

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – September 22, 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
Dan Quinlan, Superintendent of Public Works

Others Present:

Steven Tuttle, Dan Hayes, Dwight Folts, Ella Hinckley, Steve Miskell, Mark Chiarenza, Ryan Martin, Karen Kelley,
Thomas Whitmore, Brian Gordinier, Betsy O'Mara & Mike Smith

Meeting Opened:

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

Action Items:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes from August 25, 2025, and September 8, 2025, were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. After much discussion the minutes were accepted as amended with ayes from all.*

Electric Bid:

The Electric Bid Review and Recommendation from Energy Enterprises was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the recommendation to approve the bid award to Energy Coop of America at the indexed rate of \$0.0206 for National Grid and \$0.02150 for RG& E accounts per kwh used. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Tree Board:

Dan Hayes, Dwight Folts, Steve Miskell and Tom Whitmore were present to update the Board on the progress being made in the steps toward becoming a "Tree City". Mr. Hayes noted that there were 4 steps in the process and all except establishing a tree ordinance had been fulfilled. Mr. Hayes indicated that he would prepare an ordinance for the Board to review, prior to the NYSDEC deadline of December 2, 2025, to apply for Tree City Designation. There was discussion regarding SUNY being a Tree City Campus, private vs public trees. It was noted that the Tree City Designation was limited to Village of Geneseo trees, for example in the parks or boulevards. The Mayor and the Board thanked the Tree Board for their hard work.

Water Treatment Plant Upgrade:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request of Superintendent Quinlan to Upgrade the Water Treatment Plant Controls from Aqua Logic, for an expense of \$386,543.00 to come from Water Reserves. Trustee Livingston seconded. Superintendent Quinlan explained that the current controls cannot function appropriately or be accessed remotely. He continued with this upgrade would allow for remote access and be more cyber secure. There was discussion regarding monthly fees, Reserves, if this upgrade was an emergency and its compatibility with the water plant. *With no further discussion the request was approved with ayes from all.*

Court Audit:

Trustee Lee updated the Board on the recent Court Audit. He noted that he had found nothing out of the ordinary and was 98.9% complete and would have it for the next meeting.

Special Olympics:

The request from Kevin Arone, Volunteer Coach for Special Olympics, to use the Softball Field at Highland Park on Saturday, October 18, 2025, was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion regarding past events the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Approval of Abstract #4:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore reviewed and presented the September 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$415,065.35
- Water Fund: \$83,143.18
- Sewer Fund: \$145,773.48
- Capital Projects:\$144,636.25
- Grand Total: \$788,618.26

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve Abstract #4 of 2025-2026, for \$788,618.26. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Meeting Times:

Trustee Livingston informed the Board that he had been asked if the Board could change the meeting times, as it is hard for people to attend that work. There was much discussion regarding what time might work, when the change should start and possibly changing the day of the meetings. *It was decided that this would be tabled until the next organizational meeting.*

Security:

Tabled.

Local Law #3:

Trustee Livingston began the discussion with the compiled survey results. There was much discussion regarding the public's input through the survey as well as during the public hearing and continued with retail sales vs micro businesses and updating the Code. It was noted that proposed Local Law #3 was only for retail sales. *No Action Taken.*

Mayor Updates:

Mayor Ivers updated the Board regarding the NY Forward Parks and Main Street Grants. There was discussion regarding public input and the existing plans for Highland Park.

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

Trustee Livingston presented Chief Chanler's Report.

Trustee Livingston also updated the Board on 2 projects he was working on; Ranked Choice Voting & the possibility of forming a municipal utility for electric service.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's report was presented.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore informed the Board that the picnic tables had been ordered, and the garbage can had been delivered for the Livingston County First Impressions Streetscapes Grant. She continued with the garbage can was not being utilized and thought a sign might help. *The Board agreed that a sign was needed.*

Court:

Trustee Lee updated the Board that a new store (tattoo parlor) had gone into the former Dublin Corners, vacant space. He continued with an update about the Traffic Committee and notified the Board that the Town was having a budget meeting on 9/24/2025.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Clerk-Treasurer:

It was noted that the next Village election would be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, because an election could not be held on St Patrick's day.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:15pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester

Clerk Treasurer