

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – October 20, 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:

Brendan Fuhr, Sarah Heitzman-Nolte, Nancy Lackey, Margie Wilke, Amy Braun, Gary DeBolt, John OConnell, Dawn Koch, Richard Logan-Greene, Patricia Logan-Greene, Norene & Phil Lagana, Lisa & Dan Johnson, Tom Whitmore, Shane Moses, Justin Lee, Tony Macula, Sheila Wilcox, Scott Wilcox, Marie Shero, Joe Shero, Dan Hayes, Ella Hinckley, Carly Herold, Marian George, Ben Hathaway, Jean Hennessey, Mark Quibell, Mike & Joan Bush, Kyle & Kaylee Parish, Hannah & Percy Liu, Steve Miskell, Courtney Hathaway, Carolyn Meisel, Lionel Rodriquez, Kristine Tenalio. Meg McGinnis

Meeting Opened:

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

Action Items:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 6, 2025, meeting 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.*

Streetlights on Westview Crescent:

Mayor Ivers thanked everyone for coming and opened the discussion by explaining that this was an opportunity for the Board to have a conversation regarding streetlights on Westview Crescent. He continued with stressing the Village currently has no plans to install new streetlights on any Village street. He then explained that any street lighting plan would have to be comprehensive and include the entire Village.

Courtney Hathaway began by thanking the Board and continued with her concerns regarding safety.

Jean Hennessey noted that for the last 30 years there had been no issues.

Carly Herold expressed her concern regarding transparency about the lights and the lack of sidewalks. Mayor Ivers assured her that if there were to be streetlights the Board would ask for community input. It was noted that the Village Code now requires sidewalks and streetlights.

John O'Connell asked where the lights and sidewalks would be placed. Mayor Ivers noted that there was no plan at this time to install sidewalks or streetlights. He continued that a project would need to be across the entire Village and would require grant funding.

Tony Macula expressed many concerns regarding justification, nighttime lighting deterrents, tree destruction and easements.

Margie Wilke stated that her father asked for lights back in the 60's.

Joan Bush spoke of safety reasons and ways to block out the lights.

Mark Quibell noted safety concerns and that his mailbox had been hit 3 times.

Shane Moses spoke regarding ambient lighting, safety and the lack of sidewalks and the restrictions to install them.

Marie Shero felt that streetlights would not make the road safe and that everyone should be involved in the decision.

Ben Hathaway thanked his neighbors for participating in the poll. He then spoke to the benefits and negatives of having streetlights.

Tony Macula noted there was no crime on Westview Crescent.

Patricia Logan-Greene noted that she found research material that showed streetlights might actually increase crime and continued with a sidewalk to the school would keep the kids safer.

Dan Johnson noted that change was hard, but the neighborhood would need to have input.

Justin Lee asked about different options for lights and expressed concerns over how they might affect infrastructure and the trees.

Gary DeBolt applauded his neighbors for having a respectful conversation.

Carolyn Meisel noted that her grown children have no memory of ever being afraid of being outside after dark.

Shane Moses spoke to alternative ways to install lights that would not damage the trees.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore noted that there was no thru traffic on Westview Crescent and believed sidewalks would be more important. She continued with the Village needs to move slowly but thoughtfully

Mayor Ivers thanked everyone for coming and noted that Village wide streetlights would be considered after the Main Street project.

Tree Board:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to schedule a public hearing for proposed Local law #4, Tree Program Law. Trustee Livingston seconded. Dan Hayes, Tree Board President, stated that he didn't think the proposed law would be adequate for the Village to become a Tree City. There was much discussion regarding the proposed law, prior ordinance drafts and the impact on the Village Code. Discussion continued with when to have the public hearing and the possible changes needed. *The decision to have the public hearing on November 3, 2025, was carried with ayes from all.*

Approval of Abstract #5:

Deputy Mayor Walters reviewed and presented the October 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$128,449.07
- Water Fund: \$87,724.69
- Sewer Fund: \$16,501.86
- Capital Projects: \$0
- Grand Total: \$232,675.62

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve Abstract #5 of 2025-2026, for \$232,675.62. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. After much discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department:

Trustee Livingston presented Chief Chanler's Report:

- GFD provided Mutual Aid to the Village of Mt Morris on 10/18/2025 for use of the ladder truck
- The new squad truck has been outfitted with emergency/work lights and radio. Currently working to mount equipment on in house. The truck has already made multiple responses in the village and town. Still awaiting lettering/graphics for the squad and ladder trucks.
- There has been an uptick of parking in the FD lot, some of the rouge parked vehicles have blocked parking for responding members and hindered access in front of the building.

There was discussion regarding Mutual Aid Agreements.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's report was presented.

There was discussion regarding grants and the responsibilities of the Police Department.

Court:

Trustee Lee noted that there was nothing for the Court. He did want to discuss having the Cannabis Survey posted on the Website. Trustee Livingston noted that he will work on getting the results compiled. *It was decided that the results should be available on the Website.*

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Clerk-Treasurer:

It was noted that the Village Website had transitioned to www.geneseony.gov from www.geneseony.org as required.

Adjourn:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:24pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer