

Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
March 13, 2024

Members Present:

William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Matthew Griffo, Town Councilmember
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember
Gary Mix, Town Councilmember
Ellen M Zapf RMC, Town Clerk

Also Present:

Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
Ericka Elliott, Attorney

Excused:

Councilmember Maxwell

Visitors:

Sandy Schneible from littleHive, and Eddie Lee

Meeting Opening:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and Councilmember Mix led the group in the pledge to the flag. Supervisor Wadsworth requested a moment of silence to be held for service men and women serving around the world.

Approval of Minutes:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the February 28, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Approval of Abstract #2 of 2024:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve Abstract #2 of 2024 and vouchers 123 through 183 as they stand.

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	\$46,390.99
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	\$8,381.37
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	\$21,069.28
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	\$3,662.54
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	\$9,537.50
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	\$222.21
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	\$151.22
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	\$16,803.33
SPECIAL ITEMS (H2)	\$0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	\$0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$106,758.44

There was discussion regarding voucher #167 for Hurricane Technologies and their annual fee and vouchers #129 and #130 for rental space at the American Legion and VFW.

Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Councilmember Deming welcomed Sandy Schneible from LittleHive and gave her the privilege of the floor:

Ms. Schneible reported to the Board the present progress that has been made for the mockup design for the new Town and Village Website. There was discussion on who will manage the website, what services will be provided if help is needed, and what some of the pages on the website may look like.

Ms. Schneible stated that a staging site is scheduled for the end of March or the beginning of April for the Town and Village to review and make comments.

The Board thanked Ms. Schneible for attending the meeting.

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Accept the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report – February 2024:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Deputy Supervisor Griffo seconded the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for February 2024.

<u>Supervisor for General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 5,823.00</u>
<u>Supervisor for Part Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 4,635.00</u>
<u>Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses</u>	<u>\$ 80.50</u>
<u>NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program</u>	<u>\$ 263.00</u>
<u>New York State Department of Health</u>	<u>\$ 157.50</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 10,959.00</u>

Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye.
Nays: None.

Supervisor Wadsworth spoke of the Decommissioning Agreement that was sent to the Board members for review and asked if there were any questions or concerns with the agreement. With there being none, the Board took the following action:

Approval of Jaycox Creek Solar 2, LLC Decommissioning Agreement:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve the Decommissioning Agreement between the Town of Geneseo and Jaycox Creek Solar 2, LLC.
Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye.
Nays: None.

Town Court Yearly Audit

The Town received a letter from the State of New York Unified Court System for a copy of the yearly audit for the records of the Town Justices. Deputy Supervisor Griffo performed the audit on March 13, 2024, and stated that the Court is doing an exceptional job.

There was further discussion regarding the decrease in the amount collected for fines and the lack of opportunities to recover owed money. The Town Board took the following action:

Accept Yearly Audit for the Records of Town Justices:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to accept the annual review of the court audit performed by Deputy Supervisor Griffo on March 13, 2024, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of Court Administration Internal Audit Services Unit. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Appoint Daniel Levey as Deputy Highway/Water Superintendent:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to appoint Daniel Levey as Deputy Highway/Water Superintendent and increase his salary to \$35.64 per hour retroactive to March 10, 2024. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Appoint Gregory Palermo as a Part Time Recycling Attendant:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to appoint Gregory Palermo as a Part Time Recycling Attendant and set his salary at \$16.81 per hour retroactive to March 2, 2024. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Deputy Supervisor Griffo left the meeting at 5:36 PM.

Surplus Assessor’s Old Laptop:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to surplus the Assessor’s laptop (Thinkpad model #20HF-005NUS) and destroy. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

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Triphammer Road Water District Extension:

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the Triphammer Water District is starting to cost Avon a lot of money to maintain and running a new extension from their source to the water district will be expensive. Since the Town of Geneseo is part of the water district Avon would like Geneseo to take over this water district and they are willing to help pay for the transition.

Update - Pedestrian and traffic safety Board:

Councilmember Mix gave an update and provided the Board with the following notes from his meeting on March 3, 2024.

NOTES FROM MARCH 3, 2024 MEETING

M. Griffo, L. Levey, G. Mix

1. Request town attorney provide model local law, codes that would be consistent with both zoning and vision to ensure authority to create connected sidewalks that enhance safety, accessibility and quality of life for the community. This should include recommendations to effectively and equitably both require developers/property owners to install sidewalks parallel to state, county and town road frontage, prior to building construction/development. In the absence of requiring developers/property owners to install before development, then the Town would like a law/code that requires developers/property owners to pay a fair share retroactively IF THE TOWN INITIATES SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO DEVELOPMENT.
2. Work with town attorney to create new sidewalk districts.
 - a. District 1. TO INCLUDE BOTH sides of
 - i. Rte. 20A east past Shale to first private property owner(s).
 - ii. North on Volunteer to Lima Rd.
 - iii. South on Morgan to Reservoir Rd.
 - iv. North on Lima Rd. to first private property owner (Green's?)
 - v. The east boundary of business/commercial zone from Rte. 20A to Lima Rd., if a road or street should be developed.
3. Regarding the actual construction of sidewalks, it was agreed that first priority would be sidewalk connection from Town Park east on RTE 20A to Volunteer and from Volunteer to Veteran's Dr.

Sequence of actions:

- a. Will to reach out to County to acquire ownership or cooperation.
 - b. Larry to:
 1. Create estimate
 2. Coordinate with Dan Q./village
 3. Additional actions (determine best locations)?
4. Second priority would be sidewalk expansion on Lima Rd. to Volunteer.

Sequence of actions:

 - a. Larry to create estimate
 - b. Review existing law and codes to determine appropriate approach (eminent domain, work with homeowners on cost, location etc.

Update - New Town Property:

The Geophysical Subsurface Investigation discovered six unmarked graves. As soon as we get the official report, we will notify the County.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that Highway/Water Superintendent Levey would like to hire a Motor Equipment Operator. Because the position is so hard to fill, they would like the Attorney to investigate the possibility of hiring a person under contract, pay for their CLD classes and then request that they work for the Town for a certain amount of time or pay back the cost of the training. Attorney Elliott will investigate the matter.

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Highway/Water Superintendent Levey stated that Tab Design will hopefully have drawings by next week for the new building. They are aware that the next Village Planning board meeting will be April 25, 2024.

Informational Items:

- Code Office Report

Adjournment:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-absent, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Ellen M Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk