

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – March 24, 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
Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Dan Quinlan, Supt. Public Works

Others Present:

Emma Tower, Marc Corriveau, John Snyder, Karen Kelley, Larry Kelley, Brendan Fuhr, Jeremy Grace, Graham Johnsen, Jason Molino, Hannah Loughner, Tyler Pettinger, Marck Scoville & Amy Marchon.

Meeting Opened:

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

Action Items:

Sip and Stroll Request:

The request from the Sip and Stroll Committee to use the Village Building public bathroom during the event on May 2, 2025, between 5pm and 8pm was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Free Concert:

Jeremy Grace presented his idea for a free concert in the Village Park, May 3, 2025, 2pm to 7pm. He stated there would be five headline bands and 5 community bands, possibly an art show in the Log Cabin. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded.* There was discussion regarding the condition of the park in early May, use of the Log Cabin, no alcohol, and coordinating with the College. *It was decided unanimously to table until after Mr. Grace's meeting with the College April 7, 2025.*

Craft Market:

Tyler Pettinger presented his proposal for a craft market in the Village Park on June 7, 2025, Reunion Weekend. He explained that the event would be geared toward small businesses/vendors. There was discussion regarding the number of possible vendors, insurance for each vendor, parking as well as the possibility of live music, food trucks and cost. Mr. Pettinger explained that the only cost would be to the vendors who would also be required to have insurance. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Fire Department Membership:

The Fire Department Membership Reports for 11/30/2024,12/31/2025,1/31/2025 and 2/28/2025 were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the new membership and the resignations. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all and thanked the volunteers for their service*

National Day of Remembrance:

Marc Corriveau and John Snyder were present to further explain the Travelling Wall that would be at the National Warplane Museum September 25- 2025, through the 29 2025. They were hoping for the Board to acknowledge the event in some way, possibly a proclamation. *The Board asked for a draft of a proclamation.*

Parking Revision:

The SEQR Resolution and Local Law No. 1 were presented as follows:

SEQR RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF THE YEAR 2025

Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Geneseo to Reform Parking Requirements

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees (hereinafter "Village Board"), Livingston County, State of New York, is considering a Local Law for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Geneseo to encourage and require more appropriate parking provisions.

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group and previously approved by the Village Board at the January 6, 2025, meeting on the above referenced local law (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that said Action is classified as an Unlisted Action under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the proposed development is subject to a single agency review pursuant to Part 617.6(b) (4) of the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency for making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in the Full EAF Part 1; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has completed Part 2 and Part 3 of the Short EAF; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board has reasonably concluded the following impacts are expected to result from the proposed Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c):

- (i) there will not be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;
- (ii) there will not be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed from the site or destroyed as the result of the proposed Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the proposed Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas on the site; there are no known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; or, are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources on the site;
- (iii) there are no known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action;
- (iv) the overall density of the site is consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations;
- (v) there will not be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy resulting from the proposed Action;
- (vi) there will not be any hazard created to human health;
- (vii) there will not be a change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss of ten acres of such productive farmland;
- (viii) there will not be a larger number of persons attracted to the site for more than a few days when compared to the number of persons who would come to the site absent the Action;
- (ix) there will not be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences;
- (x) there will not be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact; and
- (xi) there are not two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the information and analysis above and the supporting documentation referenced above, the proposed Action WILL NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed development, and the Village Mayor is hereby directed to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Village Board's determination.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Walters

Seconded By Trustee Livingston

Passed with ayes from all

Certified by Clerk Forrester

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF THE YEAR 2025

Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Geneseo to Reform Parking Requirements

