

PRESENT:

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

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer
David Woods, Planning Board Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

Carolyn Meisel Kurt Christiansen Ellen Herzman Tom Hill
Shannon Keane Josh Williams

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5PM. The minutes of the November 7, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the minutes as amended with second from Trustee Duff. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

2. KURT CHRISTIANSEN & ELLEN HERZMAN-OAK STREET DRAINAGE:

Kurt distributed an area map showing the various property lines on both sides of Oak Street along with contours and imagery. Dick said that Supt. Jason Frazier planned to be here but was unable to attend at the last minute. Kurt said the reason they are here is to continue the discussion about the storm water flowing on Oak Street. Ellen and Kurt live close to the bottom of Oak Street near the Second Street intersection.

Ellen stated the problem is that the storm drain is inadequate and has been for years. Many attempts have been made over the years to correct the situation. There was an epic downpour in June of 2014 and the storms seem to be occurring closer and closer together. The flooding situation is causing homeowners in the area to be forced to replace cellar equipment (furnaces, hot water heaters, etc.) and a garage in Kurt's case. The residents feel that their property is being devalued.

Residents Herzman and Christiansen had a meeting with Robert Stryker, Manager for the Soil and Water Conservation District. Every solution he presented required the presence of an adequate storm drain. The drain must empty to a stable outlet. Ellen realizes that just passes the problem on to another basement.

There is some evidence that many years ago there was a drainage system between Oak Street and Center Street in the form of a detention pond. The location of which seems to be at the back of a property on Second Street. The system has fallen into disrepair and now contributes to the flooding in Oak Street backyards. The basements become the detention pond.

Residents would like the storm drain rebuilt and until then, their properties re-assessed. Although the Oak Street houses look nice and are assessed for the size etc., the assessment doesn't show that the basement fills up every two or three years and is basically useless.

Mayor Hatheway said the problem actually lies a bit farther west. The Village's long range plan has been to work from the lower elevation infrastructure to higher, by rebuilding Court, Wadsworth, Main; the next street on the list to be rebuilt is Second Street. The entire length needs new water and sewer transmission lines,

storm sewers, curbs and a street rebuild. Second Street between Oak and North streets has very poor storm water drainage. The houses on the east side tend to flood. Unfortunately it is a much more extensive problem than just at the bottom of Oak Street. Oak Street intersects with Highland Road, which floods after every rain. Ellen asked if there is a timetable for getting Oak Street fixed; the response was that for this current fiscal year the tax cap was exceeded for the first time in order to make the initial debt payment on the Main Street project. There will be additional payments for 4 more years. Unfortunately, debt incurred for infrastructure improvements cannot be excluded from the tax cap calculation. A rough estimate is that it would cost about \$2 million dollars to properly rebuild Second Street and its infrastructure. At present there is no firm date for that capital project, nor is there one to rebuild Oak Street.

Trustee Duff said it is important to note that steps are being taken to get to Second Street as the infrastructure is repaired and replaced from the bottom up.

Kurt wondered if the property owners graded their property to create a swale in an attempt to capture most of the water, if they would be liable for any accident that might happen in there? The Board agreed that was a question for an insurance professional or an attorney.

Deputy Mayor Brennan suggested that perhaps Supt. Frazier talk to Mr. Stryker. Mayor Hatheway said that assessment questions would need to be answered by an assessor.

Ellen and Kurt thanked the Board for their time.

3. CAROLYN MEISEL – ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Carolyn was given an opportunity to review the job description for the CEO and was concerned that part-time wouldn't be enough hours for the job. She feels that meetings alone will eat up many of those hours. The job description itself is a good one but there are a lot of duties for that person to perform. Projects that are coming up will require a code officer watching and inspecting as they are constructed. Mayor Hatheway said that a few years ago there was a study done on the code office and the courts. One of their observations was that there was a lot of down time in the code office. The Board is hoping that with greater use of technology the process can be streamlined to get more done with fewer hours. Carolyn noted also the need for clerical support. Discussion followed. Carolyn thanked the Board for listening and noted that she has been "at this game" for a long, long time, serving on the Village Board as well as serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board thanked her for her input.

4. TOM HILL – EMAIL CHANGEOVER:

Tom Hill, website and email administrator changed over the email service for everyone from Flo-Pro to Google mail. This was following a number of issues with the previous mail server. The geneseony.org email address will continue to work and all Board members plan to use it from now on. Tom is available by cell phone if anyone has a problem.

5. JOSH WILLIAMS – MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION:

Josh reported that with Deputy Mayor Brennan's assistance, two more garlands have been secured for purchase this holiday season. Four business owners are on board as the garlands will be strung across Main Street and affixed to four buildings. The merchants group is purchasing one garland and the Village will purchase the other. Garlands will be strung from approximately 80 Main to 99 Main and from 62 Main to 57 Main.

Deputy Mayor Brennan asked about placing the covers over the meters close to the holiday as has been done in the past. Discussion followed about the timing and Board consensus was to place them on December

19th through January 2nd. Josh will check with Clerk Lund as to where the covers have been stored and if there are more needed perhaps volunteers can fill the void.

GMA will be changing over to Geneseo Community Main Street as of January 1. After hopefully a successful holiday season plans are underway for a February 18th chocoholic event.

Current President Angel Berry has planned a meeting on November 29 with Mayor Hatheway to discuss the possibility of new signage to welcome visitors to the Main Street business district.

6. LIVINGSTON COUNTY:

- **Radio Agreement:** A memorandum from County Planning Director Angela Ellis explains that the Livingston County Emergency Communications System Upgrade Project is entering the implementation stage which requires the integration of law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services and town highway related communications equipment in order for the project to be operational. Along with that, and to ensure compliance with the New York State Interoperable Communications Grant program requirements, a user agreement between the County and the various police and fire services must be in place. The Village of Geneseo has received separate agreements for police and fire. Chief Chanler has advised the County that the Village services should be covered under one agreement. Supposedly the Village will receive a revised agreement covering both services. However, until then, Mayor Hatheway asked the Board members to consider adopting the agreement between the County Of Livingston and the Village of Geneseo for emergency communications equipment (police and fire and EMS) and for Mayor Hatheway to sign the final agreement when it is prepared. Trustee Duff so moved with second from Trustee Rutigliano. All were in favor.
- **Inter-Municipal agreement:** The County of Livingston wishes to renew the Inter-Municipal Agreement (Highway) for Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Services Sharing pursuant to County Resolution number 2016-317. Deputy Mayor moved to renew the agreement for the term 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017. Trustee Cook seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mayor Hatheway will sign the agreement and send it to the County.
- **Watershed Council:** Mayor Hatheway reported that the quarterly meeting was held without a quorum. No business was conducted but the members present did listen to reports.

7. DOT MEETING:

Mayor Hatheway spoke with DOT Regional Director Kevin Bush about the ownership of the flashing light at the Court/Main/North intersection. Kevin stated that the State stops their jurisdiction of Rte. 39 right at the intersection, but according to State law, if DOT has jurisdiction of one leg of an intersection, they have jurisdiction of the whole intersection. DOT will work with the Village to review the intersection and propose various options; Dick will send him the 2009 report to reference as a starting point.

Mayor Hatheway attended a scoping meeting last Friday regarding the bridge replacement project over the Genesee River on Route 63. Public officials were in attendance along with DOT personnel and public safety representatives. The problem with the bridge is that it is too narrow at 32 feet wide when it should be 40'. The south bank is deteriorating and lacking stability because it is on the outside of a meander (a bend in a sinuous watercourse or river). The bridge was built in 1960 and a year later the south embankment instability was discovered. Along with those factors, the bridge itself is deteriorating. DOT plans to build a good cost-effective bridge including traffic calming measures to make the area safer. 6,000 vehicles per day cross the bridge with 40% of them trucks. Heading south on Route 63 and turning east up Court Street is the most

accident prone move vehicles can make. Construction plan will be in the summer of 2019 to summer of 2020. There will be some public information meetings coming up shortly.

Various construction plan scenarios are being considered, one including a roundabout and one has a wider bridge span with a left turn lane in it. For those two scenarios the bridge would be closed for the year. Another plan includes building a bridge west of where it is now with a left turn lane and a roundabout. The old bridge could be used while the new one is being constructed. The group assembled favored the second plan which would necessitate acquiring additional land and DEC considerations. There will be more meetings forthcoming obviously before a final plan is unveiled.

8. MILLENNIUM DRIVE EXTENSION:

There has been an effort made to dedicate the Millennium Drive extension to the Village. Dedication has run into several different hurdles part of which have been solved by purchasing title insurance, suggested by Attorney Reynolds. Attorney Reynolds was not happy with the way the title has been written. Title insurance that cost about \$300 was paid for by the County. The road was built on private property owned by Greg O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell and the County are switching land parcels. The suggestion was made that the Village Board consider a resolution that they accept dedication of the road, based on engineer and Counsel approval, and authorize Mayor Hatheway to sign the documents. Deputy Mayor Brennan so moved with second from Trustee Duff. All were in favor. All of the parties involved are eager to get the road opened up

9. VILLAGE PARK:

Regarding the thought to apply for grant funding for the Village Park restrooms and canopy over the stage area, there has been some reluctance on the part of the VFW to alter the memorial, Mayor Hatheway reported. They feel that anything put above it would detract from the memorial itself. Therefore, the funding application will be completed for the restroom portion of the project only. Architect Tim Brinduse is helping with that paperwork.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Hatheway and Planning Board Chairman David Woods met with folks from DePaul Properties who are proposing an apartment (56 one bedroom units and 4 two bedroom units) complex on Megan Drive behind Country Max (property owned by Dawn Aprile). Leases include a drug free/crime free addendum and the complex will have an on-site manager. Rent is controlled and developers would be looking for a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program. The fact that Geneseo already has ten multiple unit non-college-related complexes in the Village, five subsidized and five at market rate was discussed. Gillian Conde, VP of DePaul Properties was familiar with that information and frequently gets that response when proposals for additional housing units are launched. Mayor Hatheway pointed out that Police Chief Osganian makes note of the number of calls to the complexes. In any event, DePaul Properties will be presenting its proposal to the Planning Board on November 30. DePaul has applied and received support service dollars from NYS and are interested in submitting an application to the NYS Housing and Community Renewals 2016 United Funding Round due this December.

The other proposal under consideration is on the Frew Farm on Volunteer Road in the Town of Geneseo. CDS is proposing to construct a two story multi-family senior housing complex with 40 units. The people from DePaul said that it is highly unlikely that funding would be forthcoming for both projects. CDS is farther along in the process than DePaul. CDS and DePaul are applying for the same pot of money.

Discussion followed.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee Rutigliano didn't get anything specific from Chief Osganian. Kudos for the life saving that has been done by the officers in their line of duty. The Board agreed that the recent Social Host arrest was handled well.

Deputy Mayor Brennan spoke with Chief Chanler today and since Friday evening they have had 13 EMS calls. Of those they transported ten to local hospitals. There were three fire calls during that same period of time. Staffing continues to be an issue.

Deputy Mayor Brennan reported that some Board members attended the annual Turkey Party at the Fire Hall. Trustee Duff won one turkey and Trustee Rutigliano won two! Attendance was a bit down this year but the event was a success just the same. The new EMS vehicle is being lettered to go into service. Ladder truck funds will be available by December 1st and they hope to take delivery by mid December. The EMS squad car is being used by volunteers to get jobs done. Sandy and Andrew discussed the need for a code officer should there be a fire in the Village.

