

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – July 14, 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, Supt. Public Works
Kurt Frazier, Public Works Supervisor

Others Present:

Bill Keihl, Joe Shepard

Meeting Opened:

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

Action/Discussion Items:

Minutes:

The Minutes from June 23, 2025, were presented. After discussion *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the minutes as amended. Trustee Livingston seconded. The minutes were accepted as amended with ayes from all.*

Roof Permit:

Bill Keihl was present, he explained that he had recently had his roof replaced and applied for a roof permit. He continued to explain that the roofer mentioned that all prior permits he had applied for were considerably less expensive. Mayor Ivers explained that the fee schedule was being updated, and the amount Mr. Keihl was charged was consistent with the current fee Schedule and Village Code. There was much discussion regarding how permits had been historically charged as well as informing Village residents of the change in fees. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to refund Mr. Keihl the difference between what had been historically charged and his permit fee. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all. The Board then asked for Code Enforcement Officer Wadsworth to come and discuss/explain the fee schedule.*

Frasier 25 years:

Kurt Frasier and Dan Quinlan were present. Mayor Ivers presented Kurt Frasier with a plaque from New York Conference of Mayors acknowledging his 25 years of service. The Board thanked Kurt for his service and dedication.

Water Department New Position Duty Statement:

Superintendent Quinlan explained that a new Civil Service Position needed to be created to fill the recent Water Department vacancy. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to create The Water/Wastewater Trainee Position. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Water Main Leak:

Superintendent Quinlan then updated the Board on a recent water main leak on Main Street. Luckily Sargent Swanson noticed it and informed Superintendent Quinlan early and The DPW was able to stop the leak.

Letchworth Genesee Valley Partnership Agreement:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the Partnership Agreement. Trustee Livingston Seconded. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore explained the reason for the change from Letchworth Gateway Villages, to include and promote more Villages. Discussion continued with LGVP nonprofit status. *With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Livingston County Economic Grant:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the Livingston County Economic Grant. Trustee Livingston Seconded. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore explained that she had applied for this grant for picnic tables and a garbage can. There was discussion regarding where the items were to be placed, and continued with the First Impressions Grant Program. *With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Annual Electric Bid:

The annual electric bid information was presented from Energy Enterprises. It was noted that this was the same process as in past years. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve Energy Enterprises to bid for the Village of Geneseo's Electric. Trustee Livingston Seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Fair Housing Officer:

The resolution to approve the Fair Housing Policy and Officer Appointment was presented, a requirement for the CBDG Grant Application.

RESOLUTION NO 3:**ADOPTING THE FAIR HOUSING PLAN AND ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO MAYOR AS THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO**

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo is committed to furthering Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo's demographics, housing characteristics, and potential impediments to Fair Housing have been identified in the Village's Fair Housing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village has designated the position of Mayor to hold the responsibility of serving as the Village's Fair Housing Officer and to date there have been no complaints filed against any seller, leaser, purchaser, or financier of housing with the Village's Fair Housing Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo will continue to seek funding for programs to increase the quality and quantity of safe, decent, affordable and accessible housing through rehabilitation programs and foster partnerships with community agencies to help achieve Fair Housing Goals;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Geneseo adopt the Fair Housing Plan and the designation of the position of Supervisor as the Village's Fair Housing Officer.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Walters.

Seconded by Trustee Livingston.

The vote was as follows:

Christopher Ivers, Mayor - Aye

Keith Walters, Deputy Mayor - Aye

Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee - Aye

Eddie Lee, Trustee - Aye

Alex Livingston, Trustee – Aye

Possible Local Law #3:

Discussion began with next steps to decide on Local Law #3, Opting in of Licensing and Establishing Retail Recreational Cannabis Dispensaries within the MU-2 District of the Village of Geneseo. There was much discussion regarding Village Residents and the Community appetite to change Local Law # 1 of 2021, Opting Out of Cannabis Sales. Discussion continued regarding the Village Code and the MU-2 Zoning District and the possible changes to the zoning. *It was decided that a Public Hearing would be held on August 25, 2025, and a survey be made available.*

Mayor Updates:

- Mayor Ivers updated the Board on the NY Forward Grants progress. He noted that the Village was waiting on the Department of State to proceed with the Parks, Main Street and Wayfinding portions.
- He also updated the Board on a meeting with LaBella and Donegan's Office regarding Second and Oak Street.

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

Trustee Livingston updated the Board on the Fire Department participation in the National Warplane Airshow. He also noted that the new utility truck had been used in recent flooding events.

Trustee Livingston also updated the Board on a Pro-Housing meeting he attended. He explained that he was unable to get his questions answered completely. Discussion continued with the requirements and risk vs reward with the Pro-Housing Certification.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's monthly report was presented.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board on the Tree Board and the Village tree trimming and removal.

Court/Code Office:

Trustee Lee updated the Board about the upcoming annual Court Audit. It should be started in early August.

Trustee Lee initiated a conversation about expectations as the Code Office Liaison.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Executive Session:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to enter executive session at 6:29pm 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. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion, and the Board entered into an executive session. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to come out of executive session at 6:49pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all. It was noted that no action was taken during the executive session.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:50pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester

Clerk Treasurer