

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – November 3, 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:

Nicholas Pezzino, Brendan Fuhr, Timothy Paul, Heather Carter, Katie Pearson, Sarah McLean, Howard Stewart, Becky Glass, Valeriaine Jacobson, Liam Ivers, Sarah Strobel, Dante Herbel, Molly O'Mara Smith, Brian Gordinier, Ella Hinckley, Tyler Heiman and John Rutigiano

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 20, 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.*

Barton & Loguidice Update:

Nick Pezzino was present to update the Board on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. He began by explaining the history of the project to those present. He noted that the preliminary engineer report identified areas to be updated. He continued with the Grants applied for and awarded. He then continued with the recent Draft Discharge Permit. He explained that DEC had noted a few THINGS that could change the scope of the project down the road, but the draft permit could be changed or updated, and it would also depend on which elements were found in the discharge and how much. He further noted that there were 5 years to meet the conditions of the permit or have a full review and/or hearing regarding the permit.

There was discussion regarding the possible change in cost of the project because of the draft permit. It was noted that the part of the WWTP effected was included in the project and any additional cost would be dependent on current infrastructure and a year of sampling.

Discussion noted that as the Village continues to grow infrastructure needs to be updated specifically the upgrading of the digesters and applying for more grant funding as well as the 30-year 0% interest Hardship Loan the Village received. Mayor Ivers thanked Mr. Pezzino for the update.

Public Hearing for Local Law #4:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to open the public hearing. Trustee Livingston seconded. The hearing was opened at 5:19pm with ayes from all.

Mayor Ivers explained that the purpose of the hearing was to change the code to allow the Village to move forward in becoming a tree city. *Hearing no questions the Board left the hearing open and moved on.*

Rotary Summer Fest Request:

Brian Gordinier & Howard Stewart of Rotary informed the Board of the 2026 Summer fest. It would be held on July 10th and 11th 2026, the event and request were similar as to past years. They continued with an additional request to have the park sprayed for insects a few days before the event. They stated that the small insects were becoming a problem. There was much discussion regarding using insecticide in the public park and safety. *It was decided that Rotary would work with DPW to find a safe solution. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the Rotary Summer Fest Request. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. The motion carried with ayes from Mayor Ivers, deputy Mayor Walters, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore and Trustee Lee. Trustee Livingston abstained.*

Discussion continued with the group's plans for The Annual Christmas Event. It was noted that they would attend the next Board meeting to update the Board on the Christmas events

Depot & Rail Trails:

Tyler Heiman presented the Board with his presentation on the history of old depots and rail trails to request community outreach in saving old

depots and rail trails. He continued with the history of the railroad, as well as the Geneseo Depot in Highland Park. Discussion continued with old rail trails and using them for hiking and possibly reaching out to Trai Town's for additional support. *It was decided that Mr. Heiman's presentation would be added to the Village Website and Trustee Hamann-Whitmore would work with Tyler to see if the Highland Park Depot could be added as an historic landmark.*

Food Pantry:

The Park Use request of Peace Action Geneseo and YDSA Chapter at Geneseo was presented to hold a Food Drive. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the Park Use Request for a Food Drive on 11/7/2025 and 11/15/2025. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded.* There was much discussion regarding where it would be held, as well as making sure the items donated were unopened and not expired. *It was decided with ayes from all to allow the group to use the Park, Mayor Ivers would speak to the group to clarify the request.*

Community Center of Geneseo.

Sarah McLean was present to ask the Board for help with the fees the Community Center had incurred for its new signs. The application of the Community Center for the Villages Sign Grant Program was also presented. There was much discussion regarding the fees associated with the new sign and past requests for waiving fees. Discussion continued with the Sign Grant Application requirements. It was noted that the Community Center did not meet all the requirements. *It was decided that the Sign Grant Policy needed to be updated. It was decided that past practices did not allow for the waving of the fees. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to waive the requirements of the sign grant for the Community Center. Trustee Livingston seconded. The requirements were waived with ayes from all. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to award the Village of Geneseo Sign Grant to the Community Center. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion carried with ayes from all.*

Mayor Update:

Mayor Ivers updated the Board that he had signed the AKZO Agreement, and the Livingston County Board of Supervisors would vote on the agreement at their Board Meeting on 11/19/2025. He continued with the purpose of the settlement and items to be included. There was discussion regarding when the upgrades would happen.

Mayor Ivers also informed the Board the Julie Meyers had agreed to join the Planning Board to fill the empty position. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to appoint Julie Meyers to the Planning Board for the open term ending 3/31/2030. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion carried with ayes from all.*

Mayor Ivers continued with an update on the NY Forward projects. It was noted that an engineer needed to be selected for the Parks Project. There was discussion regarding who would make the selection.

Board Updates/Information:

Trustee Livingston:

Trustee Livingston asked the Board to revisit the Fire Fighters Property Tax Exemption Law.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board that she was working on the redesign of the Village Park kiosk as previously approved.

Trustee Lee:

Trustee Lee updated the Board on the Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meetings. He noted that Meg Reitz was taking over as Chairperson from Gary Mix. There was discussion regarding Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding for pedestrian safety. He also updated the Board on the Town of Geneseo's Budget Hearing was scheduled for November 6, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Walters:

There was discussion regarding the sidewalk to the school.

Discussion continued with the recent water main break at 56 Main Street and sidewalk repair, as well as the fire hydrant Second Street that had been hit twice in the past week and removed for safety reasons.

Adjourn:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:13pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer