

Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees – November 17, 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
Ericka Elliot, Village Attorney

Others Present:

Whitney Carleton, Louise Wadsworth, Timothy Paul, Brendan Fuhr, Kurt Fletcher, Dan Hayes, Justin Merkel, Steve Miskell, Sol Hauser, and Marilyn Wachholder.

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5:03pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action/Discussion 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.*

Hometown Holidays:

Louise Wadsworth presented the request of Community Main Street for this year's Hometown Holiday Events on December 13, 2025. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the event. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded.* The activities would include the cookie stroll, elf stroll photo ops, horse & wagon rides, candle making, hot chocolate bar, holiday bazar and smores making. All the events would be at various Main Street businesses. In addition to the events the group asked to have the Village Building bathrooms open for the cookie stroll, a banner be hung to promote the events and the bistro lights on main street be strung. There was much discussion regarding the bistro lights, Christmas lights and the light poles. It was noted that RG& E would like the bistro lights to use metered electric. Discussion continued with how the NY Forward Main Street Streetscape might include bistro lights. *It was decided that the bathrooms would be open, the banner hung, and the Christmas lights strung, but the bistro lights would need to wait for a better plan to attach and power them with ayes from all.*

Mrs. Wadsworth then noted that there was an upcoming Holiday in the Valley event on Saturday November 22, 2025, at the Wadsworth Homestead and there might be additional traffic/visitors in the Village.

Park Kiosk:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore presented the updated plans for the Park Kiosk Signage. The Board reviewed the proposed signage and discussed the Grant funds remaining to pay for the sign. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore motioned to move forward with updating the signs for the kiosk. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion carried with ayes from all.*

Rotary ChristmaSing:

Kurt Fletcher was present to update the Board on this year's ChristmaSing Event. He explained that the event would be similar to past years events, starting at the Fountain with Main Street closed from 6 to 7pm, a fire truck with Santa and the annual Tree lighting at the Park. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the ChristmaSing. Trustee Livingston seconded. The event was approved with ayes from all.*

Crossett Road Traffic Calming:

Deputy Mayor Walters presented the data collected from the speed collection signs placed on Crossett Road this past year. He noted that the data collection began November 2024 and the signs did impact driver behavior. As the speed collection signs were not a permanent solution, he believed that speed cushions, available from Traffic Logic for \$2700.00, would be the next step in the traffic calming study. He further noted that the speed cushions were wide enough that a car could not avoid them, but the wheelbase of a fire truck could circumvent them. There was discussion regarding permanent speed signs, sidewalks continuing after 7 Crossett, a possible stop sign near the cemetery and the collection of data on other streets to get a better understanding of the traffic/speed issues.

There was much discourse regarding gathering data and a comparison to other Village streets vs moving ahead with the speed cushions for one street. The Board was evenly divided on this matter. Conversation continued with a suggestion to lower the speed limit to 20mph and how that would affect other Village streets. Trustee Lee noted that changing the speed limit would take years and needed to include all Village Streets. It was further noted that Trustee Lee lived on Crossett Road. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to place the trial speed cushions on Crossett Road, after plow season. Trustee Lee seconded. After discussion the motion carried with ayes from Deputy Mayor Walters, Trustee Lee and Trustee Livingston with a statement that this was for a trial period, and nays from Mayor Ivers and Trustee Hamann-Whitmore with statements that more data and comparison was needed.*

Intermunicipal Agreement with LCHD:

The yearly extension of the Intermunicipal sharing agreement with Livingston County Highway Department was presented as; The parties agree to extend the terms of the Intermunicipal Agreement originally made effective January 1, 2023, for an additional term of one (1) year to terminate on December 31, 2026. This is the third of five renewal options being exercised under the originally executed Agreement. For this renewal year, the parties agree to follow the equipment and wage schedules that will be effective as of January 1, 2026. The parties further agree that pricing for equipment, machinery, and tools shall be modified to reflect a 5% increase. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement, not otherwise modified by this Letter of Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the agreement as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

Public Hearing Tree Program Law:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the public hearing for proposed Local law #4, Tree Program Law. Trustee Livingston seconded. The public hearing was closed with ayes from all. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the proposed Local law #4, Tree Program Law. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. There was much discussion regarding how the law would affect Village Departments, whether the Tree Board needed to follow open meeting laws and how a chapter of code would be assigned. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all. Dan Hayes, Tree Board President, stated that he would be willing to share the Board's minutes.

DPW Surplus 2009 dump truck & John Deere mower:

Deputy Mayor moved to approve Superintendent Quinlan's request to surplus a 2009 International dump truck and a John Deere tractor/mower. Trustee Livingston seconded. After a brief discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.

Fire & Ambulance Reserve Request:

The request from Chief Chanler was presented to use Reserve Funds to pay for the outfitting of the Fire Departments new squad truck and ladder truck. *Trustee Livingston motioned to approve the request of \$7,221.82 from Fire Reserves and \$15,173.30 from Ambulance Reserves. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion regarding the Reserve Policy and use of Reserve Funds the motion carried with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Deputy Mayor Walters, Trustee Livingston and trustee Hamann-Whitmore, and a nay from Trustee Lee.*

Approval of Abstract #6:

Mayor Ivers reviewed and presented the November 2025 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$127,827.33
- Water Fund: \$36,989.09
- Sewer Fund: \$11,641.74
- Capital Projects: \$89,445.63
- Grand Total: \$265,903.79

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve Abstract #6 of 2025-2026, for \$265,903.79. Trustee Livingston seconded. After much discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department:

Trustee Livingston noted that the annual Turkey Party fund raiser would be on Saturday, November 22.

Trustee Livingston cited the recent events in Lima regarding their ambulance service. He wondered if Geneseo might benefit from considering a paid service at the Boards next Budget Workshop. *The Board noted that more information would be needed as well as input from Chief Chanler.*

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's report was presented.

Court:

Trustee Lee noted that there was nothing for the Court.

He did note that SUNY Geneseo had held open houses on November 8th and 11th and there were many visitors in the Village.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's monthly report was presented.

Deputy Mayor Walters noted that the Traffic and Safety Committee would be looking into applying for the recently released TAP Grant.

Executive Session:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to enter executive session at 6:29pm 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 Livingston seconded the motion, and the Board entered into an executive session. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to come out of executive session at 6:43pm. 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 6:44pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

*Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer*