

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – September 9, 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, Clerk/Treasurer
Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Andrew Chanler, Fire Chief

Others Present:

Brendan Fuhr, Ashley Ames

Meeting Opened:

Deputy Mayor Walters opened the meeting at 5:02pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that Mayor Ivers was running late.

Approval of Minutes:

August 26, 2024, minutes were presented. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. The minutes were reviewed and discussed. With no further discussion the minutes were accepted as amended with ayes from all*

Genesee Valley Hunt Opening Parade:

The request from the Genesee Valley Hunt to parade the hounds and horses on Main Street, Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 7:30am. *Trustee Livingston moved to approve the parade of hounds & horses for Saturday, September 28, 2024. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Insurance Guidance:

Andrew Chandler was present to explain insurance requirements, exposure and risk transfer. There was much discussion regarding how these requirements affected the Village, as well as vendors/events. It was decided that there needed to be clear guidelines to deliver to all requesting any use of Village property. The park use application needed to be updated to all facilities. Trustee Livingston agreed to work with Mr. Chandler to create the guidelines.

Village Court Audit:

Trustee Lee presented the 2024 Court Audit and explained the process. *Trustee Livingston moved to accept the Audit as presented. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the Audit was accepted with ayes from all.*

Electric Provider Bid:

The recommendation from Energy Enterprises for Energy Cooperative of America as the Village's electric provider was presented. It was noted that Energy Cooperative of America was The Village's current electric provider. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve Energy Cooperative of America as The Village of Geneseo's electric provider for 2024- 2025 year. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Voucher Procedure:

There was much discussion regarding the new voucher system. It was decided that any and all utility service(s) payments do not need department head approval as they are a mandatory cost of operations of the Village of Geneseo.

Body & Security Camera Purchase:

Chief Osganian was present to explain the grant awarded to the Police Department. He additionally explained the department's need for new body cameras as well as security cameras in areas owned and maintained by the Village. There was discussion regarding how to inform the public of the security camera use. It was decided that signs stating "security cameras in use" would be posted. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the camera purchase. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Mayor Items:

The Mayor updated the Board on the Supreme Court Case regarding political signs and free speech. He was working on employee contracts. Local Government Support Systems would be working on the Reserve Fund Policy. He continued with an update on the Suny Geneseo/Village of Geneseo Community meeting. He also met with the department heads regarding all current and upcoming projects.

Board Updates/Information:

Historian: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board that the committee had two candidates they were interested in moving forward with an offer. There was some discussion about the possibility of the two candidates sharing the responsibilities.

Police Department: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board that she had attended the New Recruits Graduation, Officer Salatel had graduated from the academy and was highly recommended by her instructors.

Fire Department: Trustee Livingston noted that one of the trucks was being serviced and the new fire truck was not in service yet.

Department of Public Works: Deputy Mayor Walters reported that Superintendent Quinlan was going to attend the 2024 Public Works Conference in October.

Geneseo Community/Main Street: Trustee Lee reported that the Rotary Clock was set to be installed on September 26, 2024. There would be a ceremony on March 6, 2025, to commemorate Rotary's 100th anniversary.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:28pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 9/30/2024