12. PUBLIC WORKS:

- Water testing: Recent test results were favorable for the Village of Geneseo. However, the water going into the tank tests better than that going out. Further testing will determine how best to serve the outlying areas. Dick talked to Cathy Higgins at the County Health Department about the situation as a whole and what can be done to make it better. If we give good water to the Town of York where it crosses the river, then it is no longer our problem. She feels that all of the entities are working together to make better water.
- DOH Inspection Report: The annual report on the Water Treatment Plant was received from the Health Department. Mayor Hatheway quoted the report that had several observations along with some requirements and a few recommendations. Generally the report stated that the condition and operation of the water system are in good working order. The water operators do a fine job operating the system and preparing the required reports. The report is on file in the Clerk's office as well as at the Plant.
- WWTP Procedural steps: There will be a lot coming up at the Village Board meeting on December 19th. Any comments will be reviewed following the SEQR letters sent out to interested and involved agencies. If possible, the Board will consider a negative declaration for the project and then adopt a bond resolution for funding the project. Bond Counsel has the information and will be working on that for the Board. The bond resolution will be published according to permissive referendum regulations for thirty days and then published again for a 20 day period of estoppel. In February the application will be due to Environmental Facilities Corporation. Mayor Hatheway stated that the \$6 million project is on a good roll and things are moving forward.

Trustee Duff reported the following for Supt. Frazier:

1. Leaf collection has been going on and will continue through Thanksgiving.
2. All crew members were in to clear snow and salt streets.
3. New parking meters were installed from Bank Street to University Drive. The old ones will be saved and replace other ones on Main Street that are in bad shape.

4. Main Street/North/Court Intersection: Crews added a crosswalk sign on Avon Road near Church Street. They also repaired the Traffic Control Device (light) and removed the bushes on the corner of North and Main looking south. All of these improvements should help the pedestrian and vehicle traffic at this intersection.
5. Installed a new service on Ivy Lane for a new house being built.
6. Cedarwood is coming along, most of the utilities are installed and they are starting to install stone for the road base. They are trying to get this phase paved this year, to be able to start building houses next year.

Trustee Cook reported the following for Supt. Quinlan:

- Crews addressed sewer lateral issues at 14 Main Street and 133 Lima Road.
- Crews assisted with flashing light repair and bush removal at Main/North/Court Street intersection.
- Crews made a water service tap and missile under the road for a new house being built at 3 Ivy Lane.
- Water was turned off and lines were winterized at the Log Cabin and in the Village Park.
- Crew members attended a water and wastewater disinfection class in Canandaigua.
- A road base inspection was conducted for a new street in Cedarwood Development off Lima Road.
- A water flow test was performed for Parrone Engineering on Megan Drive for proposed new apartment buildings.
- Crew members assisted with snow removal of November 21st.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: Sandy reported that there is a little more work to do on the code enforcement job advertisement before we put it out to the paper.

Trustee Cook: nothing further.

Trustee Duff: Margaret is meeting with Chief Osganian tomorrow to go over topics for the Healthy Campus Coalition meeting to be held on December 2. Margaret also mentioned that it was very interesting to see two firefighters in full gear as well as the new air packs highlighted at the Turkey Raffle.

Trustee Rutigliano: The Tourism Committee is working on the brochure for next year which will include Fifty Fabulous Things to do in Geneseo. They are using the new name “Promote Geneseo!” on the brochure and asked the Board for approval for the name change. The Board was supportive of that change and a resolution will be forthcoming to formally name the committee an arm of Geneseo government.

The Board recognized the departure of B&D Art Framing which has been sold. Donna Kelsey was a founding member of GUMA and has been in business on Main Street for 22 years. Thanks to her and Bob Kelsey for all of their contributions to the community.

Trustee Rutigliano will be working on a committee to obtain a variance for the large sign that was on the wall at the Kelly’s location after it burned. The sign needs to be relocated.

14. CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer Merrick distributed the September Treasurer’s Report to the Board.

Following review by Trustee Cook, the Board reviewed abstract 006 of fiscal year 2016-17. Trustee Cook moved and Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion to approve payment for voucher #416 through #520 in the following amounts:

General Fund voucher #416-#519	\$ 312,378.85
Water Fund voucher #425-#520	\$ 93,906.61
Sewer Fund voucher #418-#517	\$ 81,123.95
Main Street voucher #11-16-050-051	<u>\$ 3,491.56</u>
Total	\$ 490,900.97

The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye.

The bond sale for financing the aerial ladder truck purchase took place on November 17 and three bids were received. Greene County Commercial Bank in Catskill New York won the bid with a 10 year rate of 2.399%. The sale will close on December 1st.

15. 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 7:15PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk