

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – July 25, 2025

Board Present:

Alex Livingston, Trustee
Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee
Eddie Lee, Trustee

Other Village Representatives Present:

Shawn Forrester, Clerk & Treasurer
Dan Quinlan, Superintendent of Public Works
Andrew Chanler, Fire Chief

Others Present:

Nicholas Pezzino, Leah Fletcher, Sarah Schnitter, Anna Campbell, Marley Grimsley & Brian Gordinier

Meeting Opened:

Trustee Livingston opened the meeting at 5pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing:

Trustee Livingston opened the public hearing and stated The Village of Geneseo is holding a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village's community development needs and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2025 program year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$100 million in Federal Fiscal 2025 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons. The Village of Geneseo is applying for \$2,000,000 in CDBG funds to construct improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. This hearing will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project will be received at this time.

Nicholas Pezzino of Barton & Loguidice introduced himself and offered to answer any questions

Trustee Livingston asked the public present if there were any questions. Hearing none, he moved on and kept the Public Hearing open.

Action/Discussion Items:

Highland Park Use Requests:

Marley Grimsley explained that he was the Geneseo Central School Girls Basketball Coach and would like to use the pickleball court on September 13, 2025, for a tournament to raise funds for the team. There was discussion regarding the volunteers and the students helping. Discussion continued with the level of play and different groups of play. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the pickleball tournament to be held by the GSC Girls Basketball Program on 9/13/2025. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

The request from Craig Veley, Geneseo Central School Principal/Athletic Director to use the green space at Highland Park, August 25, 2025 through October 18, 2025, for practice and or games for the schools modified Soccer Programs was presented. It was noted that this request was like past year's requests. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the use of Highland Park green space, by the GSC Modified Soccer Program from 8/25/2025 to 10/18/2025. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Comfort Care Walk Signs:

Anna Campbell explained that The Teresa House Comfort Care Walk would like permission to put up yard signs around the Village, from August 4, 2025 to September 20, 2025 to promote their annual fundraiser. There was much discussion regarding the code, size of the signs, placement and sidewalk safety. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the Comfort Care Walk Signs from 8/04/2025 to 9/20/2025 with the caveat that they be moved around and removed on 9/20/2025. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Highland Park Mural:

Sarah Wilcox, First Grade Teacher at Geneseo Central School explained that the old mural in Highland Park was in need of repair and DPW was in the process of repairing and painting it. She requested permission to have the YMCA Summer Recreation Program participants put their handprints on the wall facing the depot. She continued with DPW had agreed to repaint and help with the handprints yearly to make it a tradition. There was discussion regarding the construction materials of the wall, safety of the children, as well finishing the other side in the spring with a mural. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the repainting of the wall in Highland Park and the handprints of the summer recreation participants. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Farmers Market Banner Request, etc.:

Leah Fletcher explained that the Farmers Market would like to add two banners at the corners of Main and Center Streets, to hopefully let more people know about and visit the market. There was discussion regarding the placement of the banners, if two would be enough, and how long they would be up. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the two banners on the corners of Center and Main Streets to be up for the duration of the Farmers Market. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Trustee Lee informed the Board that the Scarecrow Festival would like to put up a banner September 28, 2025 through October 5, 2025 to promote the event. *No action taken.*

Trustee Lee also informed the Board that the Main Street Businesses would like to put up a banner to welcome students. He continued that the banner could not be located, and old oversized banner was found and suggested altering it to fit the park site. The Board had no issues with altering the old banner. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the banner to welcome students be up move in week, August 15, 2025 through August 22, 2025. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Fire Department Truck Update:

Chief Chanler updated the Board on the search for a replacement ladder truck, he noted that the proposed truck had been inspected by other GFD Members recently. He then requested \$185,000 to purchase the replacement truck, with delivery, striping, modifications and paying off existing ladder truck debt for a total cost not to exceed \$250,000. There was much discussion regarding the cost, Reserves, how long the proposed truck would last, additional costs and continued with comparing buying a used truck vs a new truck. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the purchase of the proposed truck of \$185,000 with total costs not to exceed \$250,000. Trustee Lee seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Chief Chanler then updated the Board on recent events, including the Air Show, EMS Activity and a recent fire response. Discussion continued regarding volunteers, time and the preparation involved with large events. Discussion continued with the number of visitors and the economic impact such events have for the Village.

Approval of Abstract #2:

Trustee Lee reviewed and presented the July 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$483,395.87
- Water Fund: \$24,340.39
- Sewer Fund: \$21,672.70
- Capital Projects: \$30,171.25
- Grand Total: \$559,580.21

Trustee Lee informed the board of the cost of the new pickleball court, \$49,806.00. It was noted that this was entirely covered through ARPA Funds.

Trustee Lee moved to approve Abstract #2 of 2025-2026, for \$559,580.21. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.

Board Updates/Information:**Community Main Street:**

Trustee Lee updated the Board on his time at the Farmers Market; he noted that he handed out all the Cannabis Surveys and Local Law informational packets within a short time. It was agreed that having a Board Member available at the Farmers Market was constructive.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Public Hearing:

Hearing no public comments. *Trustee Livingston motioned to close the Public Hearing for the Community Development Grant. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the Public Hearing for the Community Development Grant was closed at 6:14pm, with ayes from all.*

Adjourn:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:21pm. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

*Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer*