

Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
June 12, 2024

Members Present:

William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Matthew Griffo, Deputy Town Supervisor
Ronald Maxwell, Town Councilmember
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember
Gary Mix, Town Councilmember
Debra Streeter, Deputy Town Clerk

Visitors:

Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Linda LeMoyne, Ken Hathaway, and Robert Irwin

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.

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Village Trustee, and gave her the privilege of the floor.

Marlene took a picture of the Town Board Members for the new website.

Marlene Hamann-Whitmore spoke with the board regarding the new website and gave the following update:

- Soft launch July 3rd or 4th.
- The village will be putting up a banner.
- Would you like to put a banner in the town for the new website? If so let her know.

Supervisor Wadsworth thanked Marlene for the update.

Approval of Minutes:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve the May 8, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Approval of Abstract #5 of 2024:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve Abstract #5 of 2024 and vouchers 274 through 335 as they stand.

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	\$123,443.15
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	\$1,217.56
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	\$156,727.62
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	\$11,921.13
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	\$0.00
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	\$0.00
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	\$45,521.17
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	\$56,808.78
SPECIAL ITEMS (H2)	\$0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	\$0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	\$0.00
BOOHER HILL RD WATER DISTRICT (SW5)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$395,639.41

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

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Supervisor Wadsworth asked if there are any public comments, and they are as follows:

Visitor Ken Hathaway spoke regarding the purchase of a new town office property. He believes that after going through previous minutes this has been pushed through with little notice to the taxpayers. He questioned if the Livingston County News is the town’s official paper, and that people do not read it anymore.

Visitor Ken Hathaway spoke of taxes going up and is concerned about them going up higher. He asked if the voters have a choice to vote on the project. As the legal notice has been published the public would have to present a petition to the board (within 30 days of publication) with 148 signatures to stop the purchase and bring it to a public vote. It was also stated that the minutes of the discussion were not put on the website within 2 weeks.

There were questions if the notice put in the paper is legal as there is a discrepancy with dates and some of the wording is unclear.

Visitor Robert Irwin stated that he just heard of the purchase at the Planning Board meeting. And questioned the cost per square foot.

Visitor Linda LeMoyne stated that she thinks there are too many variables. This will be a two million dollar building that houses three full-time employees. People are suffering and how do the people benefit from a two-million-dollar project? She asked that the board slow down and stop for a while and listen to the people. The public did not get a chance because the minutes were not posted online, and we do not all see the Livingston County News. Once you push this through it is a done deal. This is not the time for this, and it is too big of an expenditure.

There will be extra expenses for a new building that are now included in the rent that is paid to the county for the use of this building, which includes water, heat, electricity, maintenance, and care of the grounds.

Supervisor Wadsworth thanked Linda, Ken, and Robert for coming in.

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

Councilmember Mix moved, and councilmember Deming seconded the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for May 2024.

<u>Supervisor for General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 5,364.00</u>
<u>Supervisor for Part Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 2,570.00</u>
<u>Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses</u>	<u>\$ 80.50</u>
<u>NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program</u>	<u>\$ 23.00</u>
<u>New York State Department of Health</u>	<u>\$ 202.50</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 8,240.00</u>

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

Supervisor Wadsworth asked the board to appropriate the following funds in DB for PAVE NY, ERW, and POP. The numbers were provided by Highway Superintendent Levey and verified by a letter from New York State. the board took the following action:

Appropriate funds in DB for PAVE NY, ERW and POP:

Deputy Supervisor Griffio moved, and councilmember Mix seconded the motion to appropriate the following funds in DB for PAVE NY, ERW, and POP.

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Budget Appropriations for Highway Funds		Increases will be financed by the following changes				
JUNE 12, 2024	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Appropriated	
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue	Fund Balance	Explanation
Appropriate ERW, PAVENY & POP Aid						
<i>Expense Accounts</i>						
DBS112.220 Improvements/Roads	\$91,170.00					To increase road work account for total
<i>Revenue Accounts</i>						allocation of PAVE NY; ERW & POP
DB3501 Consol Highway Aid CHIPS			\$7,435.00			
DB3501 Consol Highway Aid PAVE NY			\$33,305.00			Increase by PAVE NY Aid
DB3501 Consol Highway Aid ERW			\$28,230.00			Increase by ERW Aid
DB3501 Consol Highway Aid POP			\$22,200.00			Increase by POP Aid
Totals in Highway DB	\$91,170.00	\$0.00	\$91,170.00		\$0.00	

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

Supervisor Wadsworth has received the proposed Sidewalk and Sanitary Sewer Easements between the Town of Geneseo and RW Geneseo II LLC, for the Hammocks from Underberg & Kessler. He is asking for board approval to sign the documents. The board took the following action:

It was stated that the sewer system belongs to the Hammocks and not the Town of Geneseo and we are being granted access.

The Hammocks – Sidewalk Easement:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to allow Supervisor Wadsworth to sign the proposed Sidewalk Easement between the Town of Geneseo and RW Geneseo II LLC. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffio-aye. Nays: None.

The Hammocks – Sanitary Sewer Easement:

Deputy Supervisor Griffio moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to allow Supervisor Wadsworth to sign the proposed Sanitary Sewer Easement between the Town of Geneseo and RW Geneseo II LLC. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffio-aye. Nays: None

There was discussion regarding the timeliness of our lawyers Underberg and Kessler on getting back to us on projects.

There was discussion regarding sidewalk districts and the wording in creating these districts.

Supervisor Wadsworth received a letter from the Town of Livonia requesting the Town of Geneseo to sponsor the Sunday Night Concert Series at Vital Park.

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Donate to the Livonia Sunday Night Concert Series:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved to donate to the Livonia Sunday Night Concert Series. No second was given so the motion did not pass.

Sales Tax Revenue:

The county keeps the sales tax revenue that should go to the town so they can lower the county tax rate. The town must raise their tax rate to recoup this money.

Supervisor Wadsworth would like to have the town receive the sales tax revenue on a quarterly basis. He asked the board to consider this option. The board Took the following action:

Sales Tax Revenue to be Turned Over to the Town:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion that the sales tax collected by the county on behalf of the town be turned over to the town on a quarterly basis. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None

Councilmember Mix stated that four percent of the gas sales tax goes to the county and there is now discussion that the push to have electric vehicles will have an affect on this revenue. There is discussion now that there will be a mileage tax on EV's.

Update - Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Board:

Councilmember mix gave the following update:

- Gave Supervisor Wadsworth a handout. Please review and let him know of any comments.
- Waiting for DOT regarding Route 39 speed limit.
- Need to be prepared to do some political activism.
- Need to write directly to the Commissioner of the DOT
- Next meeting will be July 16.
- The Village is planning on a few sidewalk projects within the next year.

Informational Items:

- Code Office Report

Executive Session:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:05 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Griffo-aye, Maxwell-aye, and Mix-aye. Nays: None.

Close Executive Session:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to close executive session at 6:46 PM with no action taken. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Griffo-aye, Maxwell-aye, and Mix-aye. Nays: None.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Maxwell moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Griffo-aye Maxwell-aye, and Mix-aye. Nays: None.

Debra Streeter
Deputy Town Clerk