

VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

February 23rd, 2026, at 5pm | Geneseo Village Building | 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: Historian Sue Conklin, DPW Superintendent Dan Quinlan & Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

Others Present:

Anna Campbell-Brown, Carrie O'Brien, Chris O'Brien, Alli Esposito, Tyler Pettinger, Brian Spindler & 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 February 2, 2026, meeting were presented. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the minutes were accepted as amended with ayes from all.*

Time Capsule/America250:

Trustee Lee informed the Board that he had spoken with Dan Hayes, Tree Board President regarding planting a Liberty Tree and/or a Garden. He also spoke with Felicity Thomas regarding hosting a Community Potluck.

Historian Conklin informed the Board about the Time Capsule she was creating. It will be stored at the new Town Office and opened in 50 years. She continued with the items to be included in the capsule. *The Board expressed their support for the Time Capsule.*

Geneseo Baseball Program:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the use of Highland Park for The Geneseo Local and Travel Baseball 2026 Program. Trustee Livingston seconded. Chris O'Brien informed the Board that the program would run from the end of May 2026 to the end of June 2026 and the collective programs included approximately 200 participants ranging in age from 4 to 12 years old. *With no more discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

Alchemy Exchange (Vendor Market):

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the request to hold The Alchemy Exchange in the Village Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Trustee Livingston seconded. Tyler Pettinger informed the Board that his request was comparable to the event last year. The Board reminded Mr. Pettinger of the insurance requirements for all the vendors. *With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.* Discussion continued with whether the event would have a banner. *It was noted that the banner request would have to come back before the Board.*

Teresa House Comfort Care Walk:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the Teresa House Annual Comfort Care Walk on September 19, 2026. Trustee Livingston seconded. Anna Campbell explained to the Board that the event would be only the walk, as in past years, without food trucks that they had last year. *With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the Annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2026. Trustee Livingston seconded. The Board said that this was a wonderful event and the kids loved it! *With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

Suicide Prevention Banner Requests:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the banner requests for the Suicide Prevention Task Force. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding the dates to display the banner(s). It was proposed that a banner be up for the Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk from April 6 through April 12, 2026, and the World Suicide Prevention Day banner be up September 4 through September 10, 2026. *With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

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Downtown Partnership Agreement:

The 2026-2027 Livingston County Development Corporation Memorandum of Understanding with the Village was presented. There was discussion regarding the upcoming Budget Process. *Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the Partnership Agreement in Principle, until after the Budget is passed. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.*

USDA Invasive Insect Study:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to approve the USDA Invasive Insect Study. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding where and how high the traps would be placed. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.

Garden Club Report:

Deputy Mayor Walters motioned to accept the Garden Club Annual Report. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was considerable discussion regarding the wonderful work of the Garden Club. It was noted that the Garden Club and Tree Board would be working together on the Arbor Day Celebration, on April 24, 2026. With no further discussion the motion was carried with ayes from all.

First Responders/Fire Fighter Property Tax Beak:

Mayor Ivers updated the Board on the Public Hearing scheduled for March 2, 2026. There was discussion regarding the necessity of another hearing as well as the tax cap. It was noted that since the original public hearing was years ago it would be prudent to hold another hearing and the tax cap was part of the State Law.

Approval of Abstract #9:

Trustee Livingston reviewed and presented the February 2026 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$91,039.84
- Water Fund: \$77,527.36
- Sewer Fund: \$ 20,699.57
- Capital Projects: \$132,459.50
- Grand Total: \$321,726.27

Trustee Livingston moved to approve Abstract #9 of 2025-2026, for \$321,726.27. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded. After brief discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Mayor Updates:

Mayor Ivers informed the Board that the Budget Worksheets had gone out to the Department Heads, and the Boards first workshop would be March 16, 2026.

He also informed the Board about a meeting with the YMCA regarding Summer Recreation for this year.

He then informed the Board that the Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Application for a Splashpad/Ice Rink at Highland Park had been submitted.

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department:

Chief Chanler's report was presented.

Police Department:

Chief Osganian's report was presented.

Court:

Court Clerk Molisani's JCAP Grant Report was presented. There was much discussion regarding the great work of Court Clerk Molisani in procuring \$48,000 worth of grants, as well as the importance of receiving grants to offset operating expenses. He further noted that the Fire Department was the only Village department to not apply for grant funds.

Code Office:

Code Enforcement Officer Wadsworth's report was presented.

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Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's report was presented. He inquired when the Bistro Light should come down. It was noted that the Board had originally decided to have them up till the end of February.

Trustee Lee inquired about having a sidewalk safety assessment done. Superintendent Quinlan informed the Board that there had been an evaluation 2 years ago. Trustee Lee also asked about the recent brush pieces left in the road from the streetsweeper. It was noted that the street sweeper brushes had been replaced and that it was difficult to clean up in subzero temperatures.

TAP Grant:

Deputy Mayor Walters informed the Board that a Resolution to obligate Village matching funds would be needed at the next Board Meeting as part of the Grant Application process. The Resolution and Letters of Recommendation need to be submitted by March 12, 2026.

Executive Session:

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to enter into executive session at 5:53pm to discuss a personnel issue. Mayor Ivers asked that all public in attendance leave the meeting. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion and the Board entered into executive session.

At 6:04pm, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to come out of executive session. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion and 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 6:05pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

*Respectfully,
Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer*