

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 7, 2015

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:

Sarah Simon (Genesee Sun)

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as amended 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. THORN APPLE LANE UPDATE:

Trustee Wilcox installed some reflectors at the intersection that helped but need more reflective properties. The Committee for Thorn Apple Community wrote a letter to the Board members thanking them for the reflectors. Discussion followed and the Committee stated in the letter that they will ask to be on a future agenda to review the situation.

3. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DISCUSSION:

The discussion is in the early stages. Chief Osganian advised Supt. Hayes that a resource officer could be placed in the school beginning in the fall of 2016. The position would boil down to serving ten months at the Central School and then two months for the Village. The County might also contribute a portion of the cost for the officer. Numerous details remain to be worked out.

4. LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT APPLICATION:

Museum Director Anna Kowalchuk asked Mayor Hatheway for a letter of recommendation for a \$25,000 grant. The letter, stating that the Board of Trustees enthusiastically endorsed their project, was done in short order, to make the grant deadline. Since the design phase has been completed, the grant money will be used for the contract document stage of their project.

5. VILLAGE RECEPTION:

The Village Board will be hosting the annual holiday gathering at 62 Second Street on Monday, December 21, following the Board meeting.

6. MEETING DATES:

The Board approved the closure of the Village Office at noon on both December 24 and 31 and all day on December 25 and 31. January meetings will be held on January 4th and 25th and February meetings will be

held on February 8th and 22nd. The Office will be closed on January 18 and February 15, 2016, due to national holidays.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Information has been received regarding the Geneseo Central School District Land Annexation for the new bus garage. The Central School is looking to annex the to-be-purchased 5 acre parcel for the purpose of securing water and sewer services. Annexation is a contingency in the purchase offer from the Board of Education to Susan Kelley. Steps for the process include sending a notice to the Town and Village and then a public hearing to consider the request and then approval of the annexation if it is in the public interest. The Town would like to get that done by March 1, *taxable status date*. Contained within the documents is a survey map of the parcel that is located south of the School driveway.

Livingston County Development sent a letter and a \$5,000 check to Nancy Cleveland for window improvements to 75 Main Street. Merchants met with Jason Frazier and everyone agreed that the decorations look wonderful this year including all of the storefronts. Crews put up a big decorated tree at the corner of Main and Route 20A, other small trees have been placed in the fountain and other corners. The snowflakes have been hung on Center Street making a nice entryway to Main Street. The cookie stroll and wine stroll festivities on Saturday organized by the GMA were a great success, as was the ChristmaSing held that evening. Kudos to all involved for doing a great job!

Tina Cottone sent an email requesting permission to use the Village Park for the 5th Annual Strollin' for the Colon event on May 7, 2016. Plans are underway for the walk/run, food, music, etc. as took place this year. The Board was supportive.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian and the Department are definitely in stress mode, with several recent events as described in his activity reports. The same is true for the Fire/EMS Department as calls for service have been heavy lately.

Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the following new members and resignations from the Fire Department: new members include Thomas Bieganowski, Jennipher Colas, Eugenia Conaway, Genesis Diaz, Admin Kolenovic, Victoria MacEachin, Elisabeth Michaud, and Ashley Scholes. Resignations include: Darrell Knights, and Jeff Chien and Tom D'Aprile to Senior Exempt status. Trustee Duff seconded the motion and all were in favor. It was noted that the annual turkey raffle went well.

9. PUBLIC WORKS:

Though no formal reports were given, the crews did a fine job cleaning up the leaves from the fall season and decking the halls for the holiday season. Crew members are using up vacation time as the end of the calendar year draws near.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy reported that she received a packet of information from Parking Enforcement Officer Teresa Easton showing activity for the past three months. Teresa is looking for a review of her progress and that will be taking place soon.

There is a training opportunity available with regard to safety concerns for removing ash trees and planning for the future. The information will be passed along to Supt. Frazier. Trustee Gajewski added that

being proactive in removing the ash trees around the Village and in the parks would be a good thing to do as they will become a hazard as they die off.

Trustee Duff: Margaret added to the earlier discussion of the Thorn Apple intersection that the street sign is in the wrong location and she will talk to Supt. Frazier about that.

Trustee Gajewski: nothing further

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the Tourism Committee has sold all of the ads for the new brochure, bringing in \$3,000 for their programs. Reports back from the brochure users are very positive.

11. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Merrick will have the six-month financials to the Board on the 21st. Hard to believe that half the fiscal year has already passed.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Wilcox moved to enter into executive session at 5:41PM to discuss personnel issues. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Wilcox moved to come out of executive session at 6:43PM with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The motion carried and it was noted that no official action was taken during the session.

13. 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 6:44PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk