

**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
August 9, 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:

Edmund Russell, Town Attorney
Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent

Visitors

Mary Clark, Estella Cleary, Lisa Burns, Kay Thomas, Steve & Susan Sprecher, Eddie Lee, and Mary Underhill, Livingston County Planning Department

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:

July 12 Minutes:

Councilmember Mix stated that a name is misspelled in the minutes. Town Clerk Zapf will make the correction in the minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Deputy Supervisor Griffo seconded the motion to approve the July 12, 2023, meeting minutes with amendments. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Abstract #8, 2023

There was discussion regarding voucher numbers 1144 for Chandler Insurance and 1196 Kircher Construction. It was stated that the Insurance coverage paid for includes our commercial package and the equipment rider and Kircher Construction had a credit owed us and that is why there is a negative balance.

Approval of Vouchers:

Councilmember Mix moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve Abstract #8 and vouchers 1136 through 1196 as they stand.

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FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	\$84,378.90
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	\$3,559.46
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	\$14,384.27
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	\$116,259.01
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	\$44,672.01
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	\$194.32
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	\$41,886.51
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	\$73,754.52
SPECIAL ITEMS (H6)	0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	\$3,510.00
TOTAL	\$382,599.00

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

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed Mary Clark and Estella Cleary who reside at the Hammocks. They gave the Board the following letter and there was a lengthy discussion on what would be required to implement their suggestions and who should be contacted.

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Mary Clark
4394 Hammocks Drive
Geneseo, New York 14454

Estelle Cleary
4354 Hammocks Drive
Geneseo, New York 14454

Geneseo Town Board
4630 Millennium Drive
Geneseo, New York 14454

Dear Board Members:

We reside at The Hammocks and walk several miles almost daily. We are very concerned about pedestrian safety in the areas where we walk. We have three proposals we request the Board consider:

1. Instillation of a crosswalk from the east side of Wal Mart, across Volunteer Road to the sidewalk at Rochester Regional Health Center.
2. Installation of Crosswalk signs to notify drivers of the crossing.
3. Reduce the speed limit from 45mph to 30 mph.

If a driver is going north on Volunteer Road from the traffic light, there is a slight curve in the road. They are generally speeding up and come around the corner quite quickly. There is a Road Crossing sign; but it does not help to slow down traffic. With the new apartments being build and the new restaurants coming soon; there will be more pedestrians and greater risks of someone being hurt/killed.

We request to be on the agenda at your next Board Meeting. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate you will consider the safety and welfare of your town's residents.

Sincerely,

Mary Clark

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Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers:

Supervisor Wadsworth spoke about the 10 percent partial property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers that the County passed on July 12, 2023, and asked the Board Members if the Town of Geneseo is open to offering the same exemption on the town tax. The Board Members would like to look at the number of residents eligible for the exemption and determine how much tax revenue would be lost by implementing the exemption.

Old Business:

Long Point Stormwater Management Improvement Grant:

There was discussion regarding SEQR parts I, II, and III and Mary Underhill from the County Planning Department suggested not to process parts II and III tonight as there is no final site plan in place yet. Only part I is needed for the grant and Mary processed this and signed it. The grant has been submitted and Heather Ferrero and Lary Levey met and crunched the numbers. The total of the grant went down which means the total of the in-kind portion for the town went down from approximately \$100,000 to \$80,000.

Accept Resignation of Linda LeMoyne:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to accept the resignation of accountant Linda LeMoyne effective August 17, 2023. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Supervisor's Update:

Google Sheets:

Supervisor Wadsworth created a Google Sheet called Town Line for the Board Members to receive information on topics concerning the Board for all to review, update, or ask questions. All Board Members may add topics that they would like to share and add comments to other topics presented.

Gateway Park Water:

Supervisor Wadsworth talked about putting water at Gateway Park. The cost is between 4 and 5 thousand dollars. It would be a frost-free yard hydrant. The Board agreed that the hydrant should be put in and Highway/Water Superintendent Levey stated that the project will be done soon.

Recognition for Former Historian David Parish:

A proclamation was written by Councilmember Mix in honor of former Historian David Parish for his many years of service to the Geneseo Community. There is also a sympathy card for David's family which will be signed by the town board.

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Recognition for Former Historian David Parish:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to accept the proclamation written by Councilmember Mix and send it to his family. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Susan Conklin has sent a letter to Supervisor Wadsworth to be considered for the position of Historian for Geneseo. This is being discussed with Mayor Ivers.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that NYMIR is now mandating that all Highway Equipment must be installed with battery shut offs and used when the equipment is not in use. This is being done at the highway barns already.

Councilmember Maxwell stated that the ZBA Chairman indicated that he is upset with receiving information from a lawyer representing a constituent regarding a code problem. He is upset that he was not informed of the situation. There was discussion on the issue and what has happened so far, and that Code Officer Radisi is aware of the situation and is working on the issue. The Board would like Code Officer Radisi to go once again to look at the property and Councilmember Maxwell would like to go with him.

Highway/ Water Superintendent Levey stated that the Geneseo School Superintendent asked if the Highway Department would put in a road along the back side of the ball field. All the details have been discussed and agreed upon.

There was discussion about sending a letter of opposition regarding the Federal Government wanting to increase the weight limit on roads by 30 thousand pounds. The discussion included the destruction of infrastructure and the use of farm vehicles on these roads.

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee Update:

Councilmember Mix stated he received feedback on the letter drafted to create awareness that Geneseo has a lot of needs based on the 2020 transportation Plan. The Committee will be coming to the Board to add input to add more substance to the letter. Councilmember Mix will share more with the Board at the next meeting.

Informational Items:

Town Clerk Monthly report – July

Executive Session:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations inviting Attorney Russell at 5:50 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

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Close Executive Session:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to close executive session with no action taken at 6:32 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Deputy Supervisor Griffo seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Maxwell-aye, Mix-aye, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

Ellen M Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk