

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – June 09, 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

Meeting Opened:

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

Action/Discussion Items:

Review of Minutes:

The May 19, 2025, minutes were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented with ayes from all.*

Right turn off Center Street:

Deputy mayor Walters proposed a demonstrative traffic change for the intersection of Center and Main Streets through Labor Day 2025. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. Deputy Mayor Walters explained that a right turn only or no left-turn off Center Street onto Main Street might reduce accidents and fountain hits. There was much discussion regarding right turn only or no left-turn language, signs and stripping of the roadway. Discussion continued with the timeline for the demonstration and possible next steps if successful. The motion was amended to a demonstrative traffic change of No Left-Turn off Center Street onto Main Street, through December 31, 2025. The motion passed with ayes from all.

Liquor License Waiver:

The liquor license waiver for Sogo Sushi & Seafood, inc. was presented. It was noted that this was a new restaurant located at 4240 Lakeville Road, this would be the company's third restaurant. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding the municipalities' role, due diligence, as well as the process of obtaining a liquor license through New York State. After discussion the motion was granted with ayes from all.*

Liquor License Waiver:

The liquor license waiver for Chiara & Visalli Full Circle, Inc., The Idle Hour, 5 Center Street was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion on the change of ownership of the business. With no further discussion the motion was granted with ayes from all.*

Dispensary:

The possible Local Law and Zoning Changes were presented. There was much discussion regarding redistricting, store or lounge and continued with having it be a Special Use instead of a permitted use. Discussion continued with next steps. Trustee Livingston agreed to work on a questionnaire for Village residents. *The consensus of the Board was that it should be a Special Use, which would require a Special Use Permit.*

Water Operator Position:

Superintendent Quinlan was present to inform the Board that the Water Department had received 25 applications for the open Water Operator or Water Trainee position and 4 applicants had been interviewed, no decision had been made.

Fee Schedule:

The proposed 2025-2026 Fee Schedule was presented. The Board had many questions. *It was decided to ask Code Enforcement Officer Wadsworth to attend the next meeting, for further information.*

LCWSA:

The Livingston County Water & Sewer Agreement Proposal was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to vote on the agreement. Trustee Livingston seconded.* There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of the proposed agreement. It was noted that the agreement was for 30 years and gave the Village exclusive rights to sell water to York and the Town of Geneseo. It was also pointed out that the Village already sold water to those municipalities. Discussion continued with how the proposed agreement would affect other municipalities. *Mayor Ivers called for a vote. The proposed agreement was declined with nays from all.*

Mayor Updates:

- Mayor Ivers updated the Board on the NY Forward Grant progress.

Board Updates/Information:**Fire Department:**

Trustee Livingston updated the Board on the status of the new ambulance, chief's vehicle and utility truck.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's monthly report was presented.

Community Main Street:

Trustee Lee noted that the SUNY Alumni Weekend had been successful and there had been an uptick in business. Trustee continued with the idea that the Village obtain the pro-housing certification for the opportunity to receive more grants. There was much discussion regarding how the pro-housing certification might look for the Village, The Mayor noted that he had been in discussion regarding the certification.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented. Superintendent Quinlan noted that the work on the pickleball court would be completed in the next few weeks.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Clerk Treasurer Forrester updated the Board that the sale of parking passes for the municipal lot had been pushed back due to an issue with the printing company. Passes would go on sale June 23, 2025.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:05pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester
Clerk & Treasurer