

**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
November 13, 2024**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Larry Levey, Highway/Water Superintendent
Erica Elliott, Attorney

Excused:

Matthew Griffo, Deputy Town Supervisor

Visitors:

Mauricio Hernandez, Ben Gajewski, Bernard Votypka, and Sarah Ackerson

Meeting Opening:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, and Councilmember Deming led the group in the pledge to the flag. Supervisor Wadsworth requested a moment of silence for servicemen and women serving around the world.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the October 23, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Approval of Abstract #11 of 2024:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to approve Abstract #11 of 2024 and vouchers 566 through 626 as presented.

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	\$105,772.58
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	\$7,932.83
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	\$37,195.74
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	\$25,871.53
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (H1)	\$0.00
SW6 CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS (H6)	\$0.00
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	\$226.24
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	\$48,955.74
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	\$84,096.26
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	\$0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	\$0.00
BOOHER HILL RD WATER DISTRICT (SW5)	\$0.00
WATER DISTRICT 6- LIMA RD (SW6)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$310,050.92

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

Accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report – October 2024:

Councilmember Demong moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for October 2024.

<u>Supervisor for General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 3,769.50</u>
<u>Supervisor for Part Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 1,419.80</u>
<u>Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses</u>	<u>\$ 80.50</u>
<u>NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program</u>	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
<u>New York State Department of Health</u>	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 5,476.80</u>

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

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed Mauricio Hernandez, who will be opening a new restaurant at the golf course, and gave him the privilege of the floor:

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Mr. Hernandez wants a liquor license for his new restaurant and is asking the board for their support. The board took the following action:

Letter of Support:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to send a letter of support for Mr. Hernandez if required when applying for a liquor license. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed Ben Gajewski, Executive Director of the Genesee Valley Conservancy, and gave him the privilege of the floor:

Mr. Gajewski stated that The Genesee Valley Conservancy is currently working with MT Pockets Farm on a Farmland Protection Grant through the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and would like a letter of support from the Geneseo Town Board.

Allow Supervisor Wadsworth to Sign a Letter of Support for MT Pockets Farm:

Councilmember Maxwell moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to allow Supervisor Wadsworth to sign a letter of support for the MT Pockets Farm Farmland Protection Grant application. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Short Environmental Assessment Form:

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the property at 4263 Lakeville Road is located next to an environmentally sensitive area. A review process needs to be taken before we can move forward with the SEQR. We cannot do the review process until we have drawings, maps, and a description of the project. I have reached out to our representative from SHPO.

We may also need to do a subdivision of the property and get an easement to get the sewer put in.

Highway/Water Superintendent Levey stated that he has been working with Dawn Aprile and has talked and met with the surveyor.

Snow & Ice Control Contract on County Roads:

Councilmember Deming moved and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to adopt the following:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Highway Law Section 135-a providing for snow and ice control on County Roads within the Town, the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent be. They are directed to execute a contract with the County Highway Superintendent of the County of Livingston for the Town to undertake and perform snow and ice control on County Roads located in the Town for the period beginning **October 15, 2024**, and ending **October 14, 2027**, at the rates therein provided. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Letter of Agreement to Extend the Intermunicipal Agreement for Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Service Sharing:

Councilmember Maxwell moved and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to allow Supervisor Wadsworth to sign the Letter of Agreement with Livingston County to extend the Intermunicipal Agreement for Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Service Sharing for one year from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Re-Levy of Unpaid Water/Sewer Bills:

Councilmember Maxwell moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the re-levy for water and sewer bills for \$23,953.19 for water and \$635.30 for sewer with a total re-levy of \$24,588.49 on the 2025 Town & County tax bills. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

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There was a discussion regarding an unpaid water bill for the 5375 West Lake Road property. The owner has not paid the agreed-upon amount, and the Town will now have to re-levy the unpaid water bill on the 2025 Town and County taxes.

Re-Levy the Unpaid Water Bill for 5375 West Lake Road:

Councilmember Maxwell moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the re-levy for unpaid water on the 5375 West Lake Road property for \$6,246.00. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-absent. Nays: None.

Visitor Sarah Ackerson, who owns a tiny home, requests that the Town add Tiny Home Regulations to the Town Code. She is living there now but would like to get electricity. There was a lengthy discussion regarding regulations and what the board would need to do to modify the town code.

There was a discussion regarding the request to add water to a property on Long Point Road Extension. Highway/Water Superintendent Levey provided the board with several options and costs associated with updating the water line.

Visitor Bernard Votypka who is working with Brian Harris, owner of Geneseo Storage, asked if there are any updates to the proposed use of a building located on Mr. Harris's property for a cannabis dispensary. The board is still looking into the process.

Councilmember Mix gave an update on the Traffic and Safety Board. He stated that the NYS Department of Transportation has approved the extension of the 30 MPH speed limit on Lima Road to Volunteer Road.

Sidewalk Update:

- Who is to maintain the sidewalk in front of the Hammocks? The Town took dedication last year.
- Trying to find more potential areas for the sidewalk district.
- Fees for repairs and construction requirements.
- We could adopt state regulations.

Adjournment:

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

Ellen M. Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk