

VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

February 2nd, 2026, at 5pm I Geneseo Village Building I 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

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

Other Village Representatives Present: Police Chief Eric Osganian, Fire Chief Andrew Chanler & Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

Others Present:

Kyle Morley, Lousie Wadsworth, Marina Small, Brendan Fuhr, Ella Hinckley, Jeff Boorsma, Jim Garner & Kim Binaghi Lee.

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5pm and thanked everyone for coming. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action/Discussion Items:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 5, 2026 meeting were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further corrections, additions or discussion the minutes were accepted as presented with ayes from all.*

Farmers Market:

Louise Wadsworth presented the Board with the Farmers Market's proposal to move from the market Center Street to the Village Park. It was believed that the park would provide space for more vendors, increase visibility, and allow for the ability to use the stage and electricity. It was noted that the farmers market would run on Thursdays from June 18, 2026, to October 8, 2026. There was much discussion regarding parking, parking enforcement and the possibility of using the SUNY lot. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the Farmers Market relocating to the Village Park. Trustee Livingston seconded.* Discussion continued with the park grounds, rain and repairs. *With no more discussion the motion passed with ayes from all.*

Gender-Base Violence Policy:

The new Gender-Base Violence Policy was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to accept the policy. Trustee Livingston seconded.* There was discussion regarding the need for the policy when there were already harassment & discrimination policies in place. It was noted that this policy was a Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant (MPR) requirement. It was suggested that the policy should be dated. *With no more discussion the motion passed with ayes from all. (Attached)*

CHA MPR Grant:

The proposal from CHA Solutions to assist with the MPR Grant Application for Phase II of Highland Park to install a splashpad/ice rink was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve moving forward with the MPR Grant. Trustee Livingston seconded.* With no further discussion the proposal was accepted with ayes from all.

Geneseo Police Department Annual Report:

The Police Department Annual Report was presented by Chief Osganian. There was discussion regarding grants, mental health challenges and traffic and traffic accidents. Discussion continued with staffing challenges. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to accept the GPD Annual Report. Trustee Livingston seconded.* With no further discussion the report was accepted with ayes from all.

Frontier:

Chief Osganian updated the Board on the switch to Frontier for fiber and phone services for the Village Building and the Water Plant. As well as Empire Internet for Highland Park. It was noted that the Village attorney reviewed the contracts. There was discussion regarding when the installation would be. It was noted that Frontier should be installed by March 2026, but Empire would need to wait for spring.

Young Life Park Request:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to accept the Highland Park use request. Trustee Livingston seconded. Kyle Morley explained that Young Life was an international nonprofit youth group, and they wished to use the park for a color war event using non-toxic and biodegradable colored cornstarch. It was noted that DPW Superintendent Quinlan approved the use of the colored cornstarch. There was discussion regarding the date and other events that day in the park. It was proposed that the Village Park might be a better alternative, Mr. Morley agreed. *Deputy Mayor Walters*

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amended the motion to allow Young Life to use the Village Park on Monday, May 18, 2026 for a color war event. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.

MRB Proposal:

Jeff Boorsma presented MRB's proposal for the TAP Grant assistance. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to accept the proposal. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding MRB's fee and the grant process. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

Conesus Lake Association Arts & Craft Festival Banner:

The banner request from Conesus Lake Association Arts & Craft Festival for the week of July 6, 2026, was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding other banners at the time. It was noted that 2 banners had been up in the past. The clerk would check with DPW for concerns. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

ARC Banner Request:

The banner request from ARC for 2 weeks in March 2026, for Development Disabilities Awareness Month was presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion as to when the banner should be displayed. It was decided the banner would be up the middle 2 weeks in March, 3/15/2026 - 3/29/2026. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

Tree City Designation Update:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board on The Tree Board's award of Tree City Designation. There was discussion regarding the great work done by Dan Hayes and the Tree Board, adding new budget items and Arbor Day.

Handicap Parking:

Jim Garner requested an additional handicapped parking space to be installed near the driveway of St Michaels Church. He explained that a new handicap ramp had recently been installed and a spot closer would be helpful. *Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

Insurance:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore informed the Board that she had been approached by several community members about the Village's policy to require insurance for vendors and asked if it could be changed. Andrew Chanler presented a risk management memo and explained why it is important to require vendors to provide insurance. It was noted that the Village's insurance company requires outside vendors to provide insurance. It was further noted that the neighboring villages have a policy that requires vendors to supply insurance. The Board thanked Mr. Chanler.

Town of Geneseo Contracts:

The Town of Geneseo Fire Protection District Contract was presented. Chief Chanler explained the contract to the Board. It was noted that a 4% annual increase was included. *Trustee Livingston motioned to approve the contract. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

The Town of Geneseo Court Intermunicipal Agreement was presented. Trustee Lee updated the Board on the percentage split between the Town and Village for Court expenses, noting it was calculated using caseload. Mayor Ivers noted that he and Supervisor Wadsworth had spoken regarding the percentage and caseload Discussion to continue during the Budget Process . *Trustee Lee moved to approve the agreement. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

First Responder/Fire Fighter Property Tax Break:

The proposed Local Law from 2024 was presented. There was considerable discussion regarding the public's concerns about the exemptions cap for the property tax credit. Discussion continued with whether another public hearing was required. *It was decided to ask the Village attorney for direction.*

Water & Sewer Charges:

It was proposed that the penalties on overdue water and sewer bills accrue. Currently when an overdue bill is assessed a penalty, that penalty never accrues or compounds. There was discussion regarding the amount of the penalty, the number of past due accounts, as well as a possible relevy

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fee. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to update the water sewer penalties to compound the penalty with each billing cycle. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

NYCOM America250:

Trustee Lee updated the Board on New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) ideas for celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

1. Create a Time Capsule
2. "Potluck" Food Drive
3. Plant a Tree or Liberty Garden

It was noted that not all the ideas need to be completed. There was discussion regarding community and SUNY involvement. As well as which ideas to include. Trustee Lee to coordinate.

Approval of Abstract #8:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore reviewed and presented the January 2026 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- o General Fund: \$109,395.02
- o Water Fund: \$ 72,353.51
- o Sewer Fund: \$ 40,829.65
- o Capital Projects: \$213.00
- o Grand Total: \$222,791.18

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve Abstract #8 of 2025-2026, for \$1222,791.18 Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After much discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department:

Chief Chanler presented his report. He noted that Mackenzie Bancroft was removed from the membership rolls by the Fire Council, the Medex ambulance billing was being reviewed, calls had been steady and the return of the SUNY students had increased ambulance staffing. Discussion continued with the number of SUNY students that volunteered and continued with the new junior members participating in the Junior Program.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's report was presented. There was discussion regarding the number of mental health calls, as well as the staffing and the openings for 3 part-time officers,

Court:

Trustee Lee noted that there were no court updates.

Community Main Street:

Trustee Lee updated the Board on upcoming events; the Chocofrolic was returning this year and would be on March 28, 2026, and the Sip & Stroll would be May 1, 2026. There was discussion regarding how to update the community when the events were. It was noted that traffic and street closings can sometimes be a hinderance to businesses.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's report was presented. It was noted that the snow and cold had created some issues including a water main break.

Adjourn: *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:27pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.*

*Respectfully,
Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer*