

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:

Josh Williams (Genesee Sun) Matt Leader (Livingston County News)
David Cyrkin (Mann's Jewelers) Krystyna Skrzypek (Euro Café)
Stephen Vasile (University Hots)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the October 19, 2015 regular 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 Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The minutes of the October 19, 2015 public hearing on Local Law #3 amending the Village Code were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Gajewski. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. EURO CAFÉ – PARKING CONCERNS:

Krystyna from the Euro Café addressed the Board. She said the Café is very small and the building owner does not provide parking for the business. Also, she claimed there is no storage at the Café. Therefore, she said there is a need to have a vehicle nearby so that they can have access to supplies etc. They did purchase a parking permit for the Municipal Lot, but stated they need their vehicle in close proximity to the Café. Krystyna added that they are willing to pay for some sort of business permit but they need to park at least one car on the street.

Mayor Hatheway stated that the Board plans to hold a meeting next Monday to discuss parking downtown. The meeting will be an open forum to identify areas of concern and potential solutions. He added that Geneseo has a successful downtown and that's good; however, as a result of that, there is also a parking problem.

The Board thanked Krystyna for her input and hopes she will attend the meeting next week and she thanked the Board for their attention to the matter.

3. MAIN STREET PROJECT:

Mayor Hatheway stated that at this point in time, the engineers have signed off on substantial completion. Punch list items were finished up last week and MRB, Nardoizzi, Supts. McTarnaghan and Frazier are pleased with what was done. Issues at 4 Main Street have been worked out as well.

During the course of construction, 2,000 feet of 8” water main was replaced with 12” pipe; new connections were made to the Central School, as well as a new connection to the County Building. The County Building is now separated from Court Street so if there is a water line issue on Court Street, the County facilities will not be shut down. Five new hydrants were placed along with approximately fifty service connections plus a new service to the Homestead. In addition, the water line was replaced on Bank Street and a portion of the street was then repaved. A full depth restoration of Main Street took place with new curbing. Five fuel tanks were unearthed in the area of 71-66 Main Street costing approximately \$200,000 for removal and soil remediation according to Department of Environmental Conservation guidelines. A sanitary sewer problem at the north end of Main Street was also rectified.

Although it seemed far longer, the construction period lasted about four months, Mayor Hatheway continued. It was short term pain for long term gain. The entire project was completed and came in under budget. This includes the last payment to be made to the contractor in 2 weeks, plus whatever cost there will be for the final milling and paving of Main Street next spring.

With regard to the contractor, the contract was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, as is required in the State of New York. The normal background check of the contractor by the engineers did not raise any red flags. Moreover, the next closest bid was submitted by a firm that had not performed well in Geneseo in the past, and their bid was \$300,000 higher. As for the construction zone, even though we consider Geneseo a rural community, in reality Main Street is an urban environment in terms of infrastructure: water and sewer lines, electric, telephone and cable are all buried under the street. State Route 20A (South Street) is a heavily traveled thoroughfare as is State Route 39 with lots of traffic of all kinds. In spite of it all, traffic was maintained throughout the construction, no detours, and no extended waiting in line. Yes, there were some hiccups along the way, Mayor Hatheway stated, and there could have been better communication at times. But through it all, we persevered. The Village crews had a lot to do with the success of the project. Praise goes to Jason and Steve for their diligence in working with the contractor and getting things done. Hopefully there won't be a project of this magnitude anytime in the near future. The bottom line, after all is said and done: the project is over and it can be considered successful.

4. PARKING:

The Board has agreed to hold an open forum next Monday, November 9th from 4:30-6PM to discuss parking in the downtown area. There is a flyer being drafted to advertise the meeting. The flyer will be distributed to all the merchants and businesses in the area. The meeting is open to the public and will be advertised on the website as well as on the bulletin board on the front of the building. Discussion followed with regard to the format of the meeting to be held.

5. THORN APPLE ISSUE:

Board members have driven on Lima Road to check out the lighting situation expressed by the members of the Thorn Apple Homeowner's Association. Supt. Frazier will also be looking to determine if a remedy is feasible.

6. RECENT EVENTS:

- ✓ Downtown Conference: Mayor Hatheway and Trustee Wilcox attended the Conference held at the Valley Oak Event Center on October 20th. The conference was well attended and informative.
- ✓ Inauguration: SUNY President Battles was inaugurated on October 22 and now is fully installed as the 13th president of the University.
- ✓ Medal ceremony: Mayor Hatheway was invited to a ceremony posthumously honoring Captain Alton J. Loysen by Congressman Chris Collins. Several medals were awarded Captain Loysen for his service during World War II. The Loysen family contacted Congressman Collins for assistance to secure

Captain Loysen's medals and for helping to organize the ceremony held at the Big Tree Inn on October 24.

7. ASSOCIATION MEETING:

The next meeting will be hosted by the Village of Avon on November 18th.

8. PLANNING & ZONING ITEMS:

An advertisement was posted in the Livingston County News and the Genesee Valley Pennysaver for anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Letters of interest are due by November 23.

The Planning Board has given conceptual approval to owner Steve Burnette to rebuild 71-73 Main Street. Mr. Burnette is looking to get preliminary approval at the next meeting on November 18 and possibly final approval as well. Their initial submission went a fair way to where they need to be, David Woods noted.

There have been questions about the Mavis Tire building on Lakeville Road and the second tenant, Dunkin Donuts who plans to build there as well. Dunkin Donuts is relocating from their present location at the Mobil Mart further east on Route 20A. Concern has centered on the number of parking spaces indicated and whether or not they will need a variance.

Deputy Mayor Brennan stated that she and Clerk Mack and David Woods are going back to the table on November 9 to work on Code revisions.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Deputy Mayor Brennan said she has been given a new job, which is that of *Administrator* of the 207-c Policy contained within the Police Union contract. The Administrator shall have the exclusive authority to make determinations on behalf of the Village of Geneseo pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 207-c. *This section provides certain law enforcement personnel with compensation when they suffer from disabling injuries or illnesses which resulted from the employee's line of work.* Officer Matteson remains out on worker's compensation from a back strain that occurred while assisting the ambulance crew on July 7. Officer Matteson further injured his back pulling on his boots to report for work on July 11. Officer Matteson is now assigned to light duty and will be doing that part-time for 35 hours per week in the Police Office.

Other than that, Deputy Mayor Brennan stated that everyone saw the weekly report and things seem to be at a high point right now. Trustee Wilcox mentioned that the College Community Coalition has been in contact with Chief Osganian and the situation is worse than what it seems. The Statesman is a big part of the problem.

Trustee Gajewski reported that Chief Chanler said they are seeing high ambulance call volumes also. There were 10-14 calls this weekend that resulted in some very tired volunteers. Halloween falling on a Saturday night didn't help, Mayor Hatheway suggested.

Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the following new members to the Fire Department: Matthew Liriano, Trisha Maini, Justin McGowan, Julie Purick, Casey Stiller (Mutual Aid), and Gina Villazhinay. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Gajewski moved to accept the following resignations from the Department: Paul Flickner, Caitlin Sullivan, Trish Fogarty, and Matt Brennan. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

On a high note, the FD did their usual wonderful job on Saturday night with the Halloween parade.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Duff reported the following items from Supt. Frazier:

1. Leaf season is under way; crews will be collecting leaves all month.
2. Our salt has arrived from American Rock Salt, 400 tons ready. Price went up quite a bit due to last seasons no price increase, because they didn't get the bid price to LCH at the dead line so they keep it the same price as 2014.
3. We have one salt truck ready to go.
4. Crews will be getting everything else ready for winter as leaf season continues.
5. Nardozzi Construction has pulled out of the Village for the year, everything has been top soiled and paved for the winter. Pavement is a bit rough but will be milled smooth and paved in the spring.
6. All parking stalls in the construction area have been striped and crosswalks painted.
7. We installed a new water valve at the intersection of Second and South St.
8. We had a BOCES student here for the past two weeks, giving him seat time in equipment and in a real work environment. This is the 4th student we have had here in the past 4 years, it's a great program and I enjoy having/training them here.

Trustee Wilcox reported the following for Supt. McTarnaghan:

1. Nardozzi is done.
2. The water/sewer crew has started replacing water meters again as part of their routine replacement program.
3. The sludge pile has been hauled away.
4. Meters have all been read for the November billing.
5. The annual water plant inspection went well.
6. Planning is underway for the Millennium Drive water line installation. That work will begin in December.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy attended a Geneseo Merchant's meeting where Trustee Wilcox presented for the Tourism Committee. The Merchant's Association has got their legs, Sandy noted, with agendas and real organization and they are doing well at it. They are planning for the Christmas events and more information will be forthcoming. They have, however, asked that the holiday lights be up the Friday after Thanksgiving. Trustee Duff will convey that message to Supt. Frazier.

Trustee Duff: nothing further.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben noted that the festivities on Halloween Saturday including the parade and trick or treating were very nice, well attended and well organized. Thanks go to Rotary (especially liaison Margaret McCaughey), Kiwanis and the Fire Department.

Ben also noted that the Farmer's Market has finished for the year. Special thanks to Cate Concannon, Market Manager and Assistant Manager Jennifer Sassano. One of the vendors has decided to team up with Honey Girl Gourmet and sell his wares on Thursday afternoon at her shop.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the Tourism Committee is in the process of selling ads to the merchants for the new brochure. Quite a bit of income is generated from the ads costing \$50 each, but it is a time consuming job to sell them and collect the money.

12. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Merrick distributed the Treasurer's report for September. More detailed information is always available.

Mayor Hatheway mentioned an article in last week's Democrat and Chronicle. It seems as though property assessment grievances number into the tens of thousands downstate. An attorney noted that a million dollar property should be assessed at a mere \$20. The grievances received by the Town seem to mirror these downstate trends.

13. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan proposed that the Board consider a sign grant in the amount of \$497.50 for Rocco Dragani/High Street Property Management LLC. The Planning Board reviewed the sign grant application and voted to recommend to the Village Board approval of the grant. It is a single sided carved sign with 23K gold leaf. The total cost of the sign to be affixed to 94 Main Street (Scoville Building) is \$995. Following review by the Board, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the sign grant as stated. Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

14. 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 6:15PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk