

April 15, 2013

Mayor Peterson opened Budget meeting at 6:34 pm.

Members present were Mayor Peterson, Trustees Busch, Ianni, Bielec and Lauer. Also present was Deputy Clerk Denise Beal, Mark Masses from GCEDC, Judge David O'Connor, Court Clerk Pam Yasses, Rose from YNN, Howard Owens from The Batavian and approximately 15 Village residents.

Mayor Peterson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Masse of GCEDC was introduced and gave a summary of a Rural Business Enterprise Grant for \$99,999.99 from USDA's Office of Rural Development that he will apply for on behalf of the Village of Corfu to support improvements and upgrades to the Sewer Treatment Plant. He said that GCEDC would take care of administration of the grant at no charge to the Village. He also mentioned that it could be used for soft costs.

When questioned, he confirmed this grant would be in addition to the \$75,000.00 that the GCEDC has already committed to the Village for the grant. He said it has been approved in their budget. It will go through the Town of Pembroke to the Village. He said that Chatfield Engineers has filled out the necessary forms and took care of completing the SEQR. Resolution was presented for Board approval.

Motion was made by Mayor Peterson and seconded by Trustee Lauer to move the following Resolution;

RESOLUTION OF THE GENESEE GATEWAY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$99,999 TO BE USED FOR UPGRADES
TO THE CORFU WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF) ("THE PROJECT").

WHEREAS, pursuant to the purposes and powers contained within Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law ("N-PCL") of the State of New York (the "State"), as amended (hereinafter collectively called the "Act"), and pursuant to its certificate of incorporation filed in 1868, as amended (the "Certificate"), the Village Grantee was established as a not-for-profit local development corporation of the State with the authority and power to own, lease and sell personal and real property for the purposes of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain projects exclusively in furtherance of the charitable or public purposes of relieving and reducing unemployment, promoting and providing for additional and maximum employment, bettering and maintaining job opportunities, instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, by encouraging the development of, or retention of, an industry in the community or area, and lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been provided with an opportunity to assist an existing company with the expansion of their business in the Town of Pembroke which would require upgrades at the WWTF; and

WHEREAS, the Village Grantee was chartered to "promote and provide for additional and maximum employment . . . and maintain job opportunities, and lessen the burden of government and act in the public interest" and to "foster the creation, retention and expansion of jobs and economic opportunities" for the benefit of the local economies, Genesee County, and New York State; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program provides grants to public agencies, private non-profit corporations or Indian groups for financing and facilitating of small and emerging private business enterprises development; and

WHEREAS, the Village Grantee desires to make application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program for approximately \$99,999 in grant funding for the infrastructure project in furtherance of their mission to promote economic development in Genesee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CORFU AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Village Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the Village Grantee to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant and to execute related documents and take all other necessary actions in connection therewith.

Section 2: The officers, employees and agents of the Village are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Village Grantee to do all acts and things required to establish necessary banking accounts, execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

Section 3: These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The resolution was put to a vote by roll call that resulted as follows:

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	5			
RESULTS	PASS			

Mark Masse left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Judge O'Connor presented several points regarding his requests for the 2013-14 Court Budget. He indicated that he does not want to eliminate the full-time position to have it replaced by two part-time positions as Mayor Peterson proposed. Court Clerk Yasses added that she was asking for additional help for just on Court nights. When questioned on the increase in postage Judge O'Connor responded that receipts are being sent for every payment. It was also mentioned that they are taking cash payments for fines again as it is legal tender.

Village residents (and former Clerks) Linda Tucker and Debbie Graham mentioned that they used to specify if a court client wanted a receipt they were to enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with their payment.

Mayor Peterson was questioned if the Village is trying to recoup the \$10,000 in missing court funds. He responded that formal charges need to be completed and that it is still under investigation.

Village resident Kathy Skeet questioned why Judge O'Connor's salary was being slashed. Trustee Ianni mentioned because he is a new judge to the Village. Judge O'Connor spoke up and said he is fine with the \$15,000.00 per year.

Another resident questioned if Court Clerk Pam Yasses was going to be reappointed. The question was not answered.

Mayor Peterson mentioned he had received a letter from Civil Service on April 10th and wants to assure we are in compliance with Civil Service regarding non-competitive part-time police officers. He said that non-competitive part-time police officers are limited to 19.5 hours per week. If they are scheduled for more hours than that it is a violation of Civil Service Law. He said if over 19.5 hours they are reclassified as competitive.

Mayor Peterson also mentioned that he had talked with Karen Marchese of Genesee County Civil Service "today" and that there will be a State investigation on the issue of noncompetitive officers working more than 19.5 hours.

Sergeant Jim Meier mentioned that a non-competitive officer is scheduled for 19.5 hours, and then other officers call to have him fill in for their shifts the Village could be left without Police protection at times. He

also mentioned that certain officers have often worked over the 19.5 hours for over 4 years and it was not questioned... until now after someone complained to Civil Service.

Trustee Busch said it sounds like a potential lawsuit.

Mayor Peterson said until the issue is resolved he would like the Village to be in compliance with Civil Service's request. He requested Sergeant Jim Meier comply until more information is obtained, because Civil Service is saying we can't do it. A start date of May 1st to begin compliance was agreed upon to allow Sergeant Meier to get more information.

The subject of security was brought up. It was mentioned that there are a number of keys floating around and suggestion was made that the Village formally request the Town of Pembroke to change Village Office locks and get Village Office windows secured. It was also mentioned a better process of managing keys should be established.

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Bielec to move the following Resolution: **RESOLVED** that the Village of Corfu hereby requests that the Town of Pembroke change Village Office locks and get Village office windows secured.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	5			
RESULTS	PASS			

It was mentioned that a potential sewer increase to approximately \$6.20/1000 gallons may be necessary and a possible increase of 4-5% on taxes.

The Board commented that the Maintenance department made substantial sacrifices to help reduce the budget. Maintenance weekly hours dropped from 40 hours to 32 hours for 1 of the employees. It was mentioned that the 1% increase in salary will still be implemented. Also in the Maintenance department voluntary cuts in uniforms and the suggested sale of some equipment was mentioned.

Mayor Peterson mentioned he would like to institute a quarterly financial report to provide for the public in the newsletter.

Brief discussion took place regarding the sewer budget. Trustee Ianni mentioned to leave in the rental costs for cleaning the lift stations. It was also mentioned that in order to change sewer rates a Local Law would have to be passed after a public hearing.

Board and attendees were reminded the Public Hearing for the budget is Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Busch to approve the sale of the 2005 Kubota and the wood chipper.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	5			

RESULTS	PASS			
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Village resident Al Graham requested clarification regarding the \$10,000 missing Court funds. It was mentioned a letter had been sent to Judge Alexander requesting he pay back the money, regardless if he is convicted or not, he is still responsible for the missing money.

It was mentioned that Attorney Mark Boylan is working on the Sewer Bond Resolution. Trustee Ianni brought up that at the previous meeting Mark Boylan was appointed to be handling the Sewer Project only.

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Lauer to retain Mark Boylan as Village Attorney for all aspects of Village business including the Sewer Project.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	5			
RESULTS	PASS			

A request was made for the mayor to appoint Pam Yasses as Court Clerk.

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Bielec to approve appointment of Pam Yasses as Court Clerk.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	5			
RESULTS	PASS			

Trustee Ianni raised the question of the appointment of an Acting Justice. It was mentioned that the training was the past week. Mayor Peterson said he would like to re-canvas. It was mentioned that now only an attorney or serving justice would have proper training. Mayor Peterson said re-canvas would be addressed at the first meeting in May.

Board was reminded of upcoming Darien Lake Luncheon. Mayor Peterson and Deputy Mayor Bielec said they planned to attend.

At a request for public questions, Mayor Peterson responded that further questions from the public are denied.

Motion made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Bielec to adjourn meeting.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			

Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	5			
RESULTS	PASS			

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Sandra Thomas
Clerk Treasurer