

## VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at 5pm | Geneseo Village Building | 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

**Board Present:** Mayor Chris Ivers, Deputy Mayor Keith Walters, Trustee Eddie Lee & Trustee Alex Livingston

**Other Village Representatives Present:** Tree Board President Dan Hayes & Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

**Others Present:**

Ken Richardson, Sue Richardson, Ella Hinckley, Brian Spindler, Michael Chiulli, Kim Binaghi Lee & Patti LaVigne.

**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 23, 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.*

**Tree Board:**

Dan Hayes presented the Board with the plaque the Village had received designating the Village of Geneseo as a Tree City. He also presented the Tree Board's budget request of \$820.00 for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. He explained what trees the Board would like to plant, including a large red oak for the Arbor Day Liberty Tree. The Board thanked Mr. Hayes for the hard work of the Tree Board.

**Public Hearing First Responder/ Fire Fighter Property Tax Exemption:**

*Deputy Mayor Walters moved to open the First Responder/ Fire Fighter Property Tax Exemption Public Hearing. Trustee Livingston seconded. Mayor Ivers asked the public in attendance for comments. Ken Richardson noted that only 14 Volunteers were eligible to receive the exemption and would not be a considerable expense for the Village. Sue Richardson spoke about the time volunteers spend to become qualified. Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Ivers left the hearing open and moved on.*

**TAP Grant Resolution:**

*Deputy Mayor Walters presented and motioned to approve the Municipal Supporting Resolution for the 2025 NYS DOT TAP Grant Application. Trustee Livingston seconded. There was discussion regarding the verbiage of the resolution as well as the Town of Geneseo's participation. With no more discussion the amended Resolution carried with ayes from all. (Attached)*

**Public Hearing First Responder/ Fire Fighter Property Tax Exemption:**

*Hearing no additional comments Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the First Responder/ Fire Fighter Property Tax Exemption Public Hearing. Trustee Livingston seconded. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the First Responder/ Fire Fighter Property Tax Exemption Local Law #1 2026. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion Local Law #1, 2026 was approved with ayes from all. (Attached)*  
Mayor Ivers noted that it was always the Board's intention to pass this Law and thanked the Volunteers for everything they do.

**Mayor Updates:**

Mayor Ivers informed the Board that he had an initial Budget Review with the Department Heads.

He also reported that the Town of Geneseo was considering opting in to Cannabis Sales.

He reminded the Board of the first budget workshop on March 16, 2026, and the next Board meeting on March 23, 2026.

**Board Updates/Information:**

**Fire Department:**

Trustee Livingston noted that there was nothing to report.

**Police Department:**

Chief Osganian's report was presented.

**Court:**

Trustee Lee noted there was nothing new for the Court.

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Trustee Lee asked to have a copy of the TAP Grant Application sent to the Board. As well as a copy of the Sidewalk Safety Assessment that was completed.

**Department of Public Works:**

Deputy Mayor Walters noted there was nothing to report.

**Adjourn:** Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 5:21pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Respectfully,  
Shawn Forrester  
Clerk Treasurer