

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – August 26, 2024

Board Present:

Chris Ivers, Mayor
Keith Walters, Deputy Mayor
Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee
Eddie Lee, Trustee
Alex Livingston, Trustee

Other Village Representatives Present:

Shawn Forrester, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Others Present:

Louise Wadsworth, Abel Zavitz & Paul Kreher

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

The July 29, 2024, minutes were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. The minutes were reviewed and discussed. With no further discussion the minutes were accepted with ayes from all*

Birdhouse:

Girl Scout Morgan Walton requested permission to place a birdhouse in Highland Park as part of a badge requirement. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the birdhouse for Girl Scout Walton. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Noise Permit:

The noise permit for 21 Tuscarora Ave on September 14, 2024, 6pm to 10pm was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the noise request for 21 Tuscarora Ave. Trustee Marlene Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

GSC Soccer Team Request:

The Geneseo Central School requested use of Highland Park for the Modified Soccer Program for practice effective August 27, 2024, through October 19, 2024. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the park use request. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Livingston County Economic Development:

Louise Wadsworth presented the Board with the Banners that had been created for Main Street. There is discussion regarding the timeline to have the banners installed. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the banners. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Liquor License Big Tree Inn:

The amended liquor license for A&J Hospitality Ventures, LLC was presented for The Big Tree, 46 Main Street. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the 30-day waiver for a liquor license for A&J Hospitality Ventures, LLC. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Gas Bid:

The recommendation from Energy Enterprises for UGI as natural gas provider was presented, received. It was noted that UGI was The Village's current natural gas provider. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve UGI as The Village of Geneseo's natural gas provider for November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

ADA Bathroom Remodel:

The request from Superintendent Quinlan to remodel the restrooms in the Village Building, to make one ADA complaint was presented. The work would be performed by the DPW staff. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the remodel not to exceed \$3,500. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Police Department Carpet Replacement:

The request from Chief Osganian was presented to replace the carpet with new vinyl plank flooring. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the flooring not to exceed \$5,500. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Approval of Abstract #3 of Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Following review Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve payment for The August Vouchers in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$287,007.02
 - Water Fund: \$74,746.17
 - Sewer Fund: \$27,679.59
- Grand Total: \$389,679.59

Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.

Park Signs:

Paul Kreher was present to update the Board on the proposed signs, to acknowledge The Seneca Nation, to be installed in the Log Cabin Park. He noted that the signs were to be funded through a grant from The Council of the Arts. There was discussion regarding the Seneca history of events as well as timeline, placement, size and colors of the signs. It was decided that Mr. Kreher would follow up with Superintendent Quinlan regarding placement. No action taken at this time.

Parking:

Trustee Livingston approached the Board regarding a possible parking garage for the municipal parking lot. There is much discussion regarding alternatives. It was decided that Trustee Livingston would explore a joint effort with SUNY Geneseo regarding possible parking solutions/alternatives. No action taken at this time.

Scarecrow Festival:

It was noted that the festival would not take place, but the scarecrow contest would continue. There was much discussion regarding how to make it more inviting/easier for vendors to participate in events.

Mayor Items:

The Mayor updated the Board on conversations with the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority, as well as the possible grant funding for the Splash Pad at Highland Park and Second & Oak Streets.

Board Updates/Information:

Historian: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board that three interviews for the Historian position were held and there would be one more.

Website: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board that the new site is running well, and maps would be added to show the Village and Town Borders.

Main Street Revitalization: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore shared with the Board the possible new garbage cans for Main Street. There was discussion about the look and sturdiness. It is decided to order a sample and get a quote.

Fire Department: Trustee Livingston noted that the new fire truck was being outfitting and training had begun.

Department of Public Works: Deputy Mayor Walters reported that one of the DPW trucks had engine failure and would like to look for a replacement and then work on the repairs over the winter.

Court: Trustee Lee reported that the Court Audit was completed, there were no issues. The report would be prepared for the September 9th.

Geneseo Community/Main Street: Trustee Lee reported that move-in week went well. The Valley Rising Concert planned for September 7th is expecting 50 people. Trustee Lee also updated the Board that The Town approved the Fire Fighter/EMS Tax Exemption Law without a tax cap.

Planning Board: Trustee Lee reported that Walmart was planning an expansion to the pick-up area, to improve safety for employees and guests. He also noted that the current parking spaces would be decreased.

Executive Session:

Trustee Livingston moved to enter executive session at 6:23pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation and proposed, pending or current litigation. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded; the Board then entered into an executive session with ayes from all. Trustee Livingston moved to come out of executive session at 6:30pm. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all. It was noted that no action was taken during the executive session.

Adjourn:

Trustee Livingston moved to close the meeting at 6:31pm. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester, Clerk/Treasurer