

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
Dan Quinlan, Superintendent of Public Works
Eric Osganian, Police Chief

Others Present:

Eric Cooper, Graham Johnsen, Karen Kelley, Michael Smith, Kim Robards-Smith, Larry Kelley, Mark Peace, Susan Richardson, Suzanne Johnsen, Jim Stallone, Mary Stallone, Marilyn Wachholder, Meg Reitz, Teddy Roodenburg, Andi Roodenburg, Jeff Boorsma, Scott Russell, Katie Shoup, Mike Wedge, Jon Roodenburg

Meeting Opened:

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

Traffic Calming:

Mayor Ivers welcomed everyone. He stated that speed limit signs had been installed and mobile flashing signs that would collect data were ordered. He continued with an interest in forming a work group, as well as different steps to slow traffic.

Graham Johnsen was present and updated the Board that the Town of Geneseo agreed to submit a request to DOT to change the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on Crossett Road from the South. He continued with traffic calming ideas from other municipalities.

Crossett Road neighbors expressed their safety concerns.

There was discussion regarding alternatives and forming a work group to discuss further potential solutions. It was decided that Deputy Mayor Walters would lead the group.

Mark Peace was present to recommend the Board revisit the prior 2009 traffic survey. He requested yield for pedestrians' signs at crosswalks. There was discussion regarding the cost of the traffic calming suggestions and the possibility of grants being available.

It was noted again that signs had been ordered to slow traffic and collect data.

Discussion continued with the possibility of adding crosswalks and paint to narrow the roadway. It was noted the work group would start before January and for the public to check the website for events.

Bike Bus:

Meg Reitz was present and explained Bike Bus. She noted that it started with only a few participants riding to school and now had over 40 riders. She expressed her concerns over visibility, intersections, and other impediments to the cyclists.

Jon Roodenburg spoke about the challenges to bike or walk to school. He also noted that the school still did not have any sidewalks and asked the Board to consider improving access.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore read a letter to the Board from Dr Jon Hunter and Mr. Mike Salatel in support of the addition of a sidewalk at the school, (attached).

Discussion continued with where to put the crosswalk, easements, sidewalks, crossing guards, and cost. It was decided that the first step would be a meeting with the school.

Minutes:

October 7, 2024 and October 21, 2024 minutes were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the 10/7/2024 minutes as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the minutes were accepted with ayes from all. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the 10/21/2024 minutes as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the minutes were accepted as amended with ayes from all.*

MRB Review:

Eric Cooper and Jeff Boorsma were present to update the Board on the Code update regarding parking minimums. The update included eliminating the off-street parking regulations table, providing tools to estimate parking demand, bike parking and the option for developers to “bank” parking and not install it but to wait and see if it was actually needed. It was noted that the Planning Board has been adding sidewalks and bike racks to all new developments, whenever possible. There was discussion regarding the unused parking lots and what could be done to utilize the space. Engineer Boorsma suggested a redevelopment plan. It was decided that the next steps would be to send the proposal to the Livingston county planning Board, SEQR and Local Law. Discussion continued with changes, other considerations and how the calculations are made to determine the number of spots needed.

Engineer Boorsma moved the conversation to Payment in lieu of parking to follow-up on the request to lease reserved spaces in the municipal lot. Discussion continued with which spots should be dedicated, how much to charge, how to calculate the charge, and what to use the revenue for.

ARPA:

The Mayor noted that the department heads were working on projects to be added to the obligated projects. He also updated the Board that Chief Osganian was compiling a list of repairs/updated for the Village Building. There was discussion regarding the wish lists as well as the possibility of adding the sidewalk at the school. Discussion continued with the items in the budget already obligated. It was noted that quotes would be needed for the next Board meeting, November 4, 2024, to finalize the obligations.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 7:13pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

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October 24, 2024

Geneseo Village Board
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Dear Members of the Geneseo Village Board,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to express my support for the construction of a sidewalk that would connect our community to the Geneseo Central School District. In our leadership roles for the Geneseo Central School District, we believe that this project would significantly enhance the safety and accessibility for students and families in our area.

Currently, the lack of a dedicated walking path poses challenges for students traveling to and from school, particularly for those who live in nearby neighborhoods and participate the Geneseo Bike Bus. With an increasing number of families choosing to walk or bike, it is essential that we provide a safe and convenient route. A sidewalk would not only promote healthier modes of transportation but also help alleviate traffic congestion during school hours.

Furthermore, this sidewalk could serve as a model for community initiatives that prioritize pedestrian safety and encourage an active lifestyle among our residents. It would also enhance the overall aesthetic of our village and demonstrate our commitment to fostering a family-friendly environment.

We urge the Board to consider this project as part of our community's development plans. Investing in safe infrastructure for our children will yield long-term benefits for the entire village and school community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and are looking forward to the many benefits a sidewalk will have for our students and families. Please let us know if we can provide any further assistance related to this opportunity. We appreciate your continued support and all that you do for our school and community.

Sincerely,

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