

**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
November 8, 2023**

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
Edmund Russell, Town Attorney
Paula Parker, Director of Finance

Visitors:

Meg Reitz

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 to be held for service men and women serving around the world.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the October 11, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve the October 26, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-abstain, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Rescind Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Highway Clerk Jenni Bow passed on August 23, 2023:

Supervisor Wadsworth asked the Board to rescind the resolution accepting Highway Clerk Jenni Bow's resignation as she will continue to work remotely until a new Highway Clerk Can be appointed and trained.

Rescind Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Highway Clerk Jenni Bow passed on August 23, 2023:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to rescind the resolution accepting Highway Clerk Jenni Bow's resignation effective October 19, 2023, adopted on August 23, 2023, until a new Highway Clerk Can be appointed and trained. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Approval of Abstract #11:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to approve Abstract #11 and vouchers 1315 through 1370 as they stand.

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	\$30,670.78
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	\$13,298.11
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	\$15,980.08
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	\$568.39
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	0.00
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	\$208.74
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	\$44,823.69
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	\$68,412.04
SPECIAL ITEMS (H6)	0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	0.00
TOTAL	\$173,961.83

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

Old Business:

Expansion of 30 mph Speed Zone on Lima Rd:

Councilmember Mix stated that he would like to see the speed zone on Lima Road reduced from fifty-five miles per hour to thirty miles per hour possibly starting at the crossroad of Country Club Road to the Village line as the road has become more densely used due to new construction. He presented the board with the following:

As previously discussed, there are several issues with the present speed zones that end the 30-mph zone at the village line, which is yards away from a presently busy intersection with Volunteer RD. This is an intersection that will only become more densely used as The Hammocks reaches capacity and future development occurs. Additionally, it is not the safest scenario to go from a 40 MPH to a 30 just yards after passing the Volunteer Rd. intersection as traffic enters the village on Lima Rd. The most efficient manner to expand the 30-mph speed zone from the village to past Volunteer Rd. would be (as Larry previously stated) to request the Village to annex Lima Rd to some determined point past Volunteer. The annexation would only be the road itself and all maintenance would remain the responsibility of the Town.

The pre-determined point on Lima Rd.? Although the crest of the hill (Sally Fox previously owned the house that sits on the west side of the crest) would initially seem to be a safe distance, that is only .5 tenths of a mile from Country Club Rd. Even though it might appear to be a little inconvenient, to have a half-mile of a 40-mph zone that begins at a stop sign, before a 30-mph zone, would not appear to be a common sense or even the safest resolution.

I would recommend a 30 mph from Country Club intersection to the existing 30 mph at the Village limit.

I would encourage the Town Board to consider a resolution inviting the Village Board to annex that portion of Lima Rd. from the existing village limit to Country Club Rd. with the understanding that:

- The speed limit would be 30 mph.
- That the road is the only land to be annexed.
- That maintenance would remain with the Town.

As operating costs would remain consistent, there would not be any impact to property owner's taxes.

There was further discussion regarding the annexation of the road to the village and who would maintain the road if it were annexed.

Meg Reitz stated that the DOT thought it made sense to extend the thirty mile and hour speed limit just past the stop sign at Volunteer Rd but not any further. There are other alternatives to get cars to slow down like lining the street with trees, putting in bike lanes, or putting up more signage.

Update on Traffic Safety Committee:

Councilmember Mix's update on the Traffic Safety Committee stated the following:

October 18th meeting with DOT.

- a. Expand 30 mph speed limit to north boundary of the school district.
DOT will set up monitoring for traffic and pedestrian traffic in January or February (they are booked solid until then). They will ensure that it is a clear day without a lot of snow or ice on the road surface.

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- b. Erect motion activated flashing lights at Crossett Rd. and Prospect St. crosswalks on 20a.
DOT will monitor traffic and pedestrian traffic in April/May 2024.
Discussion occurred that the present crosswalks might not be the best locations (a real possibility). The committee indicated that we would consider other possible locations and after our meeting a suggestion was made to consider locating the crosswalks farther east on 20A by the apartment complex.
- c. The 20 A, Crossett Rd., Temple Hill, Groveland Rd intersection. We indicated a desire to get some actual planning started for a round – about. There was discussion about the process. Joel Kleinberg did indicate there may be other viable solutions to create a safer intersection. There was discussion regarding the expedient time frame for the Court St., RTE 63 round-about. That prompted a discussion about the rubric the DOT uses to prioritize projects. They were candid that different accidents carry different point values AND unfortunately fatalities carry the largest/most urgent point values. Although the rubric exists and there has to be a system to prioritize projects, waiting until a fatality appears to be morally weak. This is a topic for future political action. Joel did address the significant costs and the importance of lining up funding. He also offered to preview any grant applications for us.
- d. Follow up. Several committee members did meet with elected officials to update them on our needs and express our desire/need for their support at the appropriate time.

OCTOBER 30, 2023 MEETING WITH LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING

Meg's summary of the meeting was previously forwarded to Town and Village Board members.

Because of some the TAP Grant requirements (hiring an engineering firm), communication needs (committee, town and village boards being on the same page) and short application deadline, attempting to submit a thorough and quality application at this time would appear prohibitive.

So, the safety, equity and quality of life needs and preferences still exist. It would appear to be an appropriate responsibility of both Town and Village boards to begin dedicating monies in the operating budgets to increase sidewalk/soft structure path connectivity, and necessary crosswalks.

Even though it is always nice to get grants they are usually reimbursement AND here is the illusion of the state or federal government generosity when it really is taxpayer money (and we would prefer that Geneseo gets more return on taxpayer dollars) so starting some of the work should be planned for locally.

There was further discussion regarding sidewalk connectivity which includes Route 20A and Volunteer Rd. It was questioned if ARPA funds could be used.

Website Update:

Councilmember Deming stated he received a revised quote from Little Hive and there was no change. He feels that Little Hive has the best product but was not pleased with their response time. The village is going ahead with Little Hive, and do we want to split the cost with them or go on our own?

Would we be able to put wording in the contract that would build in penalties for not getting work done on time? Councilmember Deming will investigate this.

Budget Review:

Supervisor Wadsworth and Paule Parker gave an overview of the budget process and what the town is looking at this year. There was discussion as to what the A portion and the B portion of the budget cover.

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The B budget is over due to new employee salaries and legal fees. There is enough fund balance in the DB fund to help fund next year's budget. We are now looking at less than a five percent increase in the B budget.

We will be over the tax cap by \$24,567.00. The town has been very good about not raising taxes but at some point, it will have to happen. What we are looking at is \$10.00 per 100,000.

Informational Items:

Town Clerk Monthly report – October

Code Office Report

Executive Session:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations and the employment history of certain individuals inviting Attorney Russell at 6:07 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffio-aye. Nays: None.

Close Executive Session:

Deputy supervisor Griffio moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to close executive session with no action taken at 7:03 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffio-aye. Nays: None.

Lima Road Speed Limit:

There was further discussion regarding what steps should be taken to reduce the speed limit on Lima Road. Councilmember Mix will contact Matt Oravec, an engineer from the DOT and ask if there is a way to get a traffic study on Lima Road and get his recommendation.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffio-aye. Nays: None.

Ellen M Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk