

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – March 10, 2025

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
Jeff Boorsma, Village Engineer

Others Present:

Karen & Larry Kelley, Lynn Airel, Sarah McLean, Anna Campbell, Mark Peace, Debbie Streeter, Meg Reitz, Graham Johnsen, Ella Hinckley, Amy Merchan, Dan Hayes, Dan Dimpfl, Joe & Leah Shepard, Brian Gordinier, Sol Hauser (LCN), Sue Richardson, and James McLean

Meeting Opened:

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

Action Items:

Review of Minutes:

The 1/27/2025, 2/10/2025 and 2/24/2025 minutes were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the minutes were approved as amended with ayes from all.*

Public Hearing Local Law #1 Parking Reform:

Mayor Ivers opened the hearing at 5:04pm. He outlined the changes to the parking code behind the proposed law. Discussion continued with parking minimums, modern standards, as well as the trees to be included in the new process to determine parking spaces allowed. Mayor Ivers opened the meeting up to the public. Hearing no public comments, the Board moved on but left the hearing open.

Traffic Calming:

Graham Johnsen was present to explain the data collected on Crossett Road since the digital traffic/speed signs had been installed. He also noted that the signs had recently been activated to show speed. There was much discussion regarding the data, the placement of the traffic signs. Mr. Johnsen continued with the possibility of adding speed humps to Crossett Road and presented data in support of the humps diverting traffic and reducing accidents. The Board questioned where the traffic would go if cars diverted from Crossett Road, how the humps would decrease accidents, and continued with Emergency Vehicle delay. Discussion continued with other alternatives to traffic calming. Mark Peace was also present, he noted that other alternatives should be considered including the physical condition of the road, he also noted that the traffic sign on North Street was slowing traffic since it had been activated. *No action taken will be revisited at next meeting on 3/24/2025.*

Teresea House-Comfort Care Walk:

Anna Campbell was present to explain the Comfort Care Walk and ask permission to add food trucks and possibly beer/wine tastings, as well as invite other local organizations to participate using the green space near their building for their event on 9/25/2025. There was discussion regarding having alcohol at Highland Park, security and safety. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the use of greenspace and a waiver to allow alcohol with the contingency of a management plan. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Deputy Mayor Walters, Trustee Lee & Trustee Livingston. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore abstained.*

Proposed Craft Market:

Tyler Pettinger was not present. *No action taken.*

Town of Geneseo:

The request from the Town of Geneseo's SERQ Lead Agency Designation was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

The Waiver of Conflict from Underberg and Kessler regarding possible conflict regarding the Town and Village of Geneseo Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the conflict waiver. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Deputy Mayor Walters, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore & Trustee Livingston. Trustee Lee voted nay.*

Request for Day of Remembrance:

The request from the National Warplane Museum was presented. It noted that the Museum would be hosting the Vietnam Traveling Wall from September 25th to 29th, 2025. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the Day of Remembrance. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

SUNY Sewer Agreement:

The Board reviewed the contract for the renewal of the Sewer Agreement between the Village of Geneseo and SUNY Geneseo for the ten-year period June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2035. It was noted that there were no changes to the prior agreement and reviewed by the Village's attorney. *Trustee Livingston moved to approve the agreement for the ten-year period of June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2035. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Trustee Livingston, Trustee Lee and Trustee Hamann-Whitmore. Deputy Mayor Walters abstained.*

Public Hearing Local Law #1 Parking Reform:

Hearing no public comments. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the public hearing closed at 6pm with ayes from all.*

Engineer Boorsma discussed the next steps for the Parking Reform Local Law.

Discussion Items:

It was noted that a Budget Workshop would be held on March 17, 2025. Trustee Lee stated that he would be out of town.

Mayor Updates:

- Mayor Ivers updated the Board on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. He noted that a selection committee was needed. The Board discussed possible candidates.
- He also informed the Board that there was a possible funding cut for the Second & Oak Streets project, formerly approved by Senator Schumer and Congresswoman Tenney.
- He continued with an update on the Water Agreement.

Board Updates/Information:**Arbor Day:**

Trustee Hammon-Whitmore informed the Board she had submitted a small grant for trees and mulch to be planted for Arbor Day. She noted that this was a step toward becoming a "Tree City".

Letchworth Gateway Villages:

Trustee Hammon-Whitmore further noted that a PTNY grant had been applied for to update the website.

Police Department:

Trustee Hammon-Whitmore presented the Resignation of Part-time Police Officer Miller. The Board accepted the resignation and thanked Officer Miller for his service.

Fire Department:

Trustee Livingston informed the Board that the 2009 Pumper was still out of Service. As well as the Ambulance had completed its Medicare audit.

Community Main Street:

Trustee Lee noted that the Rotary Clock had been dedicated.

Community Partners:

Trustee Lee updated the Board that he and Trustee Hammon-Whitmore had attended the Community Partners Meeting and noted that SUNY Geneseo was planning to offer summer activities.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:16pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester, Clerk & Treasurer