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees (hereinafter "Village Board"), Livingston County, State of New York, is considering adopting a Local Law for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Geneseo to encourage and require more appropriate parking provisions (hereinafter "the Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board reviewed the draft Local Law at their January 6, 2025 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Planning Department has reviewed the draft Local Law and provided comments on February 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2025 entitled "A local law to amend Chapter 130, § 130-36 entitled "Mixed-Use District" and Chapter 130, Article X, entitled "Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations" of the Village Code." has been laid upon the desks of each member of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board held a duly noticed public hearing on March 10, 2025 regarding the proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has completed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that said Action is classified as an Unlisted Action under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the proposed action is subject to a single agency review pursuant to Part 617.6(b) (4) of the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that it is the most appropriate agency for making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, in a separate resolution adopted on March 10, 2025, has determined that the proposed Action will not likely result in a significant adverse impact upon the environment and that a Negative Declaration is issued; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and draft Local Law has been presented to the Village Board for consideration and that this information is also available for review with the Village Clerk's office; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Geneseo hereby adopts Local Law No.1 of the Year 2025; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Geneseo hereby directs the Village Clerk to enter Local Law No.1 of the Year 2025 in the minutes of this meeting, and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Geneseo, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Walters

Seconded By Trustee Livingston

Passed with ayes from all.

Certified by Clerk Forrester

Approval of Abstract #10:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore reviewed and presented the March 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$108,765.17
- Water Fund: \$64,644.71
- Sewer Fund: \$71,553.05
- Capital Projects: \$6,086.75
- Grand Total: \$251,049.68

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve Abstract #10 of 2024-2025, for \$251,049.68. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.

Traffic Calming:

Graham Johnsen was present to request that the traffic calming study of Crossett Road move to phase 2, the collection of data with the speed signs on. Then phase 3 the speed humps. There was discussion regarding moving the signs to a different spot to impact drivers entering Crossett Road to slow down, how much information/data is enough? As well as strategies needed for entire Village, the average speed traveled was 30 to 35 by percentage. *After much additional discussion it was decided to leave the speed signs where they are and then move them for a month to explore all possible options.*

Mayor Updates:

The Mayor updated the Board that the agreement with LCWSA had been submitted.

The Mayor noted that the Tax-Cap override and Budget Public Hearings had to be scheduled. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to hold the Tax-Cap Public Hearing on Wednesday April 9, 2025. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to hold the Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday April 9, 2025. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department: Trustee Livingston informed the Board that the bid for a new ambulance had been posted. He continued to inform the Board that the Fire Department would be holding its Annual Election on April 21, 2025, and Open House on April 26, 2025.

Brownfield Coalition: Trustee Livingston attended the Brownfield Coalition Kick off Meeting. He noted that the Grant will be able to move forward, there were several projects including 5 Chestnut Street.

Arbor Day: Trustee Hammon-Whitmore informed that the Village was awarded a small grant for two trees to be planted on Arbor Day, April 25, 2025. She requested the Mayor attend and give a proclamation. She also noted that the Board should think about forming a tree committee.

Department of Public Works: Deputy Mayor Walters informed the Board that Superintendent Quinlan had requested to attend the May 2025 Public Works Training Workshop. The Board had no concern regarding the training.

Deputy Mayor Walters continued with an update on the Reservoir Road Vault Project to replace the pressure valve. The Board thanked the Town of York and Town of Geneseo for their assistance.

Discussion:**Budget:**

Trustee Lee began the discussion with the possibility of raising the parking lot fees, as they have not been increased in quite some time. Discussion continued with the updating of the Reserves. It was noted that the Reserves would be addressed after the Budget and improving the Fund Balance. Discussion continued with the idea of earmarking all Parking related revenue. It was noted that Fund Balance and Reserves need to be the priority. With that it was noted that The Employee Benefit Reserves need to be raised. The Mayor noted that he was looking into Insurance alternatives that might help grow the Fund Balance and the Reserves. The conversation continued with the possibility of having smaller workgroups for next year's budget cycle.

Adjourn:

With no further business Mayor Ivers asked for a motion to close the meeting. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting closed at 6:47pm with ayes from all.*

Shawn Forrester
Clerk & Treasurer