

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – May 05, 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
Jacob Zoghlin, Village Attorney

Others Present:

Mark Chiarenza, Alana Chiarenza, Hannah Lee, Lindsay Kremers, Dawn Aprile, Kyle Scoville and Brendan Fuhr

Meeting Opened:

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

Action Items:

Oak Tree Half Marathon & 5K:

The request from the Genesee Valley Conservancy to hold the Oak Tree Half Marathon and 5K on August 31, 2025, was presented. It was noted that this was the 21st year of the event. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Bronze Bear Soccer Club:

The request of the Bronze Bear Soccer Club to hold soccer practice at Highland Park Greenspace every Monday and Wednesday in the months of May, June and July. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Noise Permit:

The noise permit requested by the SUNY Alumni Reunion was presented for June 7, 2025. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request. Trustee Lee seconded. After discussion the motion was granted with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore and Trustee Lee. Deputy Mayor Walters and Trustee Livingston abstained.*

Smoking and Health Coalition:

Hannah Lee and Lindsay Kremers were present to discuss a Point-of-Sale Marketing Policy. They explained that the policy was geared toward making smoking less appealing to youth. There was discussion on where and how many stores in the Village you could purchase tobacco products. *The Board asked for policies to be sent for the Board to review.*

Fire Department Membership:

Trustee Livingston moved to approve the Fire Department Roster changes. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. The membership was approved with thanks from all.

ARPA:

The ARPA Compliance Report was presented. There was discussion regarding some of the last allocated projects that were not on the report and projects that were combined together. It was noted that all projects were not completed. The Board requested a more detailed report.

Tax Warrant:

The Tax Warrant for the 2025-2026 tax collection was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the Warrant. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the Warrant was approved with ayes from all.*

Discussion Items:**Cannabis Review:**

The Mayor informed the Board that he had been approached about the possibility of opting in for the sale of cannabis and a dispensary. He explained that he invited the group and the Village Attorney to begin the discussion. Dawn Aprile, Mark & Alana Chiarenza were present to explain their request. Ms. Aprile explained that the possible dispensary location was the former Pizza Hut building that has been vacant for years. Mr. Chiarenza explained that he had been involved with helping many dispensaries opening. Mrs. Chiarenza stated that she was interested in health and wellness. They further explained about the regulations, 3rd party testing and possible tax income. There was much discussion regarding if this project was feasible, hours of operation, would there would be consumption on site, as well as many other concerns. The conversation continued with Attorney Zoghlin explaining the licensing procedure and the 3rd party testing. The group then explained the plans to renovate the old restaurant. The Mayor thanked them for coming.

Mayor Updates:

- Mayor Ivers noted that Wednesday, May 7th would be Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day.
- He also informed the Board about the school walkway
- He continued with an update on the LCWSA Agreement he noted that there had been a meeting with Livingston County.
- Mayor Ivers informed the Board that May 4th to 10th was Municipal Clerks Week and thanked the front office.

Deputy Mayor Updates:

Deputy Mayor Walters updated the Board on a meeting with RTS. He noted that the bus service would be reduced after graduation. There was discussion regarding having bus passes available for Village Residents, different ideas to not reduce the service, as well as the possibility of different routes. *The Board's consensus was to have further discussions with RTS to advance enhanced transportation options for Village Residents.*

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

Trustee Hammon-Whitmore thanked Superintendent Quinlan and Terry Freeze for their help making Arbor Day a success.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's monthly report was presented.

Fire Department:

Trustee Livingston informed the Board that the Ladder Truck had failed its ladder service inspection.

Trustee Livingston informed the Board that the sale of Ambulance 3181 had been finalized.

Trustee Livingston also noted that the new ambulance was approximately 30 days from delivery.

Community Main Street:

Trustee Lee noted that The Sip and Stroll had sold out and 25 businesses had participated.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Clerk/Treasurer:

Clerk Treasurer Forrester updated the Board on the DRI Committee. The committee members were identified as Dan Dimpfl, Mike Smith and Craig Chiara.

Clerk Treasurer Forrester also informed the Board of a complaint regarding trash on Main Street near 7-Eleven. There was discussion regarding adding trash cans and the implications of the area not being Village property. *The Board decided to table the discussion.*

Executive Session:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to enter executive session at 6:36pm 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 public in attendance leave the meeting. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion, and the Board entered into executive session.

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to come out of executive session at 6:51pm. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all. It was noted that no action was taken.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:51pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

*Shawn Forrester
Clerk & Treasurer*