

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – September 30, 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

Others Present:

Tony, Gurak, Corina Tulvech, Amy Merchan, Nancy Braaten, Brendan Fuhr, Ashley Ames, and Sandy Schneible

Meeting Opened:

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

Approval of Minutes:

September 09, 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 as amended with ayes from all*

New Officer Recommendation:

The request from Chief Osganian to hire Officer Salatel to fill the full-time vacancy left when Officer Goulet retired. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore stated that Officer Salatel was doing an excellent job. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request to hire Officer Salatel to fill the full-time officer vacancy. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Veterans Banners:

Tony Gurak and Nancy Braaten were present to explain the request to place flags on 20A to honor Veterans. He continued with the number of flags, insurance, timeframe for displaying, cost of the flags and the possibility of DPW installing. It was decided that the Board was in favor of the flags but needed more information regarding accessing the poles and a cherry picker.

Village Park Kiosk:

Sandy Schneible explained the proposed replacement for the damaged park kiosk sign with a community map made of a product that was weather and graffiti proof. There was discussion regarding adding other items, funding and grant monies. *Trustee Livingston motioned to move forward with the kiosk sign replacement not to exceed \$3000.00. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Website Banner:

Sandy Schneible presented a draft of the possible banner to notify the public of the new website for the Village and Town. There was discussion regarding the size, cost and message. It was decided to move ahead with the design and have it presented next month.

Approval of Abstract #4 of Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Following review Trustee Lee moved to approve payment for The September 2024 Vouchers in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$201,173.92
 - Water Fund: \$90,916.27
 - Sewer Fund: \$14,409.13
 - Capital Projects: \$5,000.00
- Grand Total: \$311,499.32

Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.

Mayor Items:

The Mayor updated the Board on New York Forward Project. There was discussion regarding the next steps and community input. It was noted that more information would be forth coming next month. He continued with the possibility of Local Government Support Systems helping with the ARPA allocations. Discussion continued with the timeline for ARPA and already spoken for items. The Board decided to have a special meeting for ARPA and reserves, possibly October 28, 2024. Conversation continued with The Local Firefighters/EMS Law. It was decided that it would be revisited after the first of the new year. It was noted that Rick Bennett would be present at the October 7, 2024, meeting for an update on the Second and Oak Street Project.

Board Updates/Information:

Tree Survey: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board that the committee had met and was planning an outing on Thursday, October 4, 2024.

Historian: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore also updated the Board that Sue Conklin had accepted the position of Village/Town Historian.

Geneseo Community/Main Street: Trustee Lee reported that the winter events were being planned; caroling and bistro lights. There is much discussion regarding the bistro lights. It was decided that Trustee Lee will take charge of a solution for the bistro lights.

Executive Session:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to enter executive session at 6:31pm 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. Mayor Ivers asked that all the public in attendance leave the meeting. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion, and the Board entered into an executive session. Trustee Livingston moved to come out of executive session. 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 Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:49pm. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester, Clerk/Treasurer