

## **Civic Association Meeting Minutes**

### **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

2025 Board Members Present:

President-Rick Hancock

Vice President-April Baumgartner

Treasurer- Mary Bielenberg

Secretary-Laureen Trail/Doreen Hancock

Attendees: Tony Kuphaldt, Sonja Bramwell, Earl Bennett, Kathy Zenner, Matthew Lalowski, Linda Schellenger, Glenda Bull, Jessica Mader, Dale Lynn, Abigail Seipert, Chandra Smith, Kristi Brown, Jake Dennler, Jim Isakson, & Austin Cole.

Matt Lalowski & Glenda Bull paid dues.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Rick Hancock.

Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

Approval of March minutes read by Doreen Hancock- provided by Laureen Trail.

Treasurer's Report-Mary Bielenberg:

1. Pizza sales did well for the month of April.
2. Donations are slow for Community Days. Linda S. requested \$30 to provide a letter and certificate to each business that donates.

Thank you to Laureen Trail for years of service as secretary. Doreen Hancock was appointed to serve as secretary. President Rick Hancock also explained that Mary Bielenberg would be stepping down as Treasurer after Community Days. He appointed Kristi Brown to take over as Treasurer at that time.

Artwork for the new pizza/civic meeting signs was voted on and 2 were chosen.

Jessica Mader shared that there will be a small ceremony during Community Days to name the park after Nyla Roach determined to be at 3:30. A sign has been created by Jackson Stutzman for the park. A new portion of fence will be put up in the park for safety and mulch is being donated by Bennett Lumber for later this summer.

Sonya Bramwell spoke about the upcoming summer events for Genesee Creative Collective. Farmer's market, art walk, and weekly gatherings in the park on Wednesday evenings. Sonya asked if Civic would like to split insurance costs/co-host the events. Some discussion about what insurance is needed and what is covered by the city. President Rick Hancock motioned the discussion continue in the May meeting. Doreen Hancock 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Earl Bennett shared he will do a presentation at the Senior Center on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme goes with Community Days. Genesee: History in the Making—History Made. Request for Civic to pay for the renting of the Senior Center. Approved. Earl will also be making posters for Community Days. History, Diane Conroy, Alumni, Tour Info. They'll be placed in business windows around town.

Matt Lalowski request \$ to help purchase electronic/magnetic kits. He already has kits valuing \$4000. He has applied for multiple grants and would like to "show good faith" by offering a portion of the bill now. Jessica Mader offered to share more grant information with him. They also toured the old fire station as a non-profit and may set up a maker station in the future. Request/topic tabled for further discussion after Community Days.

Discussion about advertising and Bulk mailing. EDDM may be used, city clerk has helped in the past. Further research and discussion needed.

President Rick Hancock requested volunteers to sign up for the Civic Booth during Community Days. There will be a donation box, new member sign-ups, and raffle tickets for the quilt provided by Lorie Whiting.

#### Community Days Update:

Kristi Brown-Scheduling was discussed. A meeting was set for all participants for Tuesday at 5:30. There was another request for volunteers. American Legion/Ladies AUX combing at the concession stand.

Gayle Anderson- 17 vendors secured. Aiming for 30-60. \$40 fee/\$680 already paid. Some vendors: Skin care, soap, art, candles, vinegar, bags and jewelry. Still advertising & seeking at other craft fairs. Civic reimbursed for copies of the application for distribution at craft fairs.

Jessica Mader- Discussion regarding reunion celebration. The years participating so far are 55, 65, 2010, & 2015. All are invited to the BBQ in the park and the firehall will be opened

after with a space to visit & celebrate. Jessica to handle decorations & she has 8 volunteers helping. Motion by Kristi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Zenner. Nay vote by Linda Schellenger. Abigail Seipert/Sonya Bramwell- Discussion of kid games and candy wrapper clean up. Prizes for help. Gen. Creative Collective in the park 12-2. Painting of bistro tables, art table & face painting. PTO games 2:00-3:30. Discussion continuing.

Rick Hancock- Community BBQ in the park Friday Night. Cowboy Justice to play street dance Saturday night. Hahn Rental- 2 porta-potties, 2 ADA rented for Friday through Monday. Tables @ \$4.50/each chairs included. Looking into a bouncy house/obstacle course, \$400. Abigail will check for PTO grant. Insurance & coverage. More research/discussion needed.

The Civic portion of the city website is in use. All applications for Community Days are located on the site.

Additional:

Jim Isakson- Community Days Car Show presented a receipt for reimbursement. No new trophies and plaques were purchased; however, the existing ones were engraved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.