

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor
Matthew P. Cook, Trustee
Mary V. Rutigliano, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Matt Leader-Livingston County News Stuart Bailey – MRB Group
Conrad Baker – Genesee Sun

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the minutes as presented with second from Trustee Rutigliano. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. STUART BAILEY-MRB-PROJECT UPDATES:

Stuart distributed a resolution to accompany the Consolidated Funding Application that is being completed for the possible Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. Comments and a revised treatment plant plan were submitted to DEC last week. That included the responses from the operators and a slightly modified design. MRB is awaiting final approval of that from DEC and then the remainder of the \$24,800 grant from DEC for the Planning Study will be received. Mayor Hatheway expressed concern that there are still some lingering issues with the project final design and technical items between the plant operators and MRB. Stuart assured the Board that the door has not been shut on those issues and they will be ironed out.

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd at 9AM to discuss funding for the project. Attendees will include Mayor Hatheway and Clerk Merrick, a representative from EFC and Jason Schwartz from BPD Municipal Finance.

MRB prepared the resolution necessary for the application and following review by the Board, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to adopt the following resolution with second from Trustee Cook:

VILLAGE OF GENESEO

Consolidated Funding Application, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Resolution of Support for Grant Funding Determination from the Village of Genesee for the New York State Consolidated Funding Application, Water Quality Improvement Project Program – Wastewater Treatment (WWTP) Improvements, Disinfection

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, Village of Genesee, Livingston County, supports the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application on behalf of the Village, for the Water Quality Improvement project program for WWTP Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation provides a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program, open to local governments administered to qualifying applicants to directly address documented water quality impairments; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received it will elevate the Village of Genesee's municipal systems and meet new wastewater treatment effluent disinfection requirements; and

WHEREAS, anticipated modifications to the Village of Geneseo’s State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, the Village is faced with implementing WWTP Improvements to meet the new effluent limits; and

WHEREAS, upgrades will consist of improvements including Ultra-Violet disinfection, Phosphorous Removal, replacement of Final Clarifiers, and associated upgrades providing a higher quality of effluent being discharged from the plant due to improved infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneseo Village Board, recognizes and fully supports the submission of the Consolidated Funding Application on behalf of the Village, for Water Quality Improvement Projects Funding for WWTP improvements. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

3. FOUNTAIN UPDATE:

Moorland Studios has submitted a very thorough report on the *Emmeline Wadsworth Memorial Fountain in Geneseo, NY*. The report includes the history and present condition (as of July 13, 2016) of the fountain. A copy was provided for Insurance Agent Andrew Chanler and Mayor Hatheway will follow up with Moorland as far as the next steps to be taken. The invoice for payment for the report (\$1,200) will be submitted to the Upstate milk insurance company, Liberty Mutual. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to acknowledge receipt of the report on the fountain. Trustee Cook seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4. USDA GRANT:

Rick Hauser, Mayor of Perry, emailed Mayor Hatheway that the United States Department of Agriculture approved a \$60,000 grant to support the Letchworth Gateway Villages’ initiative, aiming to promote Perry, Mt. Morris and Geneseo Villages. The money will be used to create and pay for an executive director position that will directly work with the businesses in each village and cross-promote marketing efforts, among other priorities. Mayor Hatheway further stated that \$5,000 was included in the 2016-17 budget in the event that the initiative received funding. The grant is good for two years. A copy of the grant proposal narrative is on file in the Mayor’s office.

A meeting among the principles will be set once further information is received.

5. RESTORE NY GRANT:

Greg O’Connell requested an indication of support from the Village for applying for a Restore NY Grant from Empire State Development. The project would be to restore the third building on the former County home property (Millennium Drive). Mayor Hatheway has signed a letter of support for the preliminary application. Greg is hoping to establish a micro-brewery in the building.

Empire State Development has recently responded that the project is indeed eligible to take the next step, that is to apply for funding from Restore NY. The application must be submitted by October 3rd.

6. COUNTY RESOLUTION:

Mayor Hatheway received a call from Bill Bacon, Livingston County Economic Development Director. Recently the villages of Avon and Geneseo along with representatives from the County Health Department and County Administrator Ian Coyle discussed the possibility of looking at the various water/sewer systems and what could be done to improve efficiencies. Funding for a study can be obtained from the Local Government Efficiency Program. The County plans to apply to the LGE Program for \$300,000 (matching grant with no Village of Geneseo funds involved) to study maximizing system operations and efficiencies. Bill proposed a resolution supporting the grant application that Mayor Hatheway distributed to the Board. The resolution

basically says that the Village Board supports the concept of Livingston County acting as lead applicant on the concept. Trustee Rutigliano moved to adopt the following resolution with second from Trustee Cook:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
NYS CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A
LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has created ten Regional Economic Development Councils; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Regional Economic Development strategy, a unified funding process, the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) has been developed and made available to distribute grant funds for job creation, infrastructure improvements and regionally significant economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State of the State of New York has made funding available for 2016 Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Program to assist applicants in developing and implementing plans to improve local government efficiency and cost savings, and

WHEREAS, the delivery of safe, dependable, good quality water is vital to the economy of Livingston County, and will support agricultural producers and agricultural-related and supporting industries throughout the Finger Lakes Region and New York State; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Livingston County Water Program Grant is to identify opportunities to collaborate and work together on needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements that help maximize system and operational efficiencies, minimize costs and best serve the residents of Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, after much discussion, the Village of Geneseo has determined it is advantageous to join together with Livingston County, Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority and other interested municipalities to apply for LGE funding for the Study; and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston has agreed to act as the lead applicant and will seek \$300,000 in total funding through the Consolidated Funding Application/Department of State LGE Grant on behalf of the Village of Geneseo and other interested agencies; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Geneseo agrees to work collaboratively with Livingston County in the development of the CFA application and, if funded as a member of the Project Steering Committee; and further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Geneseo hereby agrees to name the County of Livingston as the lead applicant to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Livingston and interested and involved agencies in the amount of \$300,000 to the New York State CFA of the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council for the purpose of developing a Livingston County Water Program Grant, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this adopted resolution to the Livingston County Economic Development Director. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

7. CONTRACTS WITH TOWN:

- Sewer: The agreement to grant to the Town Sewer District No. 1 the right to connect to the Village sanitary sewer system expired as of June 19, 2016. The Town has expressed an interest in continuing the relationship with the Village and a renewal contract will be prepared. Trustee Rutigliano asked about the specifics of the contract and Mayor Hatheway explained that initially the Town paid a rate of 1.5 times the Village rate for a sewer unit. When the prior contract was renewed, the base Town rate was to continue at 1.5 x the Village rate, but subsequent rate increases would be the same dollar amount

as any increase in the Village sewer rates. Therefore, currently the Village sewer rate is \$60 per unit and the Town rate is \$79 per unit, but any rate increases will be the same dollar amount for Village and Town customers.

- Fire Protection: The Town is interested in renewal of the contract for fire and ambulance services with the Village. Since the Town is now in their budget building season, discussions about the renewal will be taking place. The current contract price of \$139,000 annually (\$65,000 allocated to operating expenses, \$37,000 allocated for debt service and \$37,000 allocated for future equipment purchases) has been in place for several years. It needs to be adjusted. One problem is that the fire tax is subject to the Governor's tax cap as is the overall tax rate for the Town.

8. TANK CLOSURE REPORT:

LaBella Associates has submitted the Tank Closure Report for last summer's removal of gas tanks in front of 57-61 Main Street (part of the Main Street project). The report contains all of the documentation required by the Department of Environmental Conservation for tank removal and soil remediation. It will be filed with the Main Street Project documents.

9. ORIENTATION TOURS:

Mayor Hatheway reported that he conducted six tours for incoming SUNY students and their family members. About 100 people (in total) showed up for the early morning walks around the Village.

10. TOURISM REQUEST:

Kathryn FitzSimmons, Tourism Committee, sent a request to hold the annual Resident Advisor Fun Fest in the Village Park on Saturday, August 20 from 3-5PM. The RA's will tour Main Street and then have a picnic in the Park with Main Street restaurants serving their specialties to the students. There will be a tent set up on the north side of the log cabin. The Board was supportive although asked that vehicles not be parked in the grass at the park.

11. STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY APPLICATION:

Notification has been received that the John Pontillo Restaurant Group Inc. has applied for a liquor license for Giovanna's Pizza & Pasta at 4153 Lakeville Road, Geneseo. The new restaurant is located in the Bargain Outlet/Goodwill Plaza.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

The SUNY InterVarsity Christian Fellowship would like to reserve the Village Park for the afternoon of September 2 from 3-6:30PM for a barbeque. The Board was supportive although there is a concert that Friday night and hopes the Club can set up on the west side of the log cabin.

Charlie Becker (Kiwanis) has been in touch with Sandy Brennan with regard to dedicating a park bench and tree to former Village Trustee Peter Bondi during the concert on Friday, August 12. Deputy Mayor Brennan will be on hand to accept the donation on behalf of the Village.

Mayor Hatheway wrote two letters, one to support the Livingston County Historical Society Museum as they apply for a grant; and another of support for the Finger Lakes Opera, applying for 2017 funding.

The NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets sent a Municipal Shelter Inspection Report and a Dog Control Officer Inspection Report for the Livingston County Dog Control Facility. Livingston County now takes care of dog control for the Village as well.

A letter from the Code Office has been sent to an attorney representing Rocco Dragani with regard to construction at 114-116 Main Street. Building permits issued in 2013 (114 Main Street) and 2014 (116 Main Street) have expired. Work on 116 Main has been ordered stopped as a result.

13. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Rutigliano reported that an interview was held for a part-time officer position. The next step will be to do the background check.

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported for Chief Chanler that the FD staffed the air show July 8, 9, 10. The entire staff worked the event and there were no incidents. Andrew, Tom Linsner, Charlie Parent and a mechanic from Floyd Truck Maintenance went to Virginia to look at the ladder truck that is available. SUNY Provost Carol Long and Andrew met to talk about student volunteer internships which would be a great opportunity for the students and for the FD. The Canadian flag was flown at the Firehouse on July 1st for crew member Matthew Hutchinson who would have turned 25 that day had he not lost his life this past January.

14. PUBLIC WORKS:

Water/Sewer crews have been working hard this month reading and replacing water meters and working on reports for the wastewater treatment plant, Trustee Cook reported. Other tasks include supervising the filter media project and other tasks at the water plant. Crews will be flushing hydrants beginning Sunday, July 31 at 5AM. Following the Village process of flushing meters, the College will flush their meters and the system will be ready for school to resume at the end of August.

Supt. Frazier is out of town at this point in time and Kurt Frazier is in charge as Foreman of the DPW crew.

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Dick and Sandy met with meter attendant Teresa Easton to talk about the number of parking meters that need replacement or repair. Teresa is looking into parking meter options and they will meet again before the information comes before the Board. Matthew asked about the possibility of parking kiosks and Sandy said that Teresa looked into it and the suggestion was made that it might be cost prohibitive and possibly not a good solution for the Village at this time.

Trustee Cook: Matthew had an impromptu conversation with a couple people recently about the concept of building a kicking wall for soccer at Highland Park. The wall would be similar to the tennis wall at the Park currently. Matthew's high school has one and he will get some cost estimates and other information from them. Sandy wondered about the possibility of putting a wall at Kelsey Field since it is used a lot for soccer by the Central School and other groups.

Trustee Rutigliano: Mary was away for the festival recap but thought it went pretty well and she was on a committee with GMA and Rotary to talk about it also. The two groups worked on ways to attract vendors and get them involved. The Village, Rotary and GMA worked together to make it a good festival this year despite a rain shower on Friday and again on Saturday. The merchants seemed pleased. The vendors were happy and will come back next year hopefully. Food vendors uptown were somewhat of a detriment to the volunteer groups down at the park, Dick added. The concern is out there that they might not be a good addition next year.

16. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Bond Anticipation Note sale will take place on Thursday, July 28. The original borrowing for the Main Street Project amounted to \$1,183,000 (\$573,000 for the General Fund portion and \$610,000 for the Water Fund portion). The renewal will amount to \$832,000 (\$337,000 General and \$495,000 Water). The closing for the BAN will take place on August 12.

Following review by Deputy Mayor Brennan, the Board reviewed abstract 002 of fiscal year 2016-17. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Rutigliano seconded the motion to approve payment for voucher #52 through #141 in the following amounts:

General Fund voucher #52-#141	\$ 119,329.25
Water Fund voucher #60-#134	\$ 37,476.39
Sewer Fund voucher #60-#134	\$ 94,069.95
Community Development vouchers #001-002	\$ 217.16
HR18-Water Improvement Project vouchers #062-063	\$ 18,827.43
HR19-Main Street Project vouchers #046-#047	\$ 77,215.04
Total	\$ 347,135.22

The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. Following this month's payment of final invoices for the HR18 Water Improvement Project, the Board was in favor of moving the leftover funds (~\$750.00) back to the Water Fund and closing the project out.

Mayor Hatheway explained the street light audit process and the subsequent interview by local news media. The refund of \$11,188.96 amounted to a net refund of \$5,088.48 after paying Troy & Banks for the audit process. Based on the annual cost of street lighting in the Village, that amounts to a savings of 9%. Mayor Hatheway pointed out that the overage is not intentional on RG&E's part at all. A periodic audit of all of the utility bills is a worthwhile exercise.

17. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Grants received from Senator Gallivan's office were celebrated in a press conference held last week at the Geneseo Fire Hall that Sandy and Dick attended. Dick took the opportunity to ask Senator Gallivan if there might be any funding for stamped crosswalks at the intersection of Main and Center Streets.

18. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Cook. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk