk access during the demolition and that will be up to Empire Wrecking. Discussion also followed with regard to the type of fence that will be used between demolitions and rebuilding and will it be attractive. Steve responded that he hasn't given much thought to the fence at this point but would try to cooperate with whatever Street Supt. Frazier suggests.

5. YOUTH BASKETBALL:

It's time for youth basketball again, the annual program under the auspices of Geneseo Youth Recreation. The program is open to all children in grades 3-8 and will begin in November. Along with the request from the program organizer was a roster of participants and a list of coaches, many with Geneseo Central School ties. Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the request to hold the annual Youth Basketball program with second from Trustee Gajewski. All were in favor.

6. PROSPECT STREET 'SIDEWALK':

The relatively small section of sidewalk (two feet wide by 150 feet long) belongs to the Village. The question is whether to repair the sidewalk that essentially goes from Center Street to the first house on the east side of Prospect Street or to abandon it altogether and remove it. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to abandon the sidewalk and remove it.

7. SPECIFIC PARKING PERMIT:

The Board reviewed the draft and discussed the pros and cons of issuing one permit per business at a cost of \$75 annually or \$40 for six months. The concept was discussed at a recent merchants meeting and they were generally in favor. The permit would be mainly for delivery purposes and would not be specific to a particular parking place, but rather to the business and would need to be displayed in the vehicle using the permit. Following discussion, the Board considered reconvening the parking committee. Perhaps then they could develop criteria for the permit. In any event, the concept will be moving forward and the discussion will continue.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Notification has been received from the County Economic Development Office that Karyn Deagle has been awarded \$2,250 for improvements made to her business, Genesee Valley Florist. Other Main Street improvement projects were mentioned including the extensive work on the Mama Mia's restaurant (Mark Scoville's building) and at Touch of Grayce, Honey Girl Gourmet (new location) and the Genesee Valley Conservancy (painted recently).

A note of thanks was received from Jeff Townsend at the YMCA for another very successful summer recreation season in Geneseo. *The YMCA truly appreciates the partnership we have to deliver this program and we are already planning for 2016.*

Board members were reminded of the next Village/College meeting to be held October 14 at 8AM at the Doty Building.

Trustee Gajewski reported that there was a nice ribbon cutting ceremony at Highland Park last Friday. The Chamber of Commerce presented a certificate commemorating the new exercise stations installed along the walking trail. The project was a collaborative effort between the Village, United Way, Wegmans, Genesee Valley Motors, and the County Health Department. Dale Sells and her “family” were there also to celebrate the dog park and all of the recent Highland Park improvements.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian’s monthly report was received by the Board members.

Mayor Hatheway and Deputy Mayor Brennan met with Chief Osganian and Fire Chief Chanler to discuss staffing issues within the two departments. It was a good meeting and the Board members let the Chiefs know that they support them and understand the staffing concerns but that there is no easy solution.

Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the following new members to the Fire Department: Jacklynn Ibrahim, Frederick Ingalls III, Kevin Milone, Allison McKenna, Djoni Elkady and Lori Bush, and the following resignations: Sam Rogers (Mutual Aid) and Nick Brancato. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

With regard to the incident at the salt mine, Trustee Gajewski found out from Chief Chanler that equipment was shared, not manpower. Geneseo FD personnel are not trained or equipped to go below ground and the mine has their own incident response team. However, Geneseo FD did help out with equipment resources.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Duff noted the following for Supt. Frazier:

1. Crew is busy with rubbish day today, usually takes 2-3 days.
2. Asphalt has been laid down in the driveway areas of the sidewalk replacement, water breaks and needed areas before winter.
3. Flowers have been taken down as needed.
4. Leaf equipment has been serviced and will be mounting soon.
5. Roadside mowing and perimeter sewer mowing is completed for the year.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy plans to meet with Christine at the Town Office to discuss a form that might make the building permit and planning/zoning board processes easier.

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben thought that Grayce brought up an interesting point about the barricade that will be in place until a new building is built at 73 Main. Perhaps the fence/barricade can be made attractive in the interim.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the Healthy Campus Community Coalition is working on a flyer to let folks know about the recently enacted Social Host law. The plan is to insert the flyer into the next water billing in November.

With regard to tourism, Bob noted that for years Geneseo has had a two-page spread in the Livingston County travel brochure. That might be cut back to one page as it has become cost prohibitive. Print media continues to be very expensive. However, it does appear that all of the promotions are working to bring folks downtown and to Geneseo merchants. Tourism committee folks continue to dedicate a tremendous amount of time and energy to the effort.

12. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Merrick distributed the July Treasurer's report as she continues to bring the accounting records up to date following the completion of the annual report.

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 6:21PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk