

**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting  
December 23, 2024**

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**Members Present:**

William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor  
Matthew Griffo, Deputy Town Supervisor  
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember (arrived at 4:20 PM)  
Ronald Maxwell, Town Councilmember  
Ellen M. Zapf RMC, Town Clerk

**Excused:**

Gary Mix, Town Councilmember

**Meeting Opening:**

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM, led the group in the pledge to the flag, and requested a moment of silence for service members worldwide.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the designation of ARPA funds needs to be done by December 31, 2024, or the Town will have to forfeit the money. The board took the following actions:

**Authorizing Allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds: Town of Geneseo New Office:**

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to disburse the following funds:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, county governments were provided fiscal recovery funds (“ARPA funds”) to support projects that will provide for economic resiliency and enhance communities that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Geneseo was specifically awarded \$256,717.17 in fiscal recovery funds through the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Geneseo adopted a resolution on May 8, 2024, for the acquisition by purchase of real property and improvements for a new office building. After ample discussion, the Town Board found that it would greatly benefit from disbursing a portion of the awarded ARPA funds. The intended use of the funds meets the United States Department of Treasury’s guidelines as to how the ARPA funds are to be spent and granting a portion of these funds to this purpose would provide great benefit to Livingston County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board specifically endorsed an allocation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for establishing a new town office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, in support of the Town Board Resolution, the Town Board of the Town of Geneseo hereby authorizes the Supervisor to disburse the ARPA Funds to the Capital account created for this project for the amount requested and for the uses indicated in this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Geneseo shall be required to report all monies spent and keep backup documentation for purposes of the mandated reporting to the Federal Government. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-absent, Maxwell-aye, Mix-absent, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

**Authorizing Allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds: Town of Geneseo New Office**

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WHEREAS, the Town Board specifically endorsed an allocation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,183.77 for establishing proper accessibility to a new town office; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Town of Geneseo shall be required to report all monies spent and keep backup documentation for purposes of the mandated reporting to the Federal Government. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-absent, Maxwell-aye, Mix-absent, and Griffo-aye. Nays: None.

**Allow a Menorah to be Placed in the Gateway Corner Park:**

Supervisor Wadsworth moved, and Deputy Supervisor Griffo seconded the motion to allow a 9ft menorah in the Gateway Corner Park for the duration of Hanukkah in a location agreeable with the town. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Griffo-aye Maxwell-aye, and Mix-absent. Nays: None.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM. Motion carried with Wadsworth-aye, Deming-aye, Griffo-aye Maxwell-aye, and Mix-absent. Nays: None.

Ellen M. Zapf, RMC  
Town Clerk