

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – August 18, 2025

Board Present:

Chris Ivers, Mayor
Keith Walters, Deputy Mayor
Alex Livingston, Trustee
Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee
Eddie Lee, Trustee

Other Village Representatives Present:

Shawn Forrester, Clerk & Treasurer
Sue Conklin, Historian
Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Dan Quinlan, Superintendent of Public Works
Craig Wadsworth, Code Enforcement Officer
Ericka Elliott, Village Attorney

Others Present:

Nicholas Pezzino, Timothy Paul, Jeff Boorsma, Sarah Heitzman-Nolte, Lee Ann Mumbach, and Don Livingston

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5:01pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action/Discussion Items:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes from July 14, 2025, and July 25, 2025, were presented. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. After much discussion the minutes were accepted as amended with ayes from all.*

Historian Update:

Historian Conklin presented the Board with her report. She asked permission to donate books pertaining to neighboring counties to Government Appointed Historians of Western New York (GAHWNY). *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the report and request. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.* She then updated the Board on recent activity, as well as her office space in the Town Hall. Discussion continued with other books in the old office. She asked permission to offer them to Mr. Parish. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the transfer of Books to Mr. Parish. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with eyes and thanks from all.*

Crossett Road/Traffic Calming:

Tim Paul was present to ask the Board for updates on the data compiled from the traffic/speed signs on Crossett Road. There was much discussion regarding how the data was to be used, how much data was enough, volume, other passive measures and time frame. It was noted that the average speed was 30mph, but there were a considerable amount of cars traveling over the speed limit. Discussion continued with moving the traffic/speed signs to other Village streets to compare the data to make a more informed discission.

MRB Group:

Jeff Boorsma presented the Board with the new application packages that included; Sign Permits, Site Plans, Zoning and Subdivisions, that MRB Group had created for the Planning and Zoning Board application processes. He explained the purpose was to restructure the application process and have all the documents needed available together. Which would now include the application, a flow chart, and a calendar with important dates and deadlines. This change would hopefully streamline the process for the applicants and make for more complete applications, as well benefit the office staff. There was discussion regarding the changes, updating the

calendars for 2026 and adding it to the website. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the new forms/applications and have them added to the website by August 28, 2025. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the new applications/forms were approved with ayes from all.*

Fee Schedule:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the updated Fee Schedule. Trustee Livingston seconded. CEO Wadsworth explained that the schedule had not been updated since 2019, and this update was to adjust for the current inflation. There was discussion on the changes made to roof permits, whether the fee schedule could be adjusted later, and other municipality fees. Discussion continued with inflation being the key factor, instead of other municipalities. CEO Wadsworth noted that this was well below other municipalities our size. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Deputy Mayor Walters, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore, and Trustee Livingston. Trustee Lee voted nay.

Proposed Digital Sign Law:

Attorney Elliott reminded the Board of a previously tabled Local Law for digital signs/menu boards. There was discussion regarding digital signs being more prevalent and moving into the modern world, what guidelines might be implemented, and what code changes would be required. Discussion continued with the sign application process and how important updated specific guidelines would be. *It was decided that Attorney Elliott and Engineer Boorsma would meet to update the draft.*

Noise Permit:

The noise permit application for 4 Northview Drive on August 23, 2025, was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

SEQR for Local Law #3:

The Environmental Assessment Form for proposed local law #3, to opt-in to Cannabis Sales, was presented and reviewed. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to declare the project a Type II category under SEQR. Trustee Livingston seconded. After review the motion passed with ayes from all.*

SEQR for Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvements Project:

The Environmental Assessment Form for the proposed Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvements Project, was presented. The Board reviewed by using the Full Environmental Assessment Form and completed Parts 2 and 3.

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF GENESEO SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IS A TYPE 1 ACTION AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Geneseo (Village) is proposing the Village of Geneseo Sanitary Sewer Collection 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, the Village of Geneseo Village Board sent a letter and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) to other potentially "Interested Agencies" and "Involved Agencies" (as these terms are defined in the SEQRA Regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.2), indicating the Village's desire to serve as the "Lead Agency" (as this quoted term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations) and to complete a coordinated review of the Project (in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6); and

WHEREAS, responses from Interested and Involved Agencies were requested, and each of the potentially Interested and Involved Agencies has agreed to, or raised no objections to, the Village of Geneseo Village Board serving as Lead Agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations, the Village of Geneseo Village Board has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project by (a) using the criteria specified in Section 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations, and (b) examining the FEAF for the Project, including the facts and conclusions in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the FEAF, together with other available

supporting information, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Village of Geneseo Village Board hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon an examination of the FEAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Village's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, the Village of Geneseo Village Board makes the determination that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that the Project will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA/SERP, the Village of Geneseo Village Board, as Lead Agency, hereby directs the Village of Geneseo Mayor to sign the FEAF Part 3 – Determination of Significance indicating that a Negative Declaration has been issued for the Project; this Resolution shall take effect immediately and will be properly noticed.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, 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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Bond Resolution for Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvements Project:

Deputy Mayor Walters presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Trustee Livingston: BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2025 OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION SERIAL BONDS TO FINANCE SEWER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the purpose hereinafter described consists of sewer system capital improvements duly authorized to be undertaken by the Village Board of Trustees pursuant to the Village Law;

WHEREAS, the Village, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on August 18, 2025, has duly adopted a negative declaration with respect to the type I action and has determined that the implementation of the action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefor, be it

RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GENESEO, NEW YORK (hereinafter referred to as the "Village"), by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of such Board, as follows:

Section 1. The Village of Geneseo shall undertake the construction of sewer system improvements, including, without limitation, manhole reconstruction and replacement, and sewer main reconstruction, including cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, open-cut reconstruction, root removal, and capping of abandoned laterals, improvements to the Village's closed stormwater drainage system, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus, or the replacement of such equipment, machinery or apparatus, and other incidental improvements that may be required in connection therewith for such construction and Village use (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"), and general obligation serial bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,700,000 and bond anticipation notes in anticipation thereof (and renewals thereof) of the Village are hereby authorized to be issued to finance said purpose, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. The estimated aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and costs of the financing thereof, is estimated to be \$4,700,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan for financing of said purpose is to provide all of such maximum cost by issuance of obligations as herein authorized, to be offset and reduced dollar by the amount of grants received, if any.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) said purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 4 of Paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) years, (b) the proposed maximum maturity of said bonds authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five years, (c) current funds required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes herein authorized, pursuant to Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law, to the extent applicable, if any, will be provided, (d) the notes herein authorized are not issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement, and (e) there are presently no outstanding bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds.

Section 4. The bonds and notes authorized by this resolution shall contain the recital of validity prescribed in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and such bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the Village and all the taxable real property in the Village is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes to pay the principal thereof, and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount, subject to statutory limitations, if any.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and declared that the Village reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of the issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 6. The power to further authorize the sale, issuance and delivery of said bonds and notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said bonds and notes, including, without limitation, the power to contract and issue indebtedness pursuant to §169.00 of the Local Finance Law, if applicable, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to, credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell and deliver said bonds and notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the provisions of the Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the Village's chief fiscal officer. The Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature and attest any bonds and notes issued pursuant to this resolution and are hereby authorized to affix to such bonds and notes the corporate seal of the Village of Geneseo.

Section 7. The faith and credit of the Village of Geneseo, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 8. After compliance with Section 9 hereof, this resolution shall be published in full by the Village Clerk of the Village of Geneseo together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the Village, in the manner prescribed by law. The validity of said bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds, may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum of the qualified electors of the Village of Geneseo, pursuant to Section 36.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

Mayor Ivers – Aye

Deputy Mayor Walters – Aye

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore – Aye

Trustee Lee – Aye

Trustee Livingston – Aye

Farmers Market:

Trustee Livingston informed the Board that the Farmers Market would like to move into the Village Park for the 2026 market, in the hopes of growing the market and better visibility. There was discussion regarding parking, vehicles on the lawn and damage. *No decision was made at this time.*

Utility Billing:

It was noted that when the August water/sewer bills were processed there was an error on the sewer calculation in the past quarter's bills. Corrected bills will be sent out. There was discussion regarding how the bills would be paid and penalties. *It was decided that the corrections would not incur a penalty.*

Approval of Abstract #3:

Trustee Livingston reviewed and presented the August 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$332,753.59
- Water Fund: \$46,035.85
- Sewer Fund: \$3,726.48
- Capital Projects:\$2,691.00
- Grand Total: \$385,206.92

Trustee Livingston moved to approve Abstract #3 of 2025-2026, for \$385,206.92. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Mayor Updates:

Mayor Ivers updated the Board regarding the NY Forward Small Businesses Grant, he noted that 4 projects had been selected and MRB was in the process of notifying the applicants.

He continued with the Department of Labor had recently visited the Department of Public Works and the Police Department for spot inspections. It was noted that this was unusual for the DOL.

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department:

Trustee Livingston updated the Board on the delivery of the new ladder truck. He noted that training had begun, and it should be in service September 1, 2025..

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's report was presented. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore informed the Board that she would be meeting with Chief Osganian regarding the Village Building redesign.

Court:

Trustee Lee updated the Board on the progress of the Court Audit. He noted that a due date had not been received from the Court System. Trustee Lee also updated the Board on Court Clerk Molisani's grant writing class. He noted that she would be sharing information learned with the Board.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Executive Session:

Trustee Livingston moved to enter executive session at 6:46pm 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 Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion, and the Board entered into an executive session. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to come out of executive session at 7:04pm. 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 7:04pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester

Clerk Treasurer