

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 6, 2014

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:

Julie Marshall & Louise Wadsworth – Livingston County Economic Development
Howard Appell Josh Williams

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the meeting at 5:00PM. The minutes of the December 16, 2013 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. LOUISE WADSWORTH & JULIE MARSHALL – MAIN ST. GRANT PROG. PRESENTATION:

Louise and Julie presented the Board with slides of before and after photos of the various businesses that took advantage of the Main Street Grant Program. Notification of the grant was received in December 2011, and awarded matching funds for improvements to buildings within the Main Street District between University Drive and the Homestead property (\$334,500). Funds were also allocated for administration of the grant (\$30,500) and streetscape projects (\$45,000). Business owners were required to provide approximately 28% of the project cost in order to receive grant funding. The streetscape and administration portions of the grant did not require matching funds. The grant cycle was for two years expiring at the end of December 2013.

Administrator for the project was the Livingston County Economic Development Corporation. Louise reported that the Village of Geneseo projects were all completed on time, a rarity. The grants awarded for projects were \$334,500; the business owners invested an additional \$543,100 into their buildings making a total of \$877,600 invested in Main Street improvements. Streetscape projects used \$45,000 of grant funds, with an additional amount of \$1,580 expended by the Village. Improvements were made to seven residential units and 24 commercial units.

Hard copies in booklet form were provided to the Board. The total benefit was impressive, in that the Main Street district underwent significant improvements as a direct result of the grant, but, in addition, a number of other business owners not involved with the grant program also repaired their buildings. The final step will be for the State to visit the area in February to review the work that has been accomplished and tour the district.

Louise distributed flyers to advertise the County Sign & Façade Improvement Program that will be in its fourth year. Geneseo Main Street projects completed under that program amounted to \$13,875 in 2011, \$25,000 in 2012 and \$30,964 in 2013. The Village funds committed toward those projects has been \$3,750 for each year or \$11,250. Thus, \$11,250 of Village funds has leveraged some \$70,000 worth of Main Street building improvements. The next round of funding for that program will kick off with an informational meeting on February 11, 2014 at 6PM at the Government Center. The deadline for applications is March 25, 2014.

Louise also announced the award of \$150,000 funding for the Riviera Theater project through a Rural Area Revitalization Program grant. It is a matching grant and the developers are hoping to achieve first floor, façade and marquee renovations to create a multi-use performance and event center.

Altogether, investment in the Main Street area has been \$877,600 in Main Street grant program improvements, \$46,580 in streetscape improvements, \$69,839 in sign and façade improvements through the County Program, and \$225,000 for improvements to the Riviera Theater. The grand total amounts to \$1,219,019 invested in the Village of Geneseo business district over the past three years! Impressive!

The Board was excited about getting the word out to all of the community groups as to how much work has been done. Louise and Julie mentioned that Main Street Grant funding is down to \$200,000 for new awards now and Avon and Nunda were only awarded \$250,000 and can do only eight projects. 2011 was a good year to get on board and Geneseo had so many projects that went over and above the grant funding. The Board thanked Louise and Julie for their help with the program and for the excellent presentation.

3. PARK USE REQUEST:

The Stormer's Soccer Club (Jen Bugbee) has asked to use Kelsey field for practices and games beginning May 1 through July 31. The field will be used every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-8:30PM. The approximate number of participants is thirty with two supervisors. The program is for girls ages 11-12 from Geneseo. Clerk Lund has the paperwork except for the certificate of insurance that will be forthcoming. The Board was supportive of that use of Village facilities.

4. TOWN FIRE CONTRACT:

The Town fire contract renewal was prepared with no change for this year. The contract includes monies to be set aside for equipment purchases and the total one year contract price for service amounts to \$139,000. Following review by the Board, Trustee Duff moved to approve the contract for Fire and Ambulance service to the Town of Geneseo as outlined for \$139,000 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2014. Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor. The contract was signed and will be forwarded to the Town for their consideration.

5. GROVELAND AMBULANCE CONTRACT:

The Town of Groveland ambulance contract compensation is based on the number of ambulance calls to Groveland that did not result in a transport between August 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013. Calls not requiring a transport also involve response from the Fire Department, but these are not billed to the Town or the patients' insurance carrier. There were 43 such calls during that period of time and each call is billed at \$168. As a result, the contract price for 2014 will be \$7,224. Following review by the Board and the note that the new supervisor William Carman will be signing the document, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to approve the contract 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.

6. COLLEGE-VILLAGE MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on February 25th and the Village will be hosting. A new venue for the meetings might be in the tower room in the newly renovated Doty Building.

7. PERSONNEL:

- Police: Officer Jason Yasso has resigned effective January 5th. He has taken a position with Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Chief Osganian notified the Board of the personnel

change via email. Officer Yasso was also the canine officer for the Village and handled canine Rosko. An agreement for the retirement of Rosko has been drawn up by personnel Attorney David Lippitt. In the agreement, Rosko (who was obtained in 2008 with a grant from Senator Volker) will be retired to live out his life with Jason and his family. Jason has agreed to the terms of the agreement stating that the Village will sell Rosko to Officer Yasso for the sum of one dollar. The rationale is that Rosko is 7 years old, with perhaps only a year or two while he can continue to be certified as a police dog. It would take that long to train another officer to work effectively with Rosko. Thus even though he is technically Village 'property', it is not practical for the Village to retain him in his K-9 capacity. Discussion followed as to how the remaining K-9 funds, which have been privately raised, will be used by the Police Department after determining how much has been expended thus far this fiscal year. Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to accept Officer Yasso's resignation effective January 5, 2013 and to agree to the terms of the agreement drawn up by Attorney Lippitt to transfer ownership of canine Rosko to Officer Yasso. 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.

- DPW: Trustee Gajewski stated that he and Trustee Duff along with Supt. McTarnaghan and Dan Quinlan reviewed the Civil Service list for Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator/Trainee that was compiled after the test was given on December 18th. Three names were pulled from the list and those three people were interviewed on Friday, December 27th and Saturday, December 28th. Following the interviews, the committee recommends that Mark Collins be hired for the open position on the water/sewer crew. Mark will have three years to obtain the licenses to operate the water and wastewater plants. The licensing requirements can be accomplished in two years, but giving the candidate three years to complete the process gives some flexibility. Trustee Gajewski moved to offer the water/wastewater operator trainee position to Mark Collins as recommended by the search committee. Trustee Duff 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.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Jon Norris has been reviewing the punch list of items for the Geneseo building project and finds that the project is just about finished. The project has come in at around \$400,000 with \$35,000 of miscellaneous/contingent money that wasn't used. That is good news, Mayor Hatheway reported. The Town contributed \$100,000 toward the project, which was a huge help. The shell of the building has now been preserved (due to previous roof replacement); the next major project would be the electrical, including a new service and rewiring throughout the building.

Parking permit sales have been good for the six month permits and there are still a few left to sell.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Police Department has been busy with Veteran Drive continuing to offer a challenge, Deputy Mayor Brennan reported. Chief Osganian continues to get grants to fund bullet proof vests for the officers as he has been doing since 2003 garnering \$3,000 for those purchases. Notification was received also that the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has awarded GPD \$10,750 to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program. Program goals are to increase seat belt usage and reduce aggressive, speeding, distracted and other dangerous driving behaviors.

Chief Osganian was notified that there has been a change in personnel at the University Police Department. Sal Simonetti has left the office and the interim Chief is Thomas Kilcullen.

Trustee Wilcox moved to approve the following new member to the Fire Department: Arjun Mathew. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor. Trustee Wilcox moved to accept resignations from Ben Kasper and Ben Canellys. Deputy Mayor Brennan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. PUBLIC WORKS:

The following items were submitted by Supt. Frazier:

1. Full crew is all back in service from the Holiday season.
2. We had to order 150 tons more of salt. I am predicting that we will have to get even more through out the winter.
3. Christmas tree collection is under way.
4. Equipment service is going on in the shop, when time permits.
5. We have gone out plowing and salting more before January 1, than All of 2011 and 2012 for the year.
6. Village building project is completed; some punch list items still need to be addressed.

Trustee Gajewski reported that the water sewer crews have been helping out with snow removal as well. Along with that, they have been reading water meters for the third quarter billing in February and replacing meters as needed. There has been a roily water issue at the Temple Hill Bed & Breakfast and they are looking into that issue.

With regard to the gauging station at the Lake used to measure lake levels, Clerk Merrick found the original agreement between the Village of Geneseo and the U.S. Department of the Interior. The agreement, dated June 5, 1970, allowed for a stream-gauging station on the Geneseo Water Works property. Mayor Hatheway reported that the Compact of Towns (surrounding Conesus Lake) will probably be taking the station over as the Federal government agency no longer finds it necessary. Therefore a new agreement will be drawn up allowing the station to remain on Village property.

11. TRUSTEES:

Deputy Mayor Brennan: no further report.

Trustee Duff: no further report.

Trustee Gajewski: Ben reported that Kurt Cylke has been looking into finding a brighter light for the lantern atop the Bear Fountain. The light in the restored lantern isn't very bright especially during the dark winter season.

Trustee Gajewski wondered about the parking lot sign for the municipal lot that used to be on Main Street between the Funeral Home and the O'Connell Building. A suggestion has been made to either replace the sign or perhaps ask permission to paint a directional sign to the municipal lot on the side of the O'Connell building. Discussion followed.

The Board then discussed the new, internally lit, monument sign at Geneseo Central School. The sign has changing text and images much like other school districts around the area. It was noted that the placement of the sign was not reviewed by the Planning Board and is not in keeping with Village sign regulations. Planning Board chairman David Woods is looking into it.

Trustee Wilcox: Bob reported that after the holiday hiatus, both the Tourism Committee and the Healthy Campus Coalition are in the process of reconvening.

12. CLERK/TREASURER:

Clerk Merrick distributed the November financial reports including the second quarter numbers. The budget is in very good shape after six months, Mayor Hatheway stated. One area that is a concern is fines and forfeitures. The projected income is \$160,000 and so far in six months only \$50,000 or

30% of that amount has been realized. Discussion followed as to reasons why the revenue might be down this fiscal year. Other than that, the budget lines are looking very good.

13. MEETING CLOSE:

With no further business to discuss, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Wilcox seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk