

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – June 23, 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
Sue Conklin, Historian
Andrew Chanler, Fire Chief

Others Present:

Nick Pezzino, Lynn Horn & Alicia McCarthy

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 Livingston seconded. After discussion the minutes were approved as amended with ayes from all.*

Historian Report:

Historian Conklin presented her report. She also asked the Board for permission to sell books at the Summer Festival, in front of the Village Building. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the Historian's Report. Trustee Livingston seconded. The report was accepted with ayes from all. The Board further gave permission to sell the books.*

Scarecrow Festival:

Lynn Horn presented her plan for this year's Scarecrow Festival and asked permission to close Chestnut Street, on Friday October 3, 2025, from 3pm to 9pm. As well as waive the open container law for that area only. She further noted that the area would be monitored. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the motion was granted with ayes from all. The Board thanked her for volunteering for this event.*

APOG:

Alicia McCarthy was present representing APOG. She asked the Board for permission to set up a tent in front of the Village Building during the Summer Festival to promote APOG. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding the Village's Historian being able to join them. With no further discussion the motion was granted with ayes from all.*

Barton & Logudice Update:

Nick Pezzino was present to update the Board on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and The Inflow and Filtration Project. He explained that preliminary designs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project should be completed by the end of July. Discussion continued with grant funding and next steps. The first next step would be to pass a resolution for a certifying officer. Resolution #1 was presented as follows:

ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO MAYOR AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo (the “Village”) is proposing the Village of Geneseo Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the Village of Geneseo, Livingston County, New York (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Village must prepare an Environmental Review Record (ERR) in accordance with regulations governing the CDBG Small Cities, Towns and Villages Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village must appoint an Environmental Certifying Officer to be responsible for the activities associated with the preparation of the ERR;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Geneseo is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer for the Village’s ERR; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the mayor is authorized to sign all necessary certifications leading to the completion of the ERR.

Motion to accept Resolution #1 of 2025 was made by Deputy Mayor Walters. Seconded by Trustee Livingston. The motion passed with ayes from all.

Mr. Pezzino continued informed the Board there would need to be a public hearing in July, a notice in the Livingston County News for the 100-year Floodplain Notice as well as the cost associated with the project moving forward. *Trustee Livingston motioned to approve Barton & Logudice to move forward with the next phase of the project not to exceed \$30,000.00. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. The motion passes with ayes from all.*

Mr. Pezzino then updated the Board on the Inflow and Infiltration Project. He noted that there were three different projects that were identified in the Village’s Sanitary Sewer System. Moving forward with applying for a 4.64-million-dollar grant was recommended. He continued with a SEQR was required, and the Village would need to act as Lead Agency. Discussion continued regarding the projects, grants and the cost to pursue the grants. Mr. Pezzino noted that B&L would apply and prepare the grant funding “pro bono”. There was discussion regarding debt service vs grant funding. Resolution #2 was presented as follows:

DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO VILLAGE BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo (Village) is proposing the Village of Geneseo Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project (Project), located in the Village and Town of Geneseo, Livingston County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a “Type I Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Village of Geneseo Village Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Village of Geneseo Village Board, and will be circulated to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Village of Geneseo Village Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Mayor of the Village of Geneseo hereby is authorized to sign Part I of the FEAF (page 13); and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Village of Geneseo will send said Part I of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of “Interested and Involved Agencies” under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA/SERP; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Geneseo and the Village Board, together with the Village of Geneseo Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

Motion to accept Resolution #2 of 2025 was made by Deputy Mayor Walters. Seconded by Trustee Livingston. The motion passed with ayes from all.

GCS Walkway Intermunicipal Agreement:

The Intermunicipal Agreement between Geneseo Central School and the Village of Geneseo for maintenance of the GCS Walkway was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to enter into the agreement. Trustee Livingston seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Approval of Abstract #1:

Mayor Ivers reviewed and presented the June 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$241,488.84
- Water Fund: \$126,069.63
- Sewer Fund: \$93,197.06
- Capital Projects: \$5,569.25
- Grand Total: \$466,324.78

Trustee Livingston moved to approve Abstract #1 of 2025-2026, for \$466,324.78. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.

Fire Department Update:

Chief Chanler was present to update the Board. He noted that the new Ambulance had arrived, and that the department was getting ready for the upcoming events including the Warplane Museum Airshow and Summerfest. He continued with his search for a remedy for the out of service ladder truck. He noted that he found a used ladder truck that could replace the current truck. He continued with the importance of a ladder truck. He then asked the Board for permission to pursue this used truck with a \$20,000.00 down payment. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to allow Chief Chanler to make a down payment not to exceed \$20,000.00 on the truck. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Mayor Updates:

- Mayor Ivers updated the Board that the Village had been awarded \$5,000.00 in funding through the Livingston County First Impressions Program.

Board Updates/Information:

Trustee Livingston updated the Board on a meeting he went to regarding grants and pro-housing.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's monthly report was presented.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board on the Tree Board. It would be having its first meeting and starting the process to become a Tree City.

Community Main Street:

Trustee Lee updated the Board on the Town of Geneseo's Board Meeting. He noted that a demonstrative 3way stop was installed at the intersection of Crossett Road and Long Point Road. He continued with the Town was looking into opting in for cannabis sales and had been approached by a potential dispensary.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Deputy Mayor Walters noted that the pickleball court was completed. He also updated the Board on keeping 2 RTS buses available during the summer. There was much discussion regarding the cost to keep the extra buses and decided to wait until next year and add it to the 2026-2027 budget.

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