

**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
March 27, 2024**

Members Present:

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

Meeting Opening:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and Deputy Supervisor Griffo 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 March 13, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Surplus Assessor's Old PC and Monitor:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to surplus the Assessor's old PC (Lenovo ThinkCentre #M710s) and 2 Acer LCD Monitors #AL1717F and destroy. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

The annual license agreement with Boy Scout Troop 4070 to occupy surplus space at the Town garage at Long Point Park is up for renewal. The Town Board took the following action:

Annual Renewal of the License Agreement Between the Town of Geneseo and Geneseo Boy Scout Troop 4070:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve Supervisor Wadsworth to sign the Annual License Agreement with Geneseo Boy Scout Troop 4070. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Supervisor Updates:

Supervisor Wadsworth spoke about a local law to allow a partial tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers. He stated that a local firefighter would like the town to revisit the idea of passing a local law allowing the exemption. The Board Members will review the law passed by Livingston County and then discuss it at a future meeting.

The Board discussed Eclipse Day, which is April 8, 2024, and if the town offices should be closed part of the day or the entire day. The County is expecting thousands of visitors here to view the eclipse and is concerned about heavy traffic especially around 4:30 PM when the town office would normally close. The County is closing their offices at noon and Supervisor Wadsworth would like to close the town office at noon also. There was further discussion regarding the closing time and the Board took the following action:

Close Town Office at Eleven AM on Eclipse Day:

Councilmember Maxwell moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to close the town office at eleven am April 8, 2024, Eclipse Day for the safety of the town employees. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

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Supervisor Wadsworth stated that Patricia Ford, one of the members of the Planning Board has not attended a meeting since October of 2023. She was paid by check in December of 2023 and the check has not been cashed. There have been several attempts to reach out to her and there has been no response. According to the town code if a Planning Board Member has more than two unexcused absences in a row they can be asked to step down from their position. It is the opinion of Supervisor Wadsworth that Patricia should be removed from the Planning Board, notify her by letter, and give her ten days to reply. The Board took the following action:

Remove Patricia Ford as a Planning Board Member:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to remove Patricia Ford as a Planning Board Member effective immediately according to Article III §24-6 and send a letter stating such with ten days to respond. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Update - New Town Property:

According to the Geophysical Subsurface Investigation six to seven potential unmarked graves were discovered leading up to where the pavement starts for the driveway in Gateway Park. The County feels the best way forward is to grant an easement to the Town all the way down to Veterans Drive and if we need to dig in that area, we will only dig down two or three feet. The property is still a viable option even without adding a road.

There was further discussion regarding where the sewer line would be put in, how many parking spaces would be available, and working with the Aprile family who own the property next door.

There will be a sketch presentation on April 25, 2024, at the Village Planning Board meeting. TAB Design will be ready with a sketch of the floor plan and some type of initial exterior design.

There was discussion about where the money will come from to purchase the building and that we have \$200,000 of ARPA funds and we could possibly use this for HVAC in the new building.

The code Officer would like to purchase a new laptop for the Code Clerk. The one he is looking at costs approximately \$2,200.00. Supervisor Wadsworth was quoted for a less expensive laptop, but the Code Officer would like the Dell Computer. The Town Clerk will research with Staples to see if we can get the computer on state bid.

Update - Pedestrian and traffic safety Board:

Councilmember Mix gave an update and provided the Board with the following information. The next meeting will be April 10, 2024. The committee is working with the County regarding grants. Councilmember Mix has the idea to create a generic grant application that will be ready to be modified when the time to apply for a grant comes along.

Informational Items:

- Code Office Report

Adjournment:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilman Deming seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Ellen M Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk