

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:

Jim & Anita Whitehead  
Ronna Bosko Gillam  
Rocco Dragani

Marilyn & Mario Dragani  
Tracy Young Gagnier

Sarah Simon-Genesee Sun  
Matt Leader-LCN

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. A moment of silence was held in recognition of the several sorrowful events of the past week.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 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. MARILYN DRAGANI:

Mrs. Dragani thanked the Board for placing her on the agenda. She recently purchased 22 Main Street. She stated that one of the reasons she purchased the property was because it had a double wide (18 feet) parking space in front of the dwelling. When the Main Street project was progressing last summer, the new curbs were installed maintaining that 18 foot wide space. When she arrived at her home a few days later, the new curb had been removed and her 18 foot parking area was reduced to 9 feet.

Mrs. Dragani felt as though something had been taken away from her. At first she thought to let it go, but after trying to use the space she finds that it is not working for her. She mentioned talking with the Mayor about the situation and not receiving a satisfactory response; she then asked to be placed on a Village Board meeting agenda.

The space has been there for over 30 years, she continued. The change to the parking area makes absolutely no sense to her. She feels that it has decreased the value of the property and wonders why the Board would use taxpayer dollars to install a curb, and then reinstall additional curbing.

Mayor Hatheway stated it is a parking space, not a driveway, and it is not permitted. The large 18 foot space was wrong all the way around. No Village permission had ever been granted to convert the boulevard into a parking space, nor had the Village ever given permission to increase its width. There is only one other parking area in front of a residence on Main Street, the other being a multi-unit apartment building. An equitable solution seemed to be to decrease the width of the curb cut during the Main Street reconstruction project, rather than simply eliminating the space. It was discussed informally by the Board at the time the project was being worked on and the narrower curb cut was on the original plans for the reconstruction. Mrs. Dragani responded that if that is the case then she should have been notified prior to changing the entrance to her driveway.

Deputy Mayor Brennan added that that space is not a driveway, but a private blacktopped parking space on public property.

Discussion followed and Mrs. Dragani mentioned that she wants her place to look nice. She does not want a muddy boulevard because that is the only place to enter and exit a vehicle. Furthermore, once one steps off into the grass or mud along the driveway, then mud is tracked in to the house via the front door. Rocco Dragani reiterated that the original curb cut was at least 19-20 feet at the street, after that a few mornings or a week later, they cut out the new curb, re-poured it, and cut it down to half that width. The Contractor then sprayed grass in the boulevard area.

Following further discussion, Trustee Duff stated that the options need to be reviewed in terms of pavers or something else that can be installed along the driveway to make it better. Mrs. Dragani thanked the Board for hearing her out and for their consideration in seeing how this can be rectified.

### 3. SUNY ALUMNI RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVES:

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Ronna Gillam and Assistant Director Tracy Gagnier came before the Board to talk about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Block Party planned for Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 2-5PM. The event last year was a great success, Tracy reported. Plans are underway for this year's event as long as permission is granted to close off Center Street from 8AM – 8PM. Issues were worked out last year and the plan is to have a similar setup this year. Event organizers worked with the PD and the DPW. Space was left for emergency vehicles to get through Center Street during the event. Last year Alley Cat provided props for the photo booth, the Riviera is part of the event and all of the merchants were involved in one way or another.

Trustee Gajewski was concerned about the length of the time the street would be closed. Discussion followed and it was decided that preliminary approval would be given and perhaps as plans progress, more thought can be given as to how long the street needs to be barricaded. The Board was supportive of the event and looks forward to hearing about another successful reunion.

### 4. RECAP OF THE WEEK:

Mayor Hatheway stated that it obviously was a very bad tragic week. The incident at 18 Wadsworth Street on Sunday morning, January 17 resulting in two homicides and a suicide was tragic for all involved and for everyone in the community. On the positive side, however, the professional response of our Police Department personnel as well as the assistance of all public safety departments in the area, Livingston County Sheriff's Department, SUNY University Police, the State Police and the District Attorney's Office speaks volumes about the level of cooperation that benefits everyone in the community. Chief Osganian did a marvelous job as did Officer Szczesniak in his capacity of public relations liaison. Everything was handled professionally and excellently. Local businesses supplied food for the responders on Sunday.

SUNY Geneseo lost two students, both members of sports teams, one a member of the Geneseo Fire Department. Chief Chanler and the community rallied to honor those lost and one of those honors was Blue and White day whereby flags were flown on Main Street in honor of the students. Wednesday night's memorial service at the College was well done and well attended. An ecumenical service organized by local clergy is planned for tonight at St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Also during that week the community lost a devoted businessman and past member of the Village Board Peter Bondi on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Village employee John LaGeorge had major surgery on Monday.

In conclusion, it was a bleak week but there were some positives that came out of it, such as renewed community cohesiveness, Mayor Hatheway stated.

### 5. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

Mayor Hatheway attended a NYCOM Regional Round-Table on Thursday, January 21 in Rochester. The general consensus was that municipalities are not being treated very well in a fiscal sense at the State level. There are no new initiatives to help local governments with their budgets. State Revenue sharing and CHIPS funding will most likely remain flat. The tax cap is .12%, far below the 2% originally proposed. NYCOM had originally opposed the tax cap when it was first proposed, but, in an ironic twist, is not in the position of asking legislators to restore it to the original 2%. Discussion followed. One frustrating aspect of these kind of meetings is that talk tends to concentrate on what is wrong with State government, but in fact, there are a lot of things that are right, Mayor Hatheway commented.

6. SRO PROPOSAL:

The concept of a School Resource Officer is back on the table at Geneseo Central. Village officials will meet with Superintendent Hayes to discuss it further. The thought is to have an officer be stationed at the school ten months of the year. The other two months, the officer would report to the Village force. The question would be how to finance such a position and Supt. Hayes is looking to the County for some assistance. The concept has been explored many times over the years, but has never come to fruition. Many hurdles have to be overcome before an officer is actually placed in the School. However, the School Board is considering placing funding for the position in their 2016-17 budget. More details will be forthcoming.

7. EFC NOTIFICATION:

Another letter has been received from EFC (NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation) regarding the water plant. The letter states: *the Village of Geneseo is eligible for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) interest-free financing of \$813,000 for a term of up to 30 years for the project.* There is some confusion as to what “the project” is as we haven’t put together a specific need in that amount. However, the deadline for applying for the funding is March 1, 2017 due to the hardship status similar to that offered for the wastewater treatment plant project.

8. DOH REQUEST:

A letter was received from Livingston County Department of Health asking for assistance with their *Main Streets Go Blue* campaign to raise awareness for the need for colon cancer screenings. The program is in its fifth year; Trustee Duff volunteered to be the Village liaison once again.

Livingston County Dog Control sent their semi annual report.

9. JOB DESCRIPTION – RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTOR:

With regard to the proposed job description, information has been received from the NYS Department of State as to what qualifications and training that person needs to have. Part of the problem is that these essential job functions need to be tied in with the Code Office. Mayor Hatheway has written asking for some clarification but has not heard back as yet. There is a job title of New York State Building Safety Inspector within the state office. Trustee Gajewski asked if this would be a Village or Town position or both. Dick said he thought the person would stand alone and not be part of the code office, but that might not be possible.

Jim Whitehead, speaking as a Center Street resident and member of APOG congratulated the Board for looking into this position. APOG wants to recognize folks who take care of their rental properties and is exploring ways to do that.

#### 10. PLANNING BOARD POTENTIAL VACANCY:

Planning Board member Matt Griffo may be sending a letter resigning his position due to his election to the Town Board. His PB term expires at the end of March.

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE:

County Planning Department's Mary Underhill sent a spreadsheet outlining Zoning/Planning Board members training history. Many members are carrying over several hours and continue to keep their training requirements up to date.

A letter was received from the law firm of Ferrara Fiorenza following up on the status of the Geneseo Central School annexation of newly purchased property in the Town. The letter was sent to Town Supervisor Wadsworth as well as to Mayor Hatheway. Since the Town must take the lead in the process, Mayor Hatheway will touch base with Supervisor Wadsworth. It was noted that there has been no objection to the transfer of property to the Village from the Town in order to provide utilities to the new bus garage.

Supervisor Wadsworth, Chairman of the Conesus Lake Watershed Council, sent a letter to State Senator Cathy Young thanking her for support of the Conesus Lake Association's Boat Wash Decontamination Unit. Grant funds have been awarded, however an executed contract has not been forthcoming or funding for the implementation of the program.

Anna Kowalchuk, LCHS Museum Administrator, sent a letter to Andrew Chanler. The letter asks for formal documentation of a loan made to the Museum years ago of an antique fire pumper and hose cart that was loaned to the Museum in the mid 1970's. Once the loan is documented, it is reviewed annually.

The NYS Urban Forestry Council is once again offering funding for projects in small communities to have an Arbor Day event and begin a community forestry program. The maximum grant is \$1,000 and funding is limited to trees, mulch, soil, stakes, tree-watering devices and printing of promotional materials.

Thorn Apple community member Barb Scoville sent a letter thanking the Board for moving the street sign to make the entrance more visible from Lima Road.

Clerk Merrick asked the Board to surplus a 13" television set/VCR combination (circa 2005 serial number V03255) that was recently removed from the boardroom. Trustee Gajewski so moved with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. All were in favor. The television will be offered for sale by sealed bid and then recycled if there are no bidders.

#### 12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Osganian submitted his Annual Report for 2015; Deputy Mayor Brennan pointed out a couple of statistics contained within the report. Motor vehicle accidents have declined from 229 in 2005 to 148 in 2015 quite possibly a sign of increased enforcement. Traffic tickets have increased from 2005 (1904) to 2015 (2714). The Police Department received over \$96,960 in grant funding for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. These funds are used for the enforcement of aggressive driving violations, such as speeding and failure to obey a traffic control device (stop sign or lights, etc.). Chief Osganian is working hard to offset the cost of the work that they do to keep the community safe. The report contained many more statistics and information and, as we have grown accustomed, was well done.

Deputy Mayor Brennan, as administrator for the 207-c portion of the Police Union contract, stated that the file on Officer Matteson's work related injury will be closed after she meets with him one final time.

Trustee Gajewski reported that following the tragedy on January 17, Chief Chanler has been extra busy and has made available counselors for the FD personnel dealing with the loss of member Matthew Hutchinson.

Fire Department members attended several events in memory of Matthew as well as Kelsey Annese, also lost in the tragic event.

Invitations have been sent for the Annual Fire Department banquet to be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

13. PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Wilcox reported that the water/sewer crews have been reading and replacing meters this week. There was a water main break in the Orchard Street area and they have also been working on the water line on Millennium Drive.

14. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that the Tourism ad campaign is over and the committee is comprised of hard working volunteers willing to collect the money for the ads.

Bob also attended an HCCC meeting this morning to discuss the results of an evaluation performed to see how the organization is doing. It came out fairly good, he reported, and the exercise was useful. There will be a panel meeting held on February 2 at 7PM to talk about the social host legislation. The SUNY Student Association is putting the meeting together.

Trustee Duff: Margaret has heard that folks are upset about the social host law because they don't trust the Police Department. People do not understand the law and do not trust the authorities.

Trustee Wilcox left the meeting at 6:25PM.

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy plans to meet with the meter attendant this week to see how the job is going.

Trustee Gajewski: nothing further.

15. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Merrick distributed the December Treasurer's report to the Board.

The following budget transfers were reviewed by the Board:

**GENERAL FUND**

From A9015.8 PD Retirement to A7510.4 Historian Contractual	\$1,000
“ to A9010.8 ERS Retirement	\$3,646

**WATER FUND**

F1325.47 Clerk/Treas. Misc. to A1325.45 Clerk/Treasurer Payroll fees	\$200
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**SEWER FUND**

G8130.1 WWTP Personal Services to G8110.1 WWTP Admin. Pers. Serv.	\$5,000
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Trustee Gajewski moved approval of the budget transfers with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. All were in favor.

Following review by Mayor Hatheway, the Board reviewed abstract 008 of fiscal year 2015-16. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Duff seconded the motion to approve payment for voucher #601 through #681 in the following amounts:

General Fund voucher #601-681	\$ 66,992.99
Water Fund voucher #610-#680	\$ 26,155.02
Sewer Fund voucher #603-#676	\$ 9,917.81
HR18-Water Improvement Project voucher #060	\$ 840.00
HR19-Main Street Project #039-#041	\$ 2,243.28
Total	\$ 106,149.10

16. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Duff moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Deputy Mayor Brennan. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk