

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 4, 2016

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:

Matt Leader, LCN

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gajewski moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The vote was as follows: Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, Mayor Hatheway-Aye, and Trustee Duff-Abstain.

2. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE STATUS:

Mayor Hatheway recently met with MRB's Bill Davis. One topic of conversation was that the Village's \$4M wastewater treatment plant upgrade project has been included on the latest Intended Use Plan by the Environmental Facilities Corporation. This inclusion means the Village is eligible for interest subsidy should it undertake the project. In order to take advantage of EFC's financing assistance, significant background work must be done including a final design, SEQR and a bond resolution by March 1, 2016. Because the Village may qualify for hardship funding of the project, that deadline could be extended to March 1, 2017.

Another factor influencing any decision as to whether or not to proceed is that it is uncertain when new DEC regulations requiring additional treatment procedures might be put in place. In addition, Supt. McTarnaghan is not convinced the initial draft plan for the upgrade is the most effective.

Rather than trying to rush the project through the initial stages in order to meet the 3/1/16 deadline, it might be better to wait until more information is available. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to delay completing an application to EFC at this time.

3. WATER TREATMENT PLANT INSPECTION:

Notification was received from the Livingston County Dept. of Health that the water plant was inspected on October 21, 2015. The letter states that *the condition and operation of the water system are in good working order. Mr. McTarnaghan and the other water operators do a fine job operating the system and preparing the required reports.* Several observations were then listed in the report as well as several recommendations and some requirements. The entire report is on file in the Clerk's office as well as the water plant and can be reviewed at any time.

Also, notification was received from the Health Department that Chris Dermody has completed the requirements for certification as a IIA water operator for the Village. All documentation has been sent to the New York State Department of Health to obtain that certification. In the letter, Cathy Higgins, Sr. Public

Health Sanitarian for the County states: *The Livingston County Department of Health performed the On-Site Assessment of Water Treatment Plant/Distribution System Operator (DOH-4302) on July 21, 2015 in order to determine Mr. Dermody's proficiency as a water operator. Mr. Dermody's knowledge, skills and abilities in operating a public water system were found to be satisfactory.*

4. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

- Route 63 plans: According to a December 28 communication from NYS DOT, they are planning to mill and resurface Route 63 pavement through Geneseo including the bridge decks on Route 63 over I-390 and the Genesee River to address poor deck conditions. The email states that traffic will be maintained on-site and access to driveways will be maintained during construction. Other work will also be done on the section of Route 63 between Route 408 in the Town of Groveland through the towns of Geneseo and York to the Wyoming County line. Work is scheduled to take place during the summer of 2016.
- Shared services agreement: between DOT and the Village: An agreement is necessary between the Village and the State pursuant to Section 99-r of General Municipal Law for the purpose of sharing services and exchanging or lending materials or equipment to assist and promote the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways thereby providing a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources. Following consideration by the Board, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the Shared Services Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and the Village of Geneseo. Trustee Wilcox 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.

5. TOWN OF GENESEO FIRE CONTRACT:

The Contract for the Protection of the Town of Geneseo Fire Protection District with the Village of Geneseo renews each January. The contract for 2016 is exactly the same as it has been for the past number of years, Mayor Hatheway stated. That includes \$65,000 allocated to operating expenses, \$37,000 allocated for debt service, and \$37,000 to be placed in a reserve account for future purchases. The total contract price is \$139,000. Following review by the Board, Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the contract renewal with the Town of Geneseo for fire protection and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion. All were in favor and signed two copies of the contract.

It was noted that when the Town begins their budget process later this year, a review of the contract will take place so that any changes can be incorporated into their 2017 budget.

6. PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Hatheway put forth the name of Stewart Leffler to fill the unexpired term (2019) of Planning Board member James Kernan. The Board was supportive and in favor of the appointment.

7. RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION (DRAFT):

Town Councilwoman Patti LaVigne was gracious enough to prepare a preliminary job description for a Village rental housing inspector. The possibility that that position will be free-standing and not included in the Code Office is being considered. Suggestions of revising the draft were offered; the Board will further review it before the next meeting.

8. PARKING ENFORCEMENT:

Local merchants, following permission granted by the Village, placed bags covering the parking meters a few days before Christmas. The merchants removed them today. Discussion about the need to cover all of the meters and perhaps obtain more bags took place. Deputy Mayor Brennan will pass that on to the Merchant's Association.

9. SUNY PRIZE INITIATIVE:

SUNY Geneseo's Office of Sustainability is attempting to secure grant funding to promote the design and construction of a community grid that will serve as a back-up source of power should we have an outage.. NY Prize objectives include empowering community leaders, encouraging broad private and public sector participation including local distribution utilities, local governments and third parties, protecting vulnerable populations and providing tools to build a cleaner, more reliable energy system. In creating a microgrid, services would be provided and coordinated in case of emergencies. SUNY Geneseo is looking to obtain \$200,000 (from the NY State Energy Research and Development Authority – NYSERDA, and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery – GOSR) to study the microgrid.

One of the first steps in the process is to submit a NY Prize Benefit-Cost Analysis: Facility Questionnaire. The questionnaire, to be completed by the municipality, requests information that is needed to estimate the impact that a microgrid might have in protecting the facilities it serves from the effects of a major power outage (i.e., an outage lasting at least 24 hours). The information in the questionnaire will be used to develop preliminary benefit-cost analysis of the community microgrid SUNY is proposing for the NY Prize competition. Mayor Hatheway will be completing the questionnaire with Supt. Frazier's assistance. A letter has been written to RG&E authorizing them to release the facility's electric/gas use data.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was sent to Mike Bishop by Downtown Coordinator Louise Wadsworth congratulating him for completing the Livingston County Sign and Façade Improvement Program project at 5 Bank Street. Reimbursement of expenses amounted to \$5,000.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian submitted his December monthly report as well as the weekly report showing an interesting group of varying ages of folks needing public safety assistance, according to Deputy Mayor Brennan. Officer Chris Matteson is back in full on the force following his medical leave.

Trustee Gajewski reported for Chief Chanler that they are struggling with staffing due to the SUNY students being on break. The annual fundraising campaign has begun with funds used for protective gear for the firefighters and the goal of obtaining an air container fill station.

Trustee Gajewski moved to accept the following resignations from the FD: David Wickson, Tobias Nobiling and David Lim. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Gajewski moved to accept the following new members to the Department: Julian David-Drori, John Michael Grom, Lexus Lam, Peter Murphy, and Kevin Zabionski. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

12. PUBLIC WORKS:

Crew members are returning from the holiday hiatus and have been seen picking up Christmas trees. With the onset of colder wintry weather, some plowing/salting has been necessary.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy reported that in the next 6-8 weeks the Code changes she and David Woods have been working on will be ready for Board review.

Trustees Duff & Gajewski: Nothing further.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that there has been some thought about discussing the Social Host law with Campus officials. Along those lines, Mayor Hatheway mentioned the next College/Village meeting, to be hosted by the Village, has been scheduled for February 25 at 8AM in the Tower Room of the Doty Building.

Trustee Duff mentioned that the Geneseony.com website has been included in information provided by the Catholic Diocese in regard to winter activities in the area. Highland Park was mentioned.

14. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Merrick reported that she is working on the December books and enjoying the nice quiet respite after the holidays.

15. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

GioVanna's Pizza & Pasta is moving to the Livingston Plaza from the Genesee Valley Plaza and thus into the Village. Board members noted that it should be a nice boost for that area. Mavis Discount Tire is looking to open next Monday, one Board member reported. It was also noted that 75 people attended the New Year's Eve event at the Riviera Theater.

16. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Gajewski moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Duff. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk