

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:

Margaret Vangalio    Louise Wadsworth    Josh Williams (Genesee Sun)  
Matt Leader (Livingston County News)    Chad Putnum    Linda Cannon  
Betty Smith    Barb Scoville    Liz Porter    James Willey  
Grayce McLaughlin    Scott Hicks

1. MEETING OPENED:

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

2. BARB SCOVILLE – HAWTHORNE CIRCLE/THORNAPPLE DEVELOPMENT:

Betty Smith was the spokesperson for the group and thanked the Board for accommodating them so quickly. She presented a petition to the Village Board from the Thorn Apple Homeowners Association Inc. The petition reads: *The residents of Thorn Apple Townhome community have a concern about the lack of a street light at the intersection of Lima Road and Thorn Apple. It is very difficult to see the street sign at night due to the lack of a light in close proximity to the sign/intersection. This is particularly true since we are primarily a community of older residents who appreciate and need well lit streets. We have noticed that this is the only intersection on Lima Road within the Village limits that does not have a street light. (Examples were given.) We would like to request that the Village address this safety issue by adding an additional street light next to the Thorn Apple street sign, OR by moving the current street light that is approximately 25 feet south of the street sign on Thorn Apple so that it is placed directly next to the Thorn Apple street sign on Lima Road.* Betty said that the group would appreciate anything that could be done. Mayor Hatheway and the Board stated that they would take a look, contact Jason Frazier and get back to the group in a reasonable timeframe. Betty and the residents that were present thanked the Board for their consideration.

3. MAIN STREET PROJECT:

“It’s the 19<sup>th</sup> of October and they haven’t finished yet”, Trustee Wilcox stated. The process has been frustrating to say the least. The work being done at the end of Main Street (near the Homestead) today was the Village’s part, not Nardoizzi, Mayor Hatheway reported. Nardoizzi was replacing soil and seeding today on the boulevard areas disturbed by the project. Things are winding down.

As for the demolition of 73 Main, that has been completed and plywood has been placed in the space left by the building. There remains just a lift in front of the building at this point. Hopefully that will be picked up soon. The sidewalk and curb look great in that area. Plans are to have the Central School help with a decorative mural on the plywood until building reconstruction takes place.

4. PARKING ENFORCEMENT:

Specific Use Permit idea is still on the table, Mayor Hatheway stated. Meter Attendant Teresa will be enforcing all of Main Street now that the construction project is wrapping up on the north end. Jason Frazier will be painting the parking stripes in the area now even though the final paving will not take place until spring.

A note was received from someone who received a ticket for not putting money in the meter. The fine was paid, however the driver was handicapped and had a hard time retrieving the ticket from the windshield. Meter attendant Easton was informed of the problem and will explore other ways of affixing the ticket to the vehicle in that situation.

5. CODE OFFICE:

Code Office operations continue in the wake of assistant Code Officer O'Keefe's retirement. However, there needs to be some discussion about the financial arrangements with the Town for that coverage, Mayor Hatheway noted.

Regarding the fire inspections and the requirements to perform those inspections, Mayor Hatheway wrote to the Department of State seeking information. A response was received. Two levels of certifications are obtained through the Department of State. One is a Building Safety Inspector (BSI) who can perform Property Maintenance and Fire Code Inspections (basically performing inspections and developing reports) and the second is a Code Enforcement Official (CEO) who can do the same as a BSI and in addition perform plan review and inspection for new construction. The CEO is also responsible for enforcing and administering the Uniform Fire Prevention Building Code (UFPBC) and Energy Code. If the individual performing the inspection is going to inspect or cite any provision of the UFPBC they need to be certified. If they are going to enforce the provisions then they need to be certified as a CEO.

The Code Office has sent a letter to an individual who has more than four people living in a rental.

6. EFFICIENCY PLAN:

Information was received from the NYS Division of Budget that the Tax Freeze/Government Efficiency Plan submitted by the County of Livingston has been approved. The Plan will now be forwarded to the Department of Taxation and Finance. Some portions of the County plan were not approved, but since the approved actions met or exceeded the County target amount, the plan was approved. The Village was included in the County submission.

Information has been received from County Administrator Ian Coyle about a change in the area of grant writing service for Livingston County and the Town and Village governments. The County has for many years contracted out the service to Stu Brown and then more recently Thoma Development. They have now decided to internalize the operation and have hired a Grants and Public Information Coordinator, Heather Grant, to perform these services. Heather will be a full-time County employee with her start date November 1<sup>st</sup>. Her office will be in the administrative suite on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Government Center. Municipalities will continue to receive grant-writing service free of charge through this county arrangement. Thoma remains on contract through December 31, 2015 and into 2016 as various projects are wrapped up. Mayor Hatheway noted that the

Village has received assistance in the past from the County, including submissions for the Geneseo Building and for the Highland Park grant.

7. VILLAGE-COLLEGE COMPACT:

Mayor Hatheway reported that he has received an email message from SUNY VP of Student & Campus Life Bob Bonfiglio about the Geneseo Town-Gown Relations Compact. A small group is being convened to discuss the document originally drawn up to address police actions and how to share information and services. The group will include Chief Osganian, Mayor Hatheway, UP Chief Tom Kilcullen, and Wendi Kinney. Also, the Healthy Campus Community Coalition is on hold pending its purpose and function being reviewed by an independent consultant.

8. TOWN PLANNING BOARD:

The Town Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing for Phases 2 and 3 of the Hammocks development. The hearing is scheduled for November 9, 2015.

9. SEWER UPS AND DOWNS:

Following the review of sewer units completed by Clerk Mack and following up on specific requests made during the sewer grievance meeting held September 28, Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the changes that have been suggested and determined on the basis of past consumption history. 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.

One account remains in question, that for Courtside Apartments. Mayor Hatheway plans to meet with the property manager this week.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Deputy Mayor Brennan spoke with Chief Osganian who reported that SUNY Homecoming took place this past weekend and was fairly uneventful. The colder weather may have played a part. The new police vehicle is being placed in service.

There have been many complaints about a solicitor that came to town selling reduced energy rate plans. The solicitors registered in the Village Office but were then found to be a nuisance and in violation of some laws as was discovered by the Geneseo Police Department.

Chief Osganian has received a grant through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$11,960 to enforce increased seatbelt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors. Also \$3,300 was awarded from the same Committee for child passenger safety seats.

A letter from Osborn, Reed and Burke, LLP was received in response to a request to lower fees paid to research staff at their law office. \$140 per hour will be charged for associates rather than the standard attorney fee of \$165 per hour.

11. PUBLIC WORKS:

The Village gardeners (Charlie & Doug) were pulling out plants as the growing season has come to an end unfortunately.

Trustee Wilcox reported that water/sewer and DPW crews have been reading and replacing meters and working with Nardozzi Contractors on the Main Street project. It was noted that the parking meters have been

reinstalled in front of Crickets and Special Tee's. The last water main hookup will begin tomorrow morning at 3AM. There was a water break on North Street last night. Employee Chris Dermody is taking his final walk through with the Health Department to finalize his water license.

SUNY volunteers worked this past Saturday raking leaves in the grove near Temple Hill Cemetery. Mayor Hatheway will drop a note to Samantha at the College thanking her for that help and perhaps suggesting other service projects. It was noted that the College students connected with the Athletic Department have been available in the past to help senior citizens with yard clean up.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: nothing further

Trustee Duff: Margaret is impressed with how well the demolition of Kelly's was handled. She also is happy about Eric's report to the Board via emails about the energy solicitors and phone scams.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben attended the College Stadium ribbon cutting last Friday, October 16. Ben also noted that the Halloween parade will be held on Saturday, October 31, at 6pm. Rotarian David Woods noted that Margaret McCaughey has been coordinating the event for Rotary.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the Tourism Committee is into a lot more things at the County level these days. An online newsletter is being distributed by the Main Street intern and is very useful. The Tourism committee has been working more closely with the merchants not only on the new brochure for next year, but on other projects. Bob will be attending their meeting this coming Wednesday.

13. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

First quarter reports (through August) were distributed to the Board.

Following review by Deputy Mayor Brennan, the Board reviewed abstract 005 of fiscal year 2015-16. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to approve payment for voucher #330 through #414 in the following amounts:

General Fund voucher #330-414	\$ 61,240.59
Water Fund voucher #336-#411	\$ 18,357.15
Sewer Fund voucher #336-#411	\$ 30,939.23
HR19-Main Street Project #030-#031*	\$ 469,907.77
Community Development voucher #003	<u>\$ 367.50</u>
Total	\$ 580,812.24

\*Vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment by MRB Group prior to submittal. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

14. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

It was noted that SUNY President Denise Battles will be inaugurated on Thursday, October 22 at 1PM.

Regarding Local Law #3, amending Sections of the Village Code, Trustee Wilcox moved to accept the changes as presented during the public hearing held this evening. The only change would be to add the words *complementary and* to Section 130-34, Mixed-Use District 1, new item added "J. Visual Compatibility. New structures shall be *complementary and* compatible in height and number of useable floors with existing buildings on adjoining properties." Trustee Duff seconded the motion. Planning Board Chair David Woods said the amendments were written to match other sections of the Code. Trustee Wilcox then changed his motion to

drop the words *complementary and*, and to adopt the amendments as presented. Trustee Duff seconded. It was noted that the people who attended the public hearing and might be affected by the Code changes, including Main Street merchants and building owners as well as community folks were in support of these amendments. The only negative comments suggested the proposal did not go far enough, that it should include the requirement that new/replacement construction must be at least two stories. The motion was stated again to adopt the changes to the Code as presented. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Gajewski-Nay. Trustee Gajewski was not opposed to the concept, but felt that the regulations should be spelled out to be more stringent.

15. 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 6:41PